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Editorial

"Lessons of the Peace Initiative"

by Rabbi James Bennett
Temple Beth El
Charlotte, N.C.

Who would have dreamed that we would begin the new year, 5754, with memories of Yitzchak Rabin and Yasser Arafat clasping hands on the White House lawn? Who would have imagined that our prayers for peace would take on such significance and reality?

There has never been a moment in the historic conflict between the peoples of the Middle East when the need to support those who dream of real and lasting peace was more critical. Those who stand on all extremes of the issues, from the excited participants to the staunch opponents, are filled with enthusiasm. Now is the time for us to reflect upon the lessons learned from this latest peace initiative and its impact.

We realize the incredible power and significance of the individual. Those who dared to dream of peace brought the leaders of two peoples together to clasp hands and agree to seek new means of resolving conflict. Virtual unknowns brought about a recognition of the need for all to look at the age-old conflict with new perspective.

We learn that we must never forget how to forgive our enemy. While we remain wary, uncertain, unwilling to let go of centuries of mistrust, we also find hope and power in the possibilities. Sworn enemies have signed an accord, an agreement to seek peace. Hands once bloody have been clasped, in a lasting symbol of peace.

Yitzchak Rabin dared to change his view: "Let me say to you, the Palestinians, we are destined to live together on the same soil in the same land. . . We who fought against you—we say to you today, in a loud and a clear voice: enough of blood and tears."

Yasser Arafat dared to offer a new path. "Our two peoples are awaiting today this historic hope. . . they want to give peace a real chance."

We, too, must allow old prejudices to fall, and we must give peace a chance. There is no room in this initiative for the naysayers, the fringe elements, the fanatics on both sides who say it will never work. There is only a place for those who will commit ourselves to guaranteeing that peace is at hand, that solutions to seemingly unsolvable problems can and will be found.

We learn that, at least in the realm of politics, there is always room for a new perspective. Those who find themselves staunchly defending a position must reappraise, assure themselves that there is still merit in the position they espouse. Times change, people change, conditions change. We, too, must change, along with our ideas and hopes and dreams.

The greatest dangers now are that we will lose the momentum, that the idealists will be buried beneath the fears and unwillingness of the parties involved to take a chance at peace.

We in the American Jewish community, who for so long have prayed for peace, dreamed of peace, worked



The historic handshake—Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, with President Clinton.

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LETTERS

Editors note: *Joel Grey was recently in Charlotte giving his audience one of his magnificent performances at the Performing Art Center. Those who were fortunate enough to see his performance were deeply moved. One of readers writes:*

Dear Mr. Grey:

When you looked skyward in memory of your father, Mickey Katz, during your recent performance in Charlotte, NC, at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, and then started singing some of his wonderful, funny songs in Yiddish, I was in heaven!!! Then when you interrupted your singing of an American country tune and broke into Yiddish singing Roumania, I was ecstatic!!!

I have many of your father's recordings on cassette tape which I listen to regularly. I also have a recording by Aaron Lebedoff singing Roumania in Yiddish. He fades out toward the end of the song and you come in singing the same tune; then you fade out and Mr. Lebedoff comes back in and finishes it off. It is just about my favorite recording.

The purpose of this letter is not just to compliment you on a magnificent performance, but also to tell you how proud I was

EDITOR'S CORNER

Thanks again for your many letters and suggestions. We at the Times Outlook are delighted that so many of you have written and commented - good and not so good! Your response is what will make a good magazine **GREAT!**

Some of the continued additions we will be making are columns on the Arts, Medical issues, and issues that will interest our children.

In the November and December issues we will be running a **Chanukah Art Contest**. The contest will be for our children and grandchildren. Please watch for details in the November issue.



of you to come into a town like Charlotte, of which the Jewish population is only 1% of the community, and sing songs in Yiddish which were mightily accepted by the entire audience. You showed me that it is alright for a Jewish performer to sing songs of his people, and be proud of being a Jew, without being embarrassed as far as his *Yiddishkeit* is concerned, which I think is the feeling and fault of many Jewish performers.

Thank you again for a great experience. With best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!!!

Sincerely,

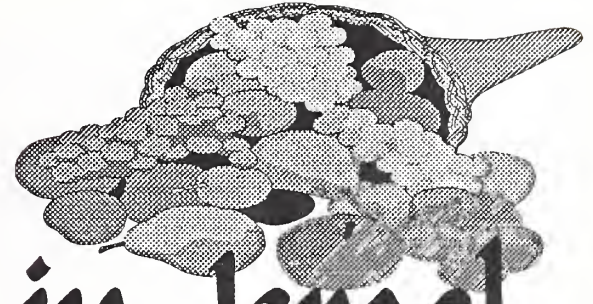
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Sukkatime in Israel

by Simon Griver



In the days preceding Sukkot, a building boom takes place in Israel. A visitor unfamiliar with Jewish tradition, could be forgiven for thinking that the ramshackle structures sprouting out of the sides of buildings are a makeshift solution to mass immigration.

This haphazard collection of wood, old sheets and greenery, may not enhance the country's architectural aesthetics, but certainly shows just how many Israelis, both orthodox and secular, construct a sukka. After all, the sukka is the basic ingredient for Sukkot.

Indeed the entire country is geared towards the festival. When advertising a property for sale, especially in the more orthodox areas of Jerusalem and in B'nei Braq, newspaper ads note the presence of a sukka balcony. When designing apartment blocks, many architects plan balconies suitable for a sukka according to the talmudic tractate "Sukkah": one that offers shelter while allowing a view of the stars.

Israel Television weather forecasters offer advice to sukka builders and dwellers throughout the festival. "Secure your sukka well," the meteorologists warned several years ago, when high winds and rain were

expected over the holiday. There warning was not always heeded and many a hastily built sukka blew away. But on the whole, sukka dwellers mostly enjoy fair weather.

In the Diaspora, each community developed its own sukka-building traditions. Tunisian Jews, for example, used palm and myrtle leaves, and a low arch was designed to make those entering bow in respect. Moroccan Jews added a chair in honor of the prophet Elijah. Ashkenazi Jews introduced the idea of making the sukka walls from fabric.

But aside from the hotels competing for the Ministry of Tourism's coveted

go to the sukka shuks that spring up around the country.

In downtown Jerusalem, Agrippas Street is converted into the nerve centre of sukka selling operations. Yeshiva students, looking to make a few shekels, ply a range of goods including steel and wooden sukka frames. A nine foot square steel or wood sukka frame, large enough to hold a dozen people, cost about \$200 including delivery, assembly and advice on the halachic requirements of the structure. For double the price, custom made aluminum frames can be bought.

Local authorities prune and trim streetside trees in the days prior to sukkot, leaving piles of greenery at various central points around the city. This provides an abundant supply of suitable materials, and discourages wholesale stripping of trees.

Decorating the sukka is great fun for both children and adults and usually involves handing decorations and pictures made by the children at school, and the traditional

fruits of the season—pomegranate, dates, figs, apples and quinces. Many



"Best Sukka of the Year" prize, most modern Israelis tend to use a hotchpotch of handy materials. Others

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Simchat Torah

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by Estelle Hoffman

On Simchat Torah, which is October 8 this year, we rejoice in our heritage of the Torah. The meaning of the words is, indeed, rejoicing in Torah.

Judaism has been criticized for being a religion of laws; yet we know that without laws, there can be no joy. Just as the United States formed a constitution to be adopted "with the consent of the governed," so did the people of Israel accept the body of laws handed down through Moses.

Tradition has it that the Ten Commandments inscribed on stone, which were received on Mt. Sinai, were accompanied by the entire system of law adopted by Jewish Sages later. Rabbi Sidney Greenberg, in his book **Words to Live By**, explains the importance of what he calls, "little laws."

He reminds us that, besides the Ten Commandments, which have been adopted by many others as well as Jews, Jewish laws do not demand of us performance of great, spectacular deeds. There are the numerous little laws, 613 Mitzvot, we are told to observe.

Jews are not concerned with individual salvation. We are assigned the obligation to create a peaceful and just society. That ideal could be achieved by adherence to little laws by everyone. Our Sages of the past believed in the concept of holiness in all of God's creation. We are taught to sanctify everything in life acknowledging the blessings of what we have been given

and all that we do. The little laws assured the survival of the Jewish people.

In reciting blessings for the many things we perform and for possessions we acquire and for good fortune which favors us, we express gratitude. Human nature tends to take for granted the ordinary blessings in our lives. Judaism teaches us to be ever mindful of them, of things without which we would suffer.

As Jews, we celebrate the gift of Torah handed down to us through Moses. Within the Torah is the great gift of wisdom, a boon to humanity. Boon is defined as blessing in our dictionaries, and that is the reason that a blessing is uttered before and after reading portions of the Torah in our religious services. Coincidentally, on the Shabbat which occurred during my composing this expression of my thoughts about Simchat Torah, Rabbi Scott White at Temple Israel in Charlotte spoke of this concept.

We are fortunate to live in a country whose founding adopted many laws from our Bible. Obviously, all of those laws are not obeyed all of the time. Judaism dictates many more commandments, "little laws," which we habitually ignore. Yet, on Simchat Torah, we celebrate their existence and the fact that they were given to us as Jews.

In his sermon, Rabbi White reminded us that being a good person does not make us a good Jew. If we wish to be

the latter, we are required to pay attention to those Mitzvot which are characteristic of good Jews.

Therefore, as the Torah is held high on Simchat Torah, we declare, "Behold our God!" He is the Eternal! We have kept faith with Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His deliverance."

As we acknowledge His works, we praise Him. We voice our gratitude for the responsibility we have to study the Torah and abide by its teachings. As the Scrolls are carried in procession, we chant the Hakafof. The verses of the Hakafof for help, for sustenance, for mercy and justice. They recite our need for help from the Almighty, as we acknowledge the Torah as our source of strength and praise God, our Creator and Teacher.

"Rejoice and be glad on Simchat Torah, and give honor to the Torah, For nothing is its equal in value; it is more precious than gold and gems."

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resent the emergence of colorful paper decorations as a popular way of adorning the sukka because those same decorations, usually imported from the Far East, are sold in the West to decorate Christmas trees.

Some attempt more sophisticated decorations. Avraham Freiman, a sculptor from B'nei Braq, first discovered his talent for carving when he created several "decorations" for his sukka. Now his copper, stone and wood figures of the patriarchs and other biblical characters, can be purchased from the most prestigious galleries around the world.

But most sukka dwellers settle for more modest decor. Living in a sukka is meant to teach us an austere lesson by reminding us how our forefathers dwelt in the wilderness after the Exodus.

Dichotomy

by Sandra Gurvis
freelance writer

Dichotomy: Division into two contradictory parts; schism. From THE AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY

Ten days after my father was honored for 50 years of practice by his regional dental association and my parents 55th anniversary party, the phone rang. Mother's voice was thick with emotion. "Your father and I received a double whammy," she said without prelude. "We went to the doctor last week because he started having chest pains and I needed to get my physical. They found a blockage in his heart and an inoperable tumor in my lung. The doctor's almost positive it's cancer so I begin treatments right away."

I went numb. Of course this wasn't happening. The doctor had obviously made a mistake. Not both of them at once. . . I arranged to fly into Canton early Saturday, my hectic work schedule only allowing for a weekend stay. We were finishing renovations on a Downtown high rise and were six weeks behind deadline. And of course everything was going wrong so I couldn't get away earlier since I was the chief architect.

My older brother Larry called Friday as I was packing. "Mother had me paged while I was in court." Crisis forced us to forgo amenities. "Dad had a series of heart attacks this morning and was having trouble breathing. So they put him on the respirator." Because he lived less than an hour away in Cleveland, Larry had been able to get to the hospital almost immediately.

I managed to locate a chair. "Will I be able to talk to him?" I asked in a voice that had belonged to me as a five-year-old.

"I don't think so, hon. He's in intensive care and pretty much out of it. We've got to figure out what to do about Mother. The test results came back Thursday so they gave her first dose of chemo then. Although she hasn't had a reaction yet, Dr. Stallings thinks she well might." Larry sounded as detached as I felt. It was necessary in order to function.

Somehow I made it to the airport. Since I switched to an earlier flight, I had to go on standby, which meant hanging around O'Hare until they could find an open seat. But I was halfway grateful for the wait. I wanted to get there and yet I didn't.

Besides, what could I say after my last encounter with Daddy? What lay unspoken between us was a minefield of anger and misunderstanding. During the party my childhood friend Leslie, her doctor husband Jay, and I were discussing the fact I was considering single parenthood at age 40 when Larry's six-year-old daughter Melissa tugged at my skirt.

"Yes, darling, what do you want?" Melissa looked adorable in a pinafore made from shiny material that picked up the colors of the room. "If I could have a little girl like her, I'd adopt in a minute." I told Leslie.

"I can't find my Mommy or Daddy," Melissa said.

"Oh, they're probably dancing or taking care of Jason." At 18 months, Jason was zany, to put it nicely. Always the perfect mother-especially when the family was around-Larry's wife Jenny refused to bring along a baby sitter to assist with him, four-year-old Matt, and Melissa. Of course, lack of child care never hampered her weekly tennis game or lunches out with her girlfriends. "Can I help you with something?"

"I have a question," Melissa looked up at me, a worried expression in her guileless green eyes.

"Maybe I can answer it. Shoot."

"What's a nigger?"

Her words were so unexpected that for a minute no one said anything. Then we laughed to mask our embarrassment and shock. "Where did you hear that?" asked Jay, recovering first. Had the child witnessed some sort of racial incident?

"Grandpa was talking to some people. He said something about not adopting a nigger. Does Mommy want another baby?" Further flustered by our reaction, Melissa looked ready to cry.

I flashed back to a conversation I'd had with Daddy after the award ceremony. When I mentioned the possible adoption, he asked if I'd consider an underprivileged child. Almost casually, I'd responded yes, thinking that perhaps it would be nice to rescue a youngster from an oppressed, poverty-stricken country such as Rumania or perhaps somewhere in South America. Even a child of mixed parentage might work, although I shied away from African Americans, feeling it would be unfair to deprive such a youngster of his rightful heritage. Besides, with a white mother, how could a black kid possibly fit in? It hadn't occurred to me Daddy might be referring to blacks (although, knowing him, it should have) and the glimmer of disgust that unexpectedly appeared in his eyes now made sense. Before I had a chance to question his reaction, one of his golfing buddies came up and started talking about club politics.

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He'd no doubt spoken that ugly epithet many times, although I'd never heard him. Old bigots never die, I thought with a sinking feeling of disillusionment and anger, they just worsen with age. Look at what had just transpired with his innocent granddaughter. And he should tone it down, at least in public. Well, it was never too late to learn.

I took the little girl's arm. "Since Grandpa said it, he's going to have to tell you what it means."

"But what about my Mommy?"

"I'm the one who's thinking about adoption," I explained, then turned to Leslie and Jay. "My father's concerned I'm going to bring home a baby of the wrong color."

"Now, Laurel," Leslie tried to placate me. "This is your dad's day. Why don't you wait until later to say something?"

"I don't think this is the time or the place," Jay agreed. "There are lots of people around and you'll only make things worse."

"You two sound like my mother," I accused. "She was always covering up for his mistakes. Well, he's gone too far this time. Let's go find Grandpa, Melissa." I started to steer her away.

"Is something wrong?" Larry came over to us. "You guys look upset." I told him and he sighed. "Morrie strikes again. Let me take care of it. She's my kid, anyway." I couldn't dispute that. Like the corporate lawyer that he was, Larry would handle the situation diplomatically and with discretion.

For the rest of the time, the last weekend my father and I could touch using

words, he and I avoided each other. I knew I could never confront him without losing my temper and hence his approval, whatever limited amount of that I had. Perhaps the next time we talked, I could explain my feelings to him without getting emotional, although he'd still probably be perturbed if I adopted even a biracial or foreign baby. It had taken him years to speak with equanimity about my divorce, despite the fact he'd disliked my first husband, a ponytailed fellow architect with a penchant for music and art. I also understood Daddy wasn't alone in his feelings, particularly among his generation.

The next few days passed in a blur. I watched my father turn into a corpse, his existence regulated by the hiss of the respirator and beep of the monitors. His heart was giving out and was so erratic the doctors were afraid to operate or even do an angioplasty until it stabilized. Although they pumped him with drugs, physical intervention might trigger a massive heart attack or stroke. The heart had been seriously damaged; short of a miracle, things could only get worse. The only real cure was a transplant, for which Daddy was too old.

Somebody misspelled his name on the admission form, so the nurses and attendants called him Maurice. I constantly corrected them. His name was Morris. Actually they should refer to him as Dr. Bloch, as everyone but friends and family had during his career. So I was being overly sensitive. I wished Daddy were around to tell me, as he had so many times while I was growing up. Only now did I discern where I'd gotten that trait.

Mother refused to leave his side. "You'll pull through this, Morrie, I know it," she said at first, but later as his condition deteriorated, she talked

to him of other things. Her hair began to fall out from the chemo as she sat by the bed. They were quite the couple, him laying there, alternating between inertia and restlessness and her with heaps of grayish-brown curls, little mountains on her clothes and the floor.

Forty-eight hours before my father died, Mother and Larry were rushing around Canton trying to get his affairs in order. The last visit or so I'd gotten a sense that someone-actually more than one person-waited for my father. I didn't voice my feelings, still held back by my childhood fear of being different. Everyone said Daddy was out of it, but something told me he understood at least part of what was happening.

Now that it was almost too late, I desperately needed to get into his head. I wanted to ask him why he hated black people so much. What had they done to him? Had they ganged up on him and beaten him when he was a poor, skinny Jewish kid growing up on the west side of Cleveland? Had he felt that, as another minority whose main form of protest had been until recent times a passive walk into the gas chamber, blacks were too vocal and expected equality handed to them? I wanted to counter his prejudice with my own experiences, experiences I had encountered as a lonely child growing up under his roof.

Her name was Marion and her husband worked in a rubber factory outside Canton. She was the latest in a series of cleaning ladies employed by my parents (in those days, the late '50s and early '60s, they were called maids). Every evening at 5:00 they walked towards the bus down the tree-lined streets of our neighborhood, dubbed "Jew Hill" by those who lived in the less affluent, surrounding areas. These smiling women, always black, never

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ROAMING THE PAST WITH DAVID SCHULMAN

Would you like your story or your parents' story told? Contact David Schulman, 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, NC 28804 or call (704) 254-9250

As I write this column, the story of the kidnapping and confinement of New Yorker Harvey Weinstein has just ended. As Mr. Weinstein told the press of his thirteen days of literally being buried alive, he talked of the bargaining he did with himself and God and what he hoped to do if granted a second chance on life. He also graciously hugged the two policemen responsible for his having that second chance.

That second chance! How many of us have wished for just one more chance to relive a specific moment in time or maybe a whole lifetime. A time perhaps glorious or horrible, embarrassing or troubling. . . just one more chance to wipe the slate and change history, our history.

Dr. Leon Feldman of Asheville was known for many wonderful accomplishments in his life. Besides a long career in medicine where he was known at times to accurately diagnose an ailment by just looking at a patient, he was a tireless worker for the B'nai B'rith both locally and as a national leader. He was also chairman of the Buncombe County Boxing and Wrestling Commission and was responsible for the National Boxing Commission instituting the humanitarian eight count when a boxer was knocked down.

Yet, few know the story of Dr. Feldman as a benefactor of Nathan Leopold's

second chance. Leopold became an infamous part of this nation's history for his role in the so-called "thrill slaying" of Bobby Franks in Chicago in 1924. Clarence Darrow defended both Leopold and Richard Loeb, seeking not their freedom but to save them from execution. The murder and trial shocked the nation as they listened to the brutality inflicted by the sons of two of Chicago's wealthiest and most illustrious families.

Loeb died, slashed to death in prison. Leopold served thirty three years for the crime before his parole in 1958 when he moved to Puerto Rico and subsequently married a third cousin of Dr. Feldman. Ruth Feldman, widow of Dr. Feldman and community leader on her own part, tells me her husband never met Leopold in person but communicated through letters for five years. Dr. Feldman led constant efforts to have U.S. pharmaceutical companies donate millions of dollars of supplies to Leopold who spent the rest of his life setting up medical clinics for the poor in Puerto Rico and even

starting a leprosy hospital. After Leopold's death in 1971, Feldman continued to arrange for supplies to be sent to these humanitarian projects, and interested other doctors in the work. . . the legacy of Nathan Leopold's second chance at life.



Dr. Leon Feldman first on left with Professional Wrestler, Chief Sounooke, and visiting Japanese dignitaries

Seymour Lewi and I have lunch about once a month. We are an unusual duo. I guess. He smokes a lot, I don't smoke at all. He tells me about his experience as a Merrill's Marauder in Burma and China in 1943 and 1944. I have no military experience at all. He lived most of his life in the New York City area; I have lived in the mountains of North Carolina, but I have learned a lot from Seymour about the meaning of respect and admiration for those that went through Hell, and back if they were lucky, for us future generations. He also told me a beautiful



Seymour Lewi first on left with military buddies.

story of second chance. . . fifty years in the making.

It must have been a rude awakening for Lewi to wake up one morning with the 97th Infantry Division at Camp Swift, Texas after a lifetime in the Bronx. Then there was winter maneuvers in Louisiana and a short stay at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After a quick furlough, Lewi found himself on the S.S. General Buckner to Bombay, India. A train to Camp Ramguar and a C-47 airlift to an airstrip under Japanese control in Burma, and this young Jewish boy found himself in the middle of war. . . bigtime.

It was the battle to control Myitkyina and keep supply lines unimpeded on the Burma Road that was Merrill's Marauders' task. Wet, starving, wounded, diseased, and constantly under fire, this relatively small group of men fought daily in some of the roughest terrain of the war, sometimes eight thousand feet above sea level.

It was before Lewi knew the terrors still ahead of him, while he was still in

the States, that my story unfolds. Lewi was among the first eighteen year olds to be drafted in World War II. During company attention, Lt. Donald Delorey made it clear in no uncertain terms that Lewi and the others were not to show up unshaven again. Lewi said he reached to touch his face, feeling the "peach fuzz." For the first time in his life he realized he actually had something to shave. Lt. Delorey marched off, Lewi shaved from then on, and soon they would all see what they would hope to never see again.

After a couple of our lunchtime discussions of the battles in Burma, Seymour researched a bit and found an active organization of surviving Merrill's Marauders. He also discovered the telephone of Lt. Delorey and called to see if Delorey still remembered him. Lt. Delorey told Seymour that he not only remembered him as an excellent soldier, but also remembered the specific "bawling out" he had given Lewi and the other young recruits over not shaving. Delorey recalled that as he walked away from the group that day, he suddenly realized how young these soldiers were, and the enormity of responsibility he had to get these boys ready for the horrors of war they would soon face. He was shaken by the realization, but under military conduct could not turn to apologize, always remembering that moment. Now during the phone call. . . fifty years later... Delorey took this second chance to tell Seymour how he had felt for him and the others for half a century.

Two very different stories. Certainly

there are millions more. What is so important in our lives is not that second chances are so rare, as much as being prepared to do something with the second chance when we may get it. The Latin phrase, "Carpe Diem" appears on lots of bumper stickers. "Seize the Moment." If you are open for second chances, you might run upon one today. Be ready. Know it when you see it and never ever waste it.

IF THE STATISTICS ARE RIGHT, THE JEWS CONSTITUTE BUT ONE PERCENT OF THE HUMAN RACE. IT SUGGESTS A NEBULOUS, DIM PUFF OF STAR DUST LOST IN THE BLAZE OF THE MILKY WAY. PROPERLY THE JEW OUGHT HARDLY TO BE HEARD OF; BUT HE IS HEARD OF, HAS ALWAYS BEEN HEARD OF. HE IS AS PROMINENT ON THE PLANET AS ANY OTHER PEOPLE, AND HIS COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE IS EXTRAVAGANTLY OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE SMALLNESS OF HIS BULK. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S LIST OF GREAT NAMES IN LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ART, MUSIC, FINANCE, MEDICINE AND ABSTRUSE LEARNING ARE ALSO WAY OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE SMALLNESS OF HIS NUMBERS. HE HAS MADE A MARVELOUS FIGHT IN THIS WORLD, IN ALL THE AGES; AND HAS DONE IT WITH HIS HANDS TIED BEHIND HIM. HE COULD BE VAIN OF HIMSELF, AND BE EXCUSED FOR IT. THE EGYPTIAN, THE BABYLONIAN, AND THE PERSIAN ROSE, FILLED THE PLANET WITH SOUND AND SPLENDOR, THEN FADED TO DREAM-STUFF AND PASSED AWAY; THE GREEK AND THE ROMAN FOLLOWED, AND MADE A VAST NOISE, AND THEY ARE GONE; OTHER PEOPLES HAVE SPRUNG UP AND HELD THEIR TORCH HIGH FOR A TIME, BUT IT BURNED OUT, AND THEY SIT IN TWILIGHT NOW, OR HAVE VANISHED. THE JEW SAW THEM ALL, BEAT THEM ALL, AND IS NOW WHAT HE ALWAYS WAS, EXHIBITING NO DECADENCE, NO INFIRMITIES OF AGE, NO WEAKENING OF HIS PARTS, NO SLOWING OF HIS ENERGIES, NO DULLING OF HIS ALERT AND AGGRESSIVE MIND. ALL THINGS ARE MORTAL BUT THE JEW; ALL OTHER FORCES PASS BUT HE REMAINS. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF HIS IMMORTALITY? MARK TWAIN, 1899



**New Mexico
& its
JEWISH HISTORY**
by Ruth & Alan Goldberg

It was an amazing revelation to us to see the emergence of Hidden Jews or Crypto-Jews in New Mexico. It has been over 500 years since the time of the Inquisition in Spain when Jews were forced to flee their homeland, face death or convert to Catholicism. Some who converted joined Spanish expeditions to Mexico and eventually made their way North from Mexico to New Mexico. Without admitting their roots, they passed onto their descendants some small remnant of their heritage that still exists a half millennium later.

We recently participated in a tour of Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque, New Mexico. The trip was sponsored by San Francisco Jewish Landmarks Tours, led by its owners Felix and Sue Warburg who have been studying Pioneer Jewish History in the southwest and California for many years. As

teachers and guides, they enthusiastically revealed to us the fascinating history of the area.

Sue Warburg is the great granddaughter of Santa Fe pioneer Jew, Willi Spiegelberg. In the 1840s and '50s, thousands of Jews emigrated from Prussia (now Germany and Poland) to the United States. Many of those immigrants did not settle in the cities, but preferred to start a new life on the frontiers of the US. Sue told us that her great uncle, Solomon Jacob Spiegelberg, was a supplier with General Stephen Watt Kearny and Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan of the U.S. Army starting in 1844. "After the Mexican-American War in 1846,

Ilfelds started in New Mexico. The Seligmans and the Zeckendorfs started merchant stores in Arizona and ultimately moved from New Mexico to Arizona. Most of the merchandise came from New York and Europe."

"The Jews were leaders in civic and economic affairs in these small communities made up largely of Spaniards, Mexicans and Pueblo Indians. My great grandmother Flora came to Santa Fe from Germany as a bride of 17 when she married my great grandfather. She taught Sabbath School to the Jewish children on Saturday and Catholic Sunday School on Sunday. What is interesting to us is the interaction between the Jewish pioneers and the rest of the community."

Uncle Solomon settled in Santa Fe, opened a general store, and sent for his brothers, one by one. They in turn sent for cousins and other relatives."

As the Pioneer Jews prospered they became generous members of the community. The famous Gothic-style cathedral built by the French born Archbishop Jean Baptiste Lamy was completed only through the financial assistance of the Jewish merchants. It was an interesting oddity to see the Hebrew letters for Yahweh carved in the keystone above the front doors of the cathedral, a gesture of appreciation by Bishop Lamy to the Jews who helped fund the cathedral in the 1870s.

Sue continued, "This was typical of

the Jewish families in the Southwest. This is how families like the Zeckendorfs, Seligmans, Staabs and

Even in death the Jewish pioneers shared with their Christian community.



Sons of one of the German Jewish merchant families which settled in Santa Fe 1840s and 1850s.

In the non-denominational cemetery in Santa Fe we saw the graves of a number of Jewish Pioneers that were along side Christian sites that were rarely marked with a cross.

There are still Jewish historic places in use today in Santa Fe. Flora and William Spiegelberg's home is now an office, the elegant Victorian Staab House where we dined in the Library one evening is part of an old inn complex. The shops of Pioneer Jews which made up most of Santa Fe Plaza in the mid 1800s are now hotels and stores with much evidence of the old structures.

There was interaction as well between the Pioneer Jews and the Indian population. Felix Warburg related how Jewish traders learned the Indian languages and were respected by the Indians. One such family was Bibo-Emil, Nathan and Solomon. Solomon married the granddaughter of a former Acoma Pueblo Indian chief and became the governor. He served the Indians by negotiating land deals for them with the US government.

Jewish history had, however, started several hundred years before the Pioneer Jews arrived in the mid 1800s. Dr. Stanley Hordes, a former New Mexico State Historian and an authority on Hidden Jews or Crypto-Jews, provided us an insight into the fascinating history with a lecture supported with a slide presentation.

Dr. Hordes explained that many converted Spanish and Portuguese Jews went to Mexico City and other parts of "New Spain." When the Inquisition reached Mexico in 1590, many of the descendants of the colonists fled to the northern part of what is now New Mexico and Arizona. They hid in the foothills of the southern Rockies, but lived as

Jews in secret, and as Catholics or Protestants in public. Family stories and observances have been handed down through the generations, with the descendants sometimes continuing with certain traditions often without knowing the origin. Now, some of the Crypto-Jews are researching their roots and are admitting their Jewish heritage publicly.

Dr. Hordes was accompanied by a young man, Paul, who is Hispanic and teaches in a school in Santa Rosa, NM. He was raised as a Catholic, but found out he was a Jew through his uncle, a Catholic priest in Washington, DC. The priest celebrates both Christian and Jewish traditions.

Paul has traced the Jewish roots in both his mother's and father's families, but neither of them admits to being Jewish. Paul, however, declared his Judaism. He is now attending a synagogue about once a month in Santa Fe and is studying Hebrew which he did not learn as a child.

For generations, Paul's family were ranchers. His father slaughters the cattle and sheep for food, but the

family does not eat pigs nor do they eat dairy products with meat. Paul recalls that the house always had to be cleaned by 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon, after which his great grandmother lit candles in her room. The family rested on Saturday and worked on the ranch on Sunday.

Paul showed us his toy-a four-sided wooden top with Spanish letters on each side. He did not know the significance of the letters, but related that a game was played with the top around Christmas time, a game similar to a dreidle game!

Paul quoted his grandmother, "We are the real Catholics-we only read the Old Testament."

When asked whether he plans to convert to Judaism when he completes his studies, Paul said he doesn't feel a need to do that since he was already a Jew in a family that had been forced to hide to survive.

We also learned that two or three generations ago, the Crypto-Jews stopped passing along their Jewish history to their children because of



Ruth and Alan Goldberg at Valdez family fruit stand. Folk art wreaths are made from dried native fruits, vegetables and grasses at shop in farming town of Velarde, NM (between Santa Fe and Taos).

their fear that the children would be persecuted in school during the Holocaust. There also was a concern about an additional backlash from the Anglos' negative attitudes to Hispanics. It has only been in the past few years that some Crypto-Jews have revealed their Jewish roots.

Dr. Hordes showed us slides of old Spanish grave stones which were decorated with Mogen Davids as well as crosses. Some tombstones had Hebrew letters as part of flower designs. Many of the first names were biblical and the surnames were typical of Spanish and Portuguese Jewish family names.

It is thought that there are more than a thousand families in New Mexico who are aware of their Jewish heritage. Within many of these families, marriages took place between cousins or close friends who kept their "converso" background a secret.

We heard of other evidence of Jewish customs revealed by Crypto-Jews. Some reported eating a homemade unleavened bread for a few days a year around Lent. Another story was about a hidden Mezuzah scroll found behind a stone in the right hand arch of a doorway which family members touched as they entered or exited the house. Further, a story was told, some houses had a secret room where the father would spend the day every Saturday and at other times during the year. Family members heard foreign words and chants coming from the room.

We also saw unusual crossovers of Judaic-Christian traditions. Tombstones in the cemetery were seen with both crosses and Moden Davids. Then, in a Cathedral in Albuquerque that was built in the 1700s, we saw a Moden David over the altar.

Dr. Hordes provided additional support for the presence of Crypto-Jews among the Hispanic Catholic community. In this community are found certain genetic diseases that are common among the Sephardic Jews, such as gall bladder cancer in women and lactose intolerance.

Our tour included much more than the Jewish history of New Mexico. Sightseeing in Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque; visits to Indian pueblos, art museums and galleries; personal visits to artists' homes, even with a catered lunch; and evenings at the Santa Fe Chamber Music concerts and the opera. And at sunset, we could watch the colors that inspired Georgia O'Keeffe.

For information on next summer's tours, write to: San Francisco Jewish Landmarks Tours, 2865 Green St., San Francisco, CA 94123, or phone (415) 921-0461.



Just for today

*Just for today ...
allow yourself to be what you are
without putting a value judgment
on it.*

*Just for today...
allow others to be themselves
without trying to control them.*

*Just for today...
really know that life is not fair so
there will be no expectations. Life
just is.*

*Just for today...
don't make your wants into needs,
but keep on wanting.*

*Just for today...
let yourself be okay and know you
will be happier.*

*Just for today...
let yourself be open to change to
others, to life, to the unknown.*

*Just for today...
don't be blinded by your illusions.
Look at life with a focus toward
reality.*

Rita Corwin '74

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Blumenthal Jewish Home Chai-lights

Co-Sponsored by: Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men



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What's Developing? by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

Why BJH Needs To Raise Money

I have been a fundraiser throughout most of my career, and I have been fortunate to have worked for organizations which have made a difference in their communities. It is easier to raise money or secure memberships when your organization's purpose is important and compelling.

I do not know of a more compelling purpose than to care for the elderly. The elderly are a population at risk. They are at risk of outliving their assets and not having enough money to maintain the quality of their lives. As the baby boomers become seniors and as people begin to live longer, this problem will accelerate.

As a Jewish institution, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is integrally involved in addressing this risk problem. To the best of our ability, we accept people with no or limited funds. Also, we do not ask people to leave once they have depleted their resources. This act of human kindness and *Yiddishkeit* amounts to over \$620,000 annually in unreimbursed care. Today, 47% of the resident population of the Home is indigent. The figure is 53% for just the Nursing Home, which excludes Fair Oaks.

Several years ago, the Home began to double up people who ran out of funds

in Fair Oaks. This action caused emotional problems for the residents who were not used to having roommates. In June of this year, the Executive Committee decided to provide single rooms to these people, as the rooms became available. There are approximately 17 people currently in this category. The loss of expected revenue will be close to \$300,000.

People in Fair Oaks are living longer. As they live longer, their health begins to deteriorate. We are addressing this problem by adding more nursing care at a cost of \$40,000 a year. Eventually, we may have to consider converting a portion of Fair Oaks to an Intermediate Care facility. This action would require an application of a Certificate of Need to the State.

The State is feeling the pressure of making their Medicaid dollars go as far as the can. In many instances, they are reclassifying residents in nursing homes from Skilled to Intermediate Care. At BJH, 12 people have been reclassified. We continue to provide them with the same quality of skilled care and are not realizing \$121,000 in revenues.

This is our reason for being. This is our case for giving. We need the understanding of the Jewish community of how important a role we play

in taking care of the elderly from the respective communities. If we are to continue to provide quality service and serve the increasing number of indigent, we are going to need greater support from the organized Jewish community and from individuals.

We welcome your contributions.

Please send your check to:
Blumenthal Jewish Home
The Tzedakah Fund
P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012

Charlotte & Greensboro Campaigns

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has successfully raised close to \$7 million for the Fair Oaks Project, and has \$1 million to go. We intend to finish the campaign at the end of March. During this stretch run our Campaign Committee will be contacting prospects throughout the two state area, and will focus a great deal of attention on the Charlotte and Greensboro area.

In both of these cities, we are fortunate to have the help of veteran fundraisers. Chairing the effort in Charlotte is Stan Greenspon. Assisting Stan are Herman Blumenthal, Audrey Madans, Judie Van Glish, David Swimmer, Eva Nove, Paul Edelstein, Bob Damsky, Hilbert Fuerstman, Richard Osborne, Ron Weiner, Phil Guller, Alan Blumenthal, Todd Gorelick, and Chuck Meltsner.

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Michael, Hyman, Doris and Gary Kramer.

Jewish Community in North Carolina

It was a great Rosh Hashanah. People came up to me at Shul to say how much they enjoyed the story of my visit to Eastern North Carolina. Much of the conversation focused on the Whiteville Jewish community.

Several contemporaries of the Kramer and Mann boys reminisced about their glory days in BBYO. One woman told me that she dated one of the boys. In essence, I found that living Jewishly in Eastern North Carolina was like being in a close family. Whether you lived in Wilson, Whiteville, or Weldon, everybody knew each other. The question is "Are we

losing that sense of "community" in the Jewish community of North Carolina?" Your comments to this magazine would be welcome on this subject.

Heritage Society

Since the inception of the Home, people have honored us at their death as they honored us in their life. They made the Home a beneficiary of their last Will and Testament. Unless they were designated for a specific purpose, the funds were put into the Endowment to help subsidize indigent care.

The Home would like to honor you in your life by inviting you to become a member of a new tradition called the **Heritage Society**. The **Heritage Society** will be composed of people who declare their intent of providing for the Home in their will or trust.

As the Society grows, we shall sponsor annual events to bring members up to date on what is happening at the Home. We would like to announce one of our first members of the **Heritage Society**, Harvey Kanter of High Point. Thank you, Harvey, for declaring your intent. Won't you join Harvey, fill out the Declaration of Intent, below, and be one of the Charter Members of the **Heritage Society**?

Declaration of Intent

- I have already provided for the Blumenthal Jewish Home in my Will or Trust
- I intend to include the Blumenthal Jewish Home in my Will or trust.
- You may use my name to encourage others to sign a Declaration of Intent.
- Please call me

Name - Signature

Date

Name (Please Print)

Telephone Number

Address

Please mark personal and confidential

Mail to: *Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, Blumenthal Jewish Home, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012*

The Regional Boards Take a Look at Future Housing

One of the major priorities of the Home's Regional Boards is to determine the needs of the elderly population within their communities. One of those needs which has been identified is independent or congregate living facilities in the major communities.

The Durham/Chapel Hill and Raleigh Jewish Federations conducted separate surveys within their communities to determine the market for a Jewish Independent living project. The results of the survey prompted a local developer to put together a proposal and to test its feasibility. The plans were presented to the Eastern Regional Board at a meeting in September.

In the Charlotte area, the Federation, Jewish Family Service, and the Blumenthal Home will co-sponsor a survey, which will not only identify housing needs for the Jewish Community, but also will determine the type of critical services needed for the future. Funds have been approved. The survey is expected to be initiated before the end of the year.

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The Greensboro campaign will be headed by several members of the Board. They include Leonard Guyes, Al Herman, Albert Jacobson, Rick Handler, Bert Lynch, and Howard Silverstein. Assisting these gentlemen in the campaign are Mike Berkelhammer, Joel Berkelhammer, Harry Samet, Bob Cone, and Leonard Warner.

The local campaigns will end on October 31st. The results will be reported in the forthcoming issues of the Times Outlook.

1993 Annual Drawing

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5 CASH PRIZES OF \$1,000 EACH

Ticket \$50 Each
You need not be
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Drawing to be held at Annual Meeting of the
BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME, Clemmons, NC
Sunday, October 31, 1993

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Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

(Formerly NCAJW Founded 1921 and NCAJM Founded 1933)

Established June 22, 1988

P.O. Box 34689
Charlotte, N.C. 28234-6080

Dear Members and Friends:

The Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM) is once again conducting its ANNUAL DRAWING for the benefit of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. We are counting on your participation in the annual fund raising project which supports the Home.

This year's outstanding CAJWM Raffle will be held on Sunday, October 31 during 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 the grand prizes.**

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: Arthur Frank, 1626 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We hope that you will be able to join us at the Home for the Annual Meeting, and we look forward to welcoming you personally on October 31.

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

Cordially,

Irving M. Brenner
President

Arthur Frank
Raffle Chairman

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Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC

by Lynne Cojac



The College Connection luncheon at Temple Beth El: left to right standing: Buffy Helbein, Brian Exelbierd, Jennifer Exelbierd, Jill Blumenthal, Amy Scher, Amy Cojac, Craig Kaufman, Melissa Wilson, Rabbi James Bennett. Left to right seated: Alana Cooper, Jonathan Simon, Sara Hopkins, Scott Blacker, Donna Seeman, Matthew Sanders.

Rabbi Bennett met with some Temple Beth El college students at a special service and luncheon that was the debut function of the College Connection on August 14th. Through the College Connection the Temple has also made contact with fourteen Jewish students at Davidson College, two at Winthrop and seventy-five at UNCC. It is hoped that through Rabbi Bennett's campus visits, efforts to establish a Hillel chapter at UNCC will be strengthened.

A wonderful demonstration of "Cooking for the Heart" was the program for Sisterhood's August meeting. Ethel Gordon, past administrator of the Temple and recent heart attack and bypass surgery patient, educated an audience of over fifty about appetizing and delicious ways

to trim the fat in their diets. Recipes, handouts and samplings were enjoyed by all.

On October 2, 1993, Jason Seligman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Jason's proud parents are Emanuel and Martha Seligman of Matthews, NC.

A Yiskor Service for Simchat Torah

will take place at 10 am on October seventh.

Chad Glazer will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 9th at Temple Beth El. Howard and Meredith Glazer are Chad's proud parents.

The Tot Shabbat for October will be at 9:30 am on October 16th followed by a regular worship service during which Evan Rose, son of Murray and Susan Rose, will become a Bar Mitzvah.

The Annual Sisterhood Paid Membership Dinner will take place on October 20th at 6:30 pm. The dinner in Silverman Social Hall will be catered by Sisterhood. Entertainment in the form of a Fashion Show by "Our Place" will feature Sisterhood

models. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY and admission is FREE WITH PAID MEMBERSHIP by October 14th to Seena Binder at 4201 Burning Tree, Charlotte 28277. If already paid, reservations may be phoned to Seena at 541-8050 by the same date.

The Shabbat Service on October 29th will be followed by a special Oneg Shabbat in honor of Sid Cojac's 80th birthday.

Sisterhood and the Men's Club are co-sponsoring a fundraiser and social on October 30th at the Temple. The evening will be a Hoe Down and will include square dancing and line dancing taught by Maggie from the Jewish Community Center. A barbecue dinner will be included in the \$9.50/person price of admission. RSVP to Lisa Kaufman at 365-5208 by October 25. Don't miss this opportunity for a fun way to make new friends and learn the oldest and newest dance crazes!

Temple Beth El and Future Knits, Inc. will present an evening with nationally syndicated columnist John Rosemond on Monday evening November first. Mr. Rosemond is the Director of the Center for Affirmative Parenting. His lecture on Effective Parenting Skills will be followed by a discussion and dessert reception. Tickets are \$5.00/person and are available at the Temple office. Doors will open at 6:30 with the lecture scheduled for 7 pm. A city-wide audience is anticipated. Please call the Temple office at 366-1948 with any further questions about this informative program with John Rosemond.

A healthy, happy, prosperous New Year to all from Temple Beth El.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

The first meeting of the season was held on Saturday, Sept. 11. Discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, centered on the book "Tough Choices: Jewish Perspectives on Social Justice," by Vorspan and Saperstein.

The Sisterhood

At the Sisterhood Board meeting on August 9, Rabbi Ratner and Temple President Frank Gilreath thanked Fran Aaron, Shirley Berdie, Rose Rose and Ruth Weber for taking care of the Temple office while the Congregation was between secretaries. Shirley Berdie was in charge of this effort.

The Brotherhood

The group is planning its first brunch of the season, scheduled for October. The speaker, Allen Sher, is a noted lecturer and educator. His subject is Harry Golden, long-time editor of the "Carolina Israelite."

The Annual Picnic

125 people were there. The near-record attendance at the Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic on Aug. 22 signified a warm interest in Congregational togetherness-and in having fun. The interest was well-rewarded, with super edibles and enjoyable conversation, and games for all the kids, of which there were dozens, little and not-so-little. Susan Ratner was in charge of the games, and Bob Janowitz was responsible for the cooking, as usual. Extra food was donated to Hospitality House. The picnic was held at Recreation Park, Gashes Creek Road in Asheville.

Direct from Israel

At services on August 13 Joshua Ratner, eldest son of the Rabbi, reported on his recent trip to Israel. Everyone in attendance was interested in his reaction to this exciting experience. On the same occasion, Temple President Frank Gilreath thanked those who held down the fort in the Temple office before the new secretary was hired.

The Temple Bulletin

The August Bulletin was produced with the help of Natalie Nachman; the production and printing were handled by the indispensable Bob Janowitz.

The Rabbi said Thanks

From the August Bulletin: "I want to express my thanks to Larry Rapoport, Norm Greenberg, Evan Gilreath and Dick Braun for a job well done as Kabbalat Shabbat service readers during my recent vacation. Thanks also to Hyman Dave and Les Schachter for organizing these terrific stand-ins." -Rabbi Ratner.

Lovely Listening: Tory May

A near-capacity crowd attended services on Friday evening, August 20 and heard Tory May, cantorial soloist from New Orleans and daughter of Shirley and Les Cohen. Her performance, as it did last year, delighted her listeners.

Lunch with the Rabbi

"*Doctor-assisted suicide*" was the subject of discussion at the brown-bag lunch session on August 23. Rabbi Ratner made clear the Jewish stricture against suicide of any kind, but differing points of view were expressed. The topic will be further addressed in the future.

Office Notes

From the Bulletin: "On behalf of the entire congregation I want to thank

Barbara Jarmel for her dedicated service as Temple secretary over the past year. I'm sure we all wish her well for the future. . . Shirley Berdie has organized a very capable all-volunteer group to staff the office. Many, many thanks not only to Shirley, but also Ruth Weber, Fran Aaron, Rose Rose and Natalie Nachman for all their hard work." -Frank Gilreath

The Temple welcomes the new secretary, Lonnie Gentile, who was chosen in late September.

High Holiday Songs

Temple music director Jean Valerio and the soloist for the week taught one High Holiday song at the beginning of each service each Friday night during August and into the first weeks of September.

A Bow to Tradition

Traditionally the shofar was blown at services during the month of Elul, which commenced on the evening of August 17 this year. Therefore the shofar was blown during services on the Friday evenings of August 20, 27 September 3 and 10. And on Friday, August 27, the (old) Union Prayerbook was again used for the sake of its "poetic language and high prophetic value," said Rabbi Ratner.

Congratulations

Cooper Travel Service, owned by Temple member Stephanie Cooper, was designated by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce as the June 1993 "Business of Distinction."

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Beth Israel congregants were privileged to have as their Cantor for the High

ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Days, Cantor Mort Freeman. Cantor Freeman has inspired numerous congregations with his voice and soul. He is an internationally famous vocalist, appearing on radio and television. He has sung at Carnegie Hall, among other well known sites.

Several classes were held by Rabbi Birnham in spiritual and emotional preparation for these Days of Awe.

To those who helped conduct services while Rabbi was on vacation-Joe Gullotta, Dr. Joseph Schandler, Yosi Knight, Dr. Hal Rotman, Ed Greene, Richard Harrison, Morris Tenenbaum, Geoff Brown, and all the others-Todah Rabah!

In Sisterhood news, the first event of the year, a "Welcome Back Brunch," was held on August 22nd. It was a renewal get together for previous members and a welcoming opportunity for people new to the community. The members of the Sisterhood Board for 1993-1994 are as follows: Michele Heller-president; Barbara Levy-vice president; Beatrice Gullotta-recording secretary; Lyn Dunn-corresponding secretary; Hilda Ehrlich-Treasurer.

Richard Harrison is Chairperson of the Committee cooking for Hospitality House once a month.

In Synagogue News, congratulations to David Schulman, who was a guest columnist in the Charlotte Observer for the month of July. We would like to welcome our newest members Alan and Lorraine Silverman of Weaverville.

Adele and Bob Gurevich were the proud parents of a Bar Mitzvah, Reuben, at the Mountain Synagogue in Franklin, North Carolina. An Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush followed the services. Morris Tenenbaum and Dr.

Asher Marks conducted the Friday night services and Rabbi Shmuel Birnham conducted Saturday morning services.

And, as a last piece of happy news, a big Mazel Tov to Abe and Roz Freedman, the "pleased as punch" grandparents of Jack Reid Freedman, born in July to their son and his wife, David and Libby Freedman, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Temple of Israel
Greenville, South Carolina**

The Sisterhood at the Temple of Israel in Greenville, South Carolina has begun an exciting year. Our social calendar kicked off with a cocktail party for the congregation complete with Line Dancing and instruction. We look forward to our Murder Mystery party in February and our Chinese Auction in March.

We greeted the New Year with a lovely Rosh Ha Shana oneg and a terrific Break the Fast.

Our meetings this year will alternate between serious and light topics to appeal to a variety of members. Our first meeting dealt with Jewish humor. We will also be having a Chanukah dinner and a Sisterhood Sabbath this winter.

In addition to our contributions through National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, we support Meals on Wheels, help send our youth group members to camp and conventions, and distribute blankets to the needy in the winter months.

We are excited about meeting the challenges of a year in which our sisterhood reaches out to our community, our Temple, and the needs of the 1990s woman.

**1450 Jewish Educators
Gather at CAJE Conference
in San Antonio**

Six Charlotte Jewish educators joined with more than 1400 of their colleagues from across North Carolina, Canada, Israel and Europe at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas from August 8-12 for the Eighteenth ("L'Chaim") Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, (CAJE). Over 700 Conference sessions were offered across the Jewish ideological spectrum. Five event-packed days were filled from early morning until late at nite with workshops, hands-on sessions, demonstrations, text study sessions, and speakers and cultural events. Included in the Conference agenda was one session presented by Lenora Stein, Executive Director of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education at Shalom Park: the session reviewed the work of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society and was titled "Excellent Electronic History: A Jewish Community History Project for the Video Generation".

All of the Charlotte Jewish educators who attended the CAJE 18 Conference in San Antonio received scholarship funding from their respective school/agency. Five of the participants received matching grant funding from the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), through a program funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte allocations' to community agencies.

B'nai B'rith and State of Israel Bonds to Honor Carole and Howard Guld

B'nai B'rith in Raleigh will sponsor the Annual Israel Bonds Drive honoring Carole and Howard Guld for their staunch dedication to Israel and their community on Saturday night, October 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the Velvet Cloak Inn. Entertainment will include Klezmer music and comedian Mickey Freeman, who portrayed Private Zimmerman on television for nine years. President of B'nai B'rith, Rick Deckelbaum has selected Stephen Braun and Richard Rosenstock to be the co-chairmen of this gala affair.

The Guld's have been active with Israel Bonds since its inception in 1957, the same year that they moved to Raleigh. They are real estate brokers at the family business Guld & Associates Realtors. In their free time, they dedicate 100 percent of themselves to the community. Members of Temple Beth Or since 1957, Carole was the president of its Sisterhood from 1968 to 1970 and Howard was president of the congregation from 1970 to 1972. Other community activities include co-chairs of the bonds drive in 1991; life members of Hadassah; members of the Chancellor's Club, University of North Carolina; and members of Raleigh Board of Realtors. The Guld's enjoy tennis and gardening in their leisure time and are very close to their three children and six grandchildren.



Howard and Carole Guld

Howard, who received the "Certificate

of Service" award from Temple Beth Or, is also a member of B'nai B'rith, North Carolina Association of Jewish Men. Howard and Carole are also co-chairs with their son, Michael, and Michael's wife, Natalie—all working toward the goal of establishing a JCC in Raleigh.

The New York-born entertainer Freeman recently appeared on the CBS series, *The Equalizer* as a night-club comedian. He is also known for his creative talents as a writer for the TV series *McHale's Navy*, and for his work in TV commercials. His most recent project is co-authoring the book, *Behind the Lines with Sgt. Bilko*.

Featured on several occasions in national Sunday magazine supplements, he has won high praise for his unique brand of humor from no less an authority than *Variety*, the show business weekly.

State of Israel Bonds is an international securities organization offering interest-bearing instruments issued by the government of Israel. Since its inception in 1951, the organization has secured more than \$13 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Throughout its history, Israel has maintained a perfect record on the payment of principal and interest on the securities it has issued. Now, with Jews arriving from the former Soviet Union, Bonds proceeds are being utilized to absorb these, Ethiopian and other immigrants.

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah



Elaine Senter

On October 17, Hadassah is having their annual Donor Dinner at Temple Beth El. The speaker for the evening will be Elaine Senter, Vice President on the National Board of Hadassah. The evening starts at 5:30. The minimum donation is \$36.00 with a \$12.50 charge per person and \$25.00 per couple. The dinner is a catered affair by a well known Chinese restaurant and the entertainment is the musical couple Allan and Sheila Kaufman.

Elaine Senter (Mr. Marvin), Silver Spring, MD, is a Vice President on the National Board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.

Elaine is currently Hadassah's Washington Representative/Coordinator and is on the Task Forces of the National Membership Services Division and Strategic Planning Division. She developed the Washington Special Program "Day on the Hill".

Elaine and her husband Marvin are the parents of two daughters, both Life Members; one son, who is an Associate; and grandparents of two Associates and one 5th-generation life

member. Marvin is an Associate and an extremely supportive Hadassah husband. They became Founders at the 1982 Jerusalem Convention.

Elaine holds a B.A. degree in Political Science and an M.A. from Columbia University in Middle Eastern Studies. Her first trip to Israel was in 1956. She led a Hadassah Family Tour to Israel in 1969. The 75th Anniversary Mission was her 14th trip to Israel. She has also participated in The World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

"Christian Right"

The Mid-Atlantic Council of the UAHC in conjunction with its Inter-religious Affairs Committee and Social Action committee invite you to a public forum devoted to the "Christian Right"-a growing area of interest in many communities. The forum will be held on Saturday, November 6 at Temple Emanuel, 201 Oakwood Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

The group will be addressed by Professor Michael Lienesch from the University of North Carolina whose book, *Redeeming America: Piety and Politics in the New Christian Right* describes how the social and political agenda of the "Christian Right" is grounded in its theology.

Our goals are to understand better the answers to questions such as:

What are the views of the Christian Right on theological matters?

What are the consequences of those views on issues of church/state relations and questions of social policy?

How can we best educate our congregations and the general public

on the views and actions of the "Christian Right" in order to counter those which we find offensive? (And are there areas where we and the "Christian Right" can work together, and if so, doing what?)

For further information call Lynn Eisenberg (919) 725-3550.

Dor L'Dor (Generation to Generation)

A Project of Jewish Family Services and The Blumenthal Jewish Home for Those Involved with or Concerned about the Problems of Aging for a Parent, Relative, or Spouse.

Dor L'Dor will be a monthly support group. Participants will meet to raise questions, to find appropriate resources whether local, out of state, or elsewhere, and to share mutual concerns. The meetings will be held at Shalom Park beginning October 12, 1993, at 8 pm and will be conducted by a social worker from Jewish Family Services. The fee will be \$5.00 per session.

Dor L'Dor is made possible through the cooperative efforts of Jewish Family Services and The Blumenthal Jewish Home. To inquire, please contact Adrienne Rosenberg or Laurie Gordon Harris at 364-6594.



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Herman Blumenthal with Interfaith Institute attendees.



Wildacres

& the summer season

Interfaith Institute

August 9-12

This year's Interfaith Institute was the 11th held annually at Wildacres, deemed by many participants as having surpassed all others.

This year's theme was The Book of Psalms, a perfect theme for Christian-Jewish dialogue, for it is our "common book of prayer," as noted by Rabbi Steven Sager. Used extensively by Christians and Jews, it unites us, and therefore is appropriate to the spirit of Wildacres. Often referred to as the slogan of Wildacres, and printed over the fireplace in the meeting room of the north lodge is the quotation from Psalm 133, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

In each Institute, two principal speakers are chosen from the two faiths, each an expert in the field of the chosen topic. The Christian speaker was the Rev. Dr. Lamontte M. Luker of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC. He spoke with profound scholastic background in biblical history and the origin and meaning of Psalms.

This year's Jewish speaker was Rabbi Dr. Steven G. Sager of Beth El Synagogue, Durham, NC. He is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, PA. He specialized in ancient rabbinic

literature at Duke University, where he is a visiting instructor in the Divinity School and teaches in its Continuing Education program.

Both speakers are active in interfaith relations. Dr. Luker has earned an Award of Merit for outstanding achievement in that field, as well as other awards. This was his first participation in the Wildacres Institute. Dr. Sager has attended the Institutes since they started, and his deep spirituality and excellence in speaking thrill his listeners.

The opening session's overview was delivered by Dr. Carl D. Evans, Associate Professor of Religious Studies of the University of South Carolina, a member of the Institute's planning committee, and long engaged in interfaith activities. He defined the subject of the Psalms as God, who is implicit in every verse. While the Bible speaks of people and to people, the Book of Psalms speaks for people, and "The magic of the Psalms is timeless truth."

Each participant was given a copy of the Book of Psalms, which provided easy reference throughout the seminar.

Chairman and coordinator of Wildacres Interfaith Institute is Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman of Charlotte, NC. A planning committee of about a dozen members meets each fall to decide on a theme for the Institute. They suggest speakers who are expert in the field

selected.

A majority of participants are clergy and their spouses. Others are educators and lay people interested in interfaith dialogue.

Moderators and other speakers this year were Rabbi H. Scott White of Temple Israel, Charlotte, NC; the Rev. George H. Cave, Jr. of the Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal), Little Switzerland, NC and on the faculty of the University of South Florida; the Rev. Michael Jackson Watts (Baptist), Adjunct Instructor in Old Testament for East Carolina University, Smithfield, NC; Rabbi Israel J. Gerber, retired rabbi, Doctor of Psychology and author; Dr. Irving J. Edelman, retired public school teacher and principal; Dr. Joe M. King, Greenville, SC; Rabbi Arthur Steinberg of Temple Sinai, Portsmouth, VA; Dr. Asher Marks of Mountain Synagogue, Franklin, NC; Rev. Fred Dearing, Pastor Kodak United Methodist Circuit; Dr. Jeanne Margaret McNally, Collegiate Judge and Defender of the Bond in Diocesan Tribunal and credits too many to cite; Fr. James K. Disney, Pastor of St. John Neumann Church, Powhatan, VA; Rev. Harwood T. Smith, Jr., Lutheran Pastor; Jane Anthony Summey, Associate Pastor Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

The Planning Committee for the 1993 Institute was comprised of Herman Blumenthal, Dr. Irving Edelman, Dr. Carl Evans, Rabbi Dr. Israel Gerber,

Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, Dr. Loy Witherspoon, Rev. Jane Summey, Rabbi Philip Silverstein, Cantor George Ackerman, Rabbi Scott White.

The closing night's concert earned enthusiastic praise from the audience, which included area residents, who enjoy the opportunity of attending the musical performances offered by groups in the auditorium.

Performing in the concert were Marlene Fuerstman, soprano; Bo Newsome; oboist; Elaine Campbell, violinist; Charles Medlin, violoncellist and Anita Bultmann Tritt, pianist and director of the Wildacres Camerata. All are professional musicians and residents of North Carolina.

Celo Madrigal Singers, led by Dotty Morgan, director, sang a variety of Psalms which have come from diverse Christian denominations down through centuries of church music. Selections of Psalms set to Jewish music were rendered by Marlene Fuerstman, cantorial soloist of Temple Israel, Charlotte, NC. Her magnificent singing was accompanied on the piano by Anita Tritt.

Dianne English of Mecklenburg Ministries in Charlotte, NC wrote to us after attending this Institute: "What a wonderful experience you helped to create for all of us at Wildacres this past week! It was a time of challenge, hospitality, fellowship and refreshment, and it was my privilege to be in the midst of it. Thank you"

GCAR Summer Kallah

August 12-18

By Estelle Hoffman

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis held its summer Kallah

(meeting) at Wildacres, as has been the custom for many years, dating back at least to 1952. The GCAR also sponsors the Wildacres Interfaith Institute, and many attended both seminars.

Principal speaker this year was Rabbi Steven G. Sager. The president of GCAR is Rabbi Philip Silverstein of Columbia, SC.

Rabbi Sager graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Wyncote, PA, where he is a visiting lecturer. He earned a Ph.D. in Rabbinic Literature at Duke University, where he is a visiting instructor in Jewish Studies at the Divinity School. He has written numerous articles and a prayer commentary. He is Rabbi of Beth El Synagogue in Durham, NC.

"Mezuzah and the Torah of the Door" was Rabbi Sager's topic for this Kallah. The Mezuzah which is affixed to the door contains the commandment, "And thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart. . ." in the Hebrew Bible. In Rabbi Sager's presentation, he proposed that the Mezuzah is related to the door in an array of lessons. The Torah of the Door symbolizes how to live in the world, how to be present, available and hospitable to life within us and beyond us.

Study of rabbinic texts and contemporary texts explored the issues of individual topics: The Power of the Doorway: The Lesser That Contains the Greater; Human Presence and Divine Presence; Baruch Hamakom; The Voice of My Beloved Is Knocking! Open Up to Me; The Poor Person in the Doorway; Needs of the Present and the (Divine) Presence and God's Mezuzah: Happy is the One Who Waits Watchfully at My Mezuzot.

The task of being available, hospitable in the world is not just a Rabbi's task, although Rabbis are responsible for modeling the way; not isolating oneself, seeing God reflected in the lives of others; greeting the stranger.

Individual Rabbis gave short talks on religious or philosophic subjects. Rabbi/Dr. Milton Kanter of Chicago lectured on the writings of Rabbi J.B. Soloveichik, Z'l.

The Rabbis' Kallah in summer at Wildacres is a family retreat, at which members have watched children grow, then bring their own children. A program to occupy the time of children during the week is conducted by Susan Sapinsley, teacher and artist. Her program involves the young people in arts and crafts, and there is a display for all to view at the week's end. Susan is also publicists for the group, and she has been doing an outstanding job since accepting the responsibility. She and Rabbi Bert Sapinsley moved from Bluefield, WV, where he served as Rabbi until his retirement in 1992, to Raleigh, NC.

The week of serious lectures and study has an evening of fun on the final night each year, when participants of all ages join in skits, song and dance, according to their talents.

District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism

August 19-22

By Estelle Hoffman

An enthusiastic enrollment was attracted to this B'nai B'rith Institute by the subject, "A Jewish Approach to God." Although the issue is of the utmost importance, it is seldom addressed in our time.

Speakers for the Institute were Rabbi David Wolpe and Rabbi Daniel H. Gordis. Rabbi Wolpe is Director of the Ostrow Library and Instructor of Modern Jewish Thought at the University of Judaism, and he is also a faculty fellow at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Simi Valley, California. He writes extensively on Jewish subjects. His major works are *The Healer of Shattered Hearts: A Jewish View of God and In Speech and In Silence: The Jewish Quest for God*. The theme of this Institute was based on the content of these two books.

Rabbi Daniel H. Gordis is Dean of Administration and assistant to the President and Lecturer in Rabbinic Literature at the University of Judaism. He also serves as a Lehman faculty fellow at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute and Dean of the Faculty at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute. As the son and grandson of noted American Conservative rabbis, he has a wealthy background and interest in Judaism, especially in Jewish law, literature and ethics. Of particular interest to him is the study of the development and interpretation of Jewish law and its relationship to ethics.

Individual lectures were on these topics: "An Historical Overview of the Jewish View of God," in two parts, by each lecturer; "God in Grief and Loss," by David Wolpe" and "Coming to God Through Emotion and Passion," by Daniel Gordis. Discussions with questions from the participants were pertinent to the subjects, and sufficient time was provided. Members of the Institute were obviously serious and their concerns were expressed in articulate and intelligent manner.

The presentations by the lecturers made it less difficult for participants than it might be customarily to ask fundamental questions: How does God

speak to modern man? Is God really omnipotent?

Unlike gods in other faith, the Jewish God does not have a history. Our holiday celebrate events in the relationship of humanity to God, not in the life of God. The concept of one God teaches that He is the creator of all creation, and that there is a code of right and wrong, one set of moral standards.

That morality enabled Jews to recognize the possibility that they had behaved badly; that they could do better. It allows hope. The system applied to everyone. No one can be blamed. The fault is in ourselves.

Rabbi Gordis acknowledged the fact that most people in the western world get stuck religiously at the point where there is no proof about the existence of God, and proofs that may be offered are incomplete, leaving people unconvinced. Jewish understanding of God traditionally understands God in a different way. It is normal to wonder about the existence of evil and the meaning of life, of what it means to be partially animal and partly angelic.

We stake our lives on things we cannot prove; e.g., love. We do all kinds of wonderful and crazy things because of love, although we cannot even describe it. Yet, we risk abandonment, among other things, because we don't want to be alone. Faith in God is like that, and the Sh'mah says, "Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart..." Matters of faith are not the norm, and talking about what makes life meaningful is not the norm.

Ultimately, we are going to have to risk and to commit, if we do not want to be alone. Aloneness has to do with what Jewish life and its relationship to God is about. The tradition teaches

that God's presence is seekable; it is not provable. God will be what you allow him to be to you.

The issues of human fears and of the afterlife were discussed. Participants frankly asked questions which trouble most of us, including the existence of evil.

Besides much food for thought, there remained the fact that the Jewish view is that life is better, if we believe.

Institute Chairmen were Todd Savitt, Richard S. Melenson and A. J. Kravtin.

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I

August 23-26

The group whose attendance at Wildacres is longest, dating back to 1948, on this 46th anniversary of the first B'nai B'rith Institute held anywhere, presented an outstanding program entitled, "A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts."

Speakers were: Dr. Henry Fiengold, Professor of History at the City University of New York, an authority on aspects of American Jewish life; Dr. Joel Schwartz, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and a Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an expert on Soviet life who has studied at Moscow State University; and Dr. Kenneth Stein, returning to this year's Institute as a noted expert on the Middle East. He is Associate Professor of Near Eastern History and Political Science and Director of Middle Eastern Programs at the Carter Center at Emory University in Atlanta.

Dr. Stein is a leading authority on the

Arab-Israeli conflict, and since 1982 has been Jimmy Carter's main advisor on the Middle East. During frequent visits to that part of the world, he has conferred with numerous heads of state, and more important, according to him, are the people who remember what was said at the conferences, from whom he gets information.

He spoke on "The Evolution and Status of the Arab-Israeli Peace Process," "Negotiating between Arabs and Israelis: Methods and Procedures" and "American Interests and Foreign Policy Toward the Middle East."

Kenneth Stein is one of the few American Jews who reads and speaks Arabic, so that his conversations with Arab officials is direct. He interviewed 80 individuals involved in Arab-Israeli negotiations from 1967 to 1977. The findings of his research are startling. He has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives in February of this year regarding our policy on the Middle East after the Cold War.

The pace of change in that area of the world has plunged it into turmoil. Social and economic inequality prevent its peoples' participation in the political process. Because of the internal upheaval in surrounding Arab nations, Israel in the coming decade will be more stable. For example, according to Dr. Stein, Saudi Arabia is comparable to Watts after the riots. \$35 million earned in 1974 in that country slipped through their fingers, though some hospitals, roads and schools were built. That opportunity will never come again.

Arabs do not share with the haves-nots. That has bred enormous discontent. What will happen when more of their people become educated, but cannot find jobs?

When Kuwait was liberated after the Iraqi invasion, 2-1/2 million Arabs were scattered from Kuwait which could no longer sustain foreign labor. The two greatest losers were the Jordanians and Palestinians. Survival of individual Arab leaders is more important to them than the pan-Arab idea.

Arabs still do not want Israel in its midst, but they have to deal with reality. The Middle East is a region that is not controllable. It may be possible to reduce the level of conflict. The Arab-Israeli conflict has little to do with the problems of Arab countries; those are indigenous. The people now know what they don't have.

In Stein's words, Israel is in the midst of a region of many little kettles on big fires that are near boiling. What can we do? We cannot proselytize democracy, although we would like to export the idea. Democracy won't work in the Middle East, because the wrong people would be elected. Nothing we can give or do will make a major difference.

We need to realize that there is no way to change Islam.

As to peace negotiations, success has been achieved only in Egypt when the U.S. played an active role. A mediator is needed, and the U.S. is the only one trusted. In some instances, Arabs and Israelis can and do talk directly with each other.

The situation with Syria is different from that with Egypt. The Syrians truly dislike Israel, but Assad wants a non-belligerency agreement, not a peace treaty. Institute members were briefed on recent history of negotiations between the U.S. and Assad, from the time of Nixon and Kissinger. The speaker foresees a degree of

normalization between Syria and Israel. However, even intelligent Syrians have no idea of what Israelis are and how they live, what they do. The Syrian belief is that Washington controls everything in Israel.

Dr. Stein believes that Syria wants a Palestinian state no more than does Israel, and that Syria does not care about the Palestinian cause. His report on the Sadat visit to Jerusalem revealed that it was done in order to start negotiations between Egypt and Israel with the United States involved.

All of the participants gained much insight and information on the situation in the Middle East, due to Kenneth Stein's insight and excellent style of delivery.

Dr. Henry Feingold reminded his listeners that Jewish history is never boring. Throughout history, none used the marked economy better than Jews. Our success in the U.S. anchored in the 1920s, is well known. First came the Sephardic Jews, then Jews from Germany, and finally those from eastern Europe. The entrepreneurship started in the streets of every city.

The end of their stay in the working class ended in one generation. Children of Jewish immigrants became professionals, outpacing other nationalities. Today's success story is even greater. Jews' incomes are beyond that of Episcopalians, and Jews also have the highest level of education, highest level of longevity and best quality of life. Even representation on boards of certain industries is gradually rising.

Dr. Feingold cited the "steel coil theory." In pre-emancipation times, energy was so pent up, that when the walls came down, it was all released like that of a steel coil, so that it is still

felt today. Minorities in other countries have similar success.

Our Jewish culture feels learning is special and gives us the ability to succeed. Some say capitalism is a Jewish disease, but we know not all our good businessmen. One theory says that because they were kept away from agriculture, they had to be twice as good and became capitalists. Other ethnic groups had been there before.

Jews were helped by their historical tradition of sticking together. They believed in human capital, investment in self without immediate payoff, so children were sent to college. The role of communal human networks was important. There was help from family, from free loan societies, many organizations.

Ultimately, wealth comes from the human being. Internal credit lines were crucial to the success story, but secularism often lessens the close relationship. The question is whether affluent, secular Jews can be custodians of both. The American Jew has made it in terms set forth by America.

American Jews in politics are able to present the American agenda to Jews. Our new power is in our professional skills. Now our identities are multiple. Can we still be mobilized in a crisis?

Dr. Feingold believes that there was no one Jewish community in the 1930s. Jews who were divided would not even talk to each other. In the years of Nazi Germany, four attempts at unity failed. All went to the President separately and failed to speak with one voice. He spoke of our failure to rescue European Jewry. UJA was fragile, though it raised more money than any gentile organization.

An attempt to ransom Jews from Germany would have started requests for ransom by other countries; Austria, Hungary, etc. The idea of rescuing their people is a Jewish idea. Others do not really feel other nations should rescue theirs. In the New Deal administration, Jews stood alone. There were some animosity between Jews and Irish. American Jews were beginning to move up. Though American Jews failed to convince the U.S. government to try to help, it was Henry Morgenthau who finally came through. He said, "First courage, then intelligence."

We must understand the trauma of the 1930s to understand the American response to the Holocaust. Immigration laws were said to be anti-Jewish, but they worked against Italians, also. Jews weren't singled out. At the time, the main aim of Jews was to gain access to the mainstream of American life. There were American Germans receiving word from Germany, and American Jews felt fear.

There was the fear that Jews would be guilty of getting us into the war, and worry that "it would happen here." Jews overreacted with insufficient faith in America. Dr. Feingold stated that indictment of American Jewry is unreasonable and unfair, and is based on what it is thought Jews should be. "We are producing a history which will not serve us well, by self-flagellation," he said.

Dr. Joel Schwartz spoke extensively about Soviet Jewry, the USSR and former Soviet republics. He related various experiences of Jews in the former Soviet Union, and discussed the status of Jews who remain there now, the emigration of Jews from Russia and the Soviet states and the present status of Jews who have left the former Soviet Union.

Five distinctive Jewish communities of the USSR were named in their regions: the western periphery (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania); Byelorussia, Moldavia and the Ukraine; Soviet Georgia, Soviet Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Caucasus; Central Asian Jewish community; the Russian Republic.

The years after 1917 were the period in which all religion was denigrated and Jewish institutions were demolished. The turning point of Soviet Jewry (and finally of the USSR itself) came in 1963 and 1964. That was the time when people began to speak out. Old Jews felt they were at last free to be Jews; young Jews and the middle aged danced and sang in the streets. They were the seeds of the awakening of national Jewish unity.

Because they wanted education and acceptance, the majority gave up their Jewishness and were the most educated with the highest standard of living. The rate of intermarriage became 45%, more than any other group, mostly Jews married to Russians.

In Georgia and the Caucasus, Jews had largely ignored Russian edicts. Jewish institutions and synagogues remained and people attended. Intermarriage was not over 5%. There are other such small communities.

The members of the committee of this Institute are to be complimented on the educational content. There was also entertainment, provided by Robyn Helzner, folk singer and guitarist who delighted the audience with her beautiful rendition of songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, Latino, Russian and American folksongs. The final evening's entertainment was presented by The Kaufman Duo, featuring Alan Kaufman and Sheila Miller-Kaufman, fine musicians who are favorites in

Charlotte and the State of North Carolina. They played and sang numbers from popular music and musical stage productions of the 20th century, all selections from a "Treasury of Jewish Composers."

The Institute committee is: Norman Pliner, Greta and Sid Baron, Freeda and Richard Berger, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, Betty and Richard Deutsch, Retha and Bill Jasper, Hilda and Herb Learner, Audrey and Jerry Madans, Myra and Bernie Misk, and Muriel and Sidney Rubin.

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres - 15th Season

"Magically Speaking"

By Baila Pransky

Could the magical quality of previous Charlotte Yiddish Institutes at Wildacres prevail for yet another season. . .our 15th? Would we of the Yiddish Institute Committee again find the formula that would enable us to carry on and develop the programming to attract yet another sellout response? After the August 26-29 Institute, the answer was evident, a resounding YES!

With the glorious Wildacres Retreat, in Little Switzerland, NC, as their destination (nestled 3300 feet above sea level in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains), the diverse group of *Yiddishists* who travelled the winding mountain roads to reach this fabled pinnacle found the haven of *Yiddishkeit* they had set out to discover.

From the opening night's introductions, as each presented themselves and traced their roots to *dorfs* (villages) and *shtetlekh* (towns), spread over the map of Europe and beyond, we heard and understood the compelling need of our forebears to flee to the *Goldeneh Medineh* (the Golden Land) for a life of freedom and opportunity.

As this evening and succeeding days unfolded, we too were creating our own *yishuv* (colony), a sense of *mishpokha* was taking form. The Yiddish Institute's daily programming offered presentations by the eminent lecturer Ruth Barlas, who brought Mendele Moykher Sforim and I.L. Peretz to life, concluding her trio of lectures with "Love, Yiddish Style." Interspersing Yiddish with English she wove tales of fiction and fact, prose and poetry in a dramatic and compelling style.

Music flowed throughout the Institute with the gifted singer/stylist Shoshana Ron and the outstanding conductor/pianist Zalman Mlotek bringing unforgettable Yiddish and Hebrew melodies in concert and workshop form. From art songs to z'miros these talented performers charmed and delighted their audiences who responded with richly deserved standing ovations.

Scheduled workshops covered beginners, intermediate and advanced Yiddish language classes; a group participation session of "Reliving your *Yiddishkeit*"; and a compelling and emotional first person account of a Russian couple's quest for freedom.

With the blending of Yiddish, Hebrew and English in prayer and song, a spiritual atmosphere, through daily and Shabbat services, brought yet another dimension to this multi-faceted

Yiddish experience.

Southern hospitality abounded throughout, with a nightly pause for a delicious variety of nosherei to fortify oneself for what was in store. Evenings stretched far beyond the midnight hour with folkdance and song, impromptu entertainment and the resilient Zalman Mlotek churning out marvelous tunes from camp songs to klezmer, at the piano.

The institute's well-stocked sky-high book and gift show gave the *Institutnikes* a unique opportunity to enrich themselves with choice Yiddish literature, poetry and music, along with Jewish giftware.

This 15th Charlotte Yiddish Institute became a longed for expectation fulfilled. It brought strangers from far places who would merge and meld in their mutual love of the Yiddish language and culture. And when the time came for farewells, it was evident that this was a parting of *mishpokha*, strangers no more.

The magic was intact for yet another year! How gratifying for all those who labored to bring *Yiddishkeit* to this inspiring mountaintop retreat.

With special thanks to: The Charlotte Yiddish Institute Committee: Sarah Ackerman - Hospitality; Gedalia Ackerman - Workshops, Religious Services; Moishe Bienstock - Workshop, Religious Services; Sarah Goldman - Member-at-large; Yehudah Goldman - Speaker, Religious Services; Raizel Luski - Gift Shop; Abraham Luski - Keynote, Workshops, Speaker; Liebe Pollard - Reservations; Baila Pransky - Coordinator; Yayneh Pransky - Religious Services; Elkie Tulman - Hospitality; Zalman Tulman - Transportation; Shmuel Wallace -

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Such a language!

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Uri Berliner - Staff Writer

You're a **maven** on many subjects, someone with **moxie**. No one would mistake you for a **klutz** or a **nebbish**. You know **shlock** from **dreck**, and don't get fooled by **glitz** or somebody's **cockamime shtick**. You like to have a **nosh** with friends, **kibitz** over coffee, maybe even **kvetch** a bit. You hate **shlepping** around in traffic, especially when there's nothing but **shmaltz** on the radio. But such is life, a **nudge** in the **kisnkes**, a **mish-mosh**. You're probably thinking, what **chutzpah!** Begin already!

If you've followed the above spiel, realize it or not, you understand a sprinkling of Yiddish.

Yiddish, the traveling tongue of the Jewish people, endures, a flame alight despite numerous assaults and premature obituaries.

It has carved a permanent niche in American English; witness the 86 Yiddish entries in the most recent American Heritage Dictionary. (Author Leo Rosten says at least 300 to 400 Yiddish words are part of colloquial English.)

It endures as mother tongue to an

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Religious Services, Computer, Photographer. Guests: Lazer Morris, Alex and Raisa Nemirovsky, Esther Dushoff, Rov Lazer Hoffman, The Blumenthal Family, Esther and Rov Hoffman and the Wildacres Staff.

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estimates 3 million Jews living in North America, Israel, South America, Europe, Africa and Australia.

And it endures in San Diego, where Rachel Leisorek runs a popular monthly Yiddish group at the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla.

Earlier this month, more than two dozen Yiddish speakers gathered to read poems, stories, newspaper articles (from the Yiddish Forward, of course) and to sing bittersweet songs from their youth.

Yes, the meetings are especially crowded in winter when the snowbirds fly in from New York, Pennsylvania and the Midwest.

One welcome guest was Beatrice Kessler, 68, a veteran actress who performed in everything from Shakespeare to Sholem Aleichem productions in New York's once-thriving Yiddish theater.

"Yiddish will never die," she said. "We have such a legacy in this language; we do what we can to perpetuate it in these small groups."

Yiddish is the linguistic road map of Jewish life in the diaspora, derived

from German, Hebrew, Polish, Russian, Slavic tongues, English and the Romance languages.

Leisorek, the group's leader, grew up speaking Yiddish in Mexico City and taught the language there for many years.

"I feel a responsibility to Yiddish," she said. "But as happy as I am in this group, I am also sad. There are so few young people learning Yiddish."

The baby-boomer children of parents raised in Yiddish-speaking families typically have little or no knowledge of the language, except for words and phrases that have passed into English.

Fran Liban, 62, grew up speaking Yiddish as a child in Alberta, Canada, but didn't teach the language to her own children. "Now they're upset they don't know it. One son wants to learn."

During a recent meeting, Liban read from a Yiddish book about a relative, "Trader Ed," who trekked from Russia to the Northwest Territories and became a fur trader. Liban said the family story has sparked curiosity in her children about Yiddish.

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white, talked animatedly to each other, radiating a cheerfulness that, in hindsight, was probably a shield against deeper emotions.

My parents did everything they could to understand me, but I was an unhappy child, especially in elementary school, which was a mixture of wealthier Jews and mostly working class Protestants. Clothes, ballet lessons, dolls, a country club life, nothing quelled my malaise. I lived in a town with a small Jewish community and hated the gossip and narrow-mindedness. People had roles and they stayed in them, seemingly forever. Mine was that of a crybaby with no friends. I needed a kindred soul with similar sensitivities.

When Marion came into our lives, my parents were thrilled. Here, they felt, was one of the "good colored" who was clean, respectful, and appeared not to support the upstart Martin Luther King Jr. and his budding civil rights movement. But when Marion and I were alone, she told a different story. She explained that, in this country, blacks wanted the same opportunities as whites—to eat in the same restaurants, compete for the same jobs, to walk down the street without hearing curses or nasty remarks. It seemed logical to me. I couldn't understand why people made such a big deal about skin color anyway.

And I confided my problems—how Harriet Shapiro pretended to be my friend and then turned a bunch of kids against me when she found out I drew a picture of her and showed it to another girl. All I'd wanted was to bring her to life on paper. How I'd always been fascinated with buildings and layouts and people told me girls weren't supposed to be interested in things like that. And how, no matter what I said or did, nothing ever turned out right, even when I was pretending

to fit in, which was most of the time. Marion just listened, while Mother or Daddy counseled me to try harder and discussed switching schools, or, radical for those days, getting me to a psychiatrist. My parents tried to understand, but they just didn't. Marion remained nonjudgemental, only giving advice when asked.

In fifth grade, my parents held a big bash at the Canton Hills Country Club to celebrate my tenth birthday, inviting all my classmates. Oh, sure, the kids showed up—they weren't about to miss free cake, hot fudge sundaes, and a Roy Rogers-type act in one of the ritziest places in town. But it was afterwards that I paid for it, "overhearing" comments about how their parents "made" them attend, about how the "Hate Laurel Bloch" club was still in full force, about how no matter how much money I had, no one could stand to be my friend.

But it was a small thing that pushed me over. Susie Lawson, one of the most popular kids in the fifth grade, was standing on the playground with a bunch of girls during recess passing around a perfume sample. I joined them, edging quietly between Kay and Carol, two girls who didn't seem to dislike me as much as the others, hoping they'd let me sniff from the bottle. It was as if I didn't exist: Kay handed the vial to Carol, who refused to meet my eyes. Turning around before the tears began, I walked away from that school and kept on going until, two miles later, I reached my house.

Mother was at the golf course and the minute I opened the door, Marion was upon me. "Where were you?" she exclaimed, her normally deep voice rising several octaves. "The school called and said no one could find you after recess." Upon looking at her sympathetic countenance, I again

started to cry. It was several minutes before I could calm down enough to coherently relate my tale and by then, I was beginning to get mad, even cracking a sarcastic joke about how Kay probably used up most of the sample dabbing the perfume between her big breasts.

"Well, girl," Marion chuckled, beginning that whole-face grin of hers I so adored. "You're starting to figure out those kids aren't worth it. We Negroes have been putting up with that kind of shit for years. Now don't tell your mother I said that."

"What, the S-word or the part about the Negroes?" I finally smiled, thrilled to be treated as an equal. "You know I'd never say anything."

"It was a smart thing you did, walking away and not letting those girls know they made you cry. Next time, just do it in your head."

"What do you mean?"

"Block them out, like I do, when a white woman grabs her purse if I happen to sit next to her on a bus or a group of white people make a face or move if Calvin and I go to the picture show. There's nothing you can do about it, 'cept be a bigger person than them and like yourself. You're bright and pretty and funny, and plenty of your peers are going to figure that out when you get older."

I thought about Marion and the stories she'd told me: about how she'd grown up in the South and had no money, about how she and her husband wanted children but couldn't afford even the most simple infertility tests, about how her cousin still in Mississippi was nearly beaten to death by white state troopers during a protest at a black church. It made my problems seem

(Dichotomy cont.)

insignificant and I saw she was right: I could set myself free by rising above it. I could simply not give a darn and concentrate on the things I really enjoyed, like drawing and designing a city for my dolls. Although I could never make the kids like me, I could control how I felt about myself.

No one really bothered me after that. Maybe the school talked to the parents, although I doubt it: back then people didn't discuss emotions much, at least not in Canton, Ohio. Maybe the girls decided they'd pushed me to far because playing hooky was something the Jewish kids never did. And after a few days of me ignoring them, they began to be almost friendly.

And things got better. By junior high, my childhood hell seemed mostly forgotten and by high school, I was almost popular, on Student Council and Honor Society, president of the Art Club, with even a few dates. But I credit Marion for helping turn me around. That she was black, yellow, or brown is incidental.

Now looking at my father, my sense of childhood helplessness returned. The nurse told me I was the first family member to visit that day and he appeared agitated, trying to sit up and work his mouth even though his eyes were closed. Because of the respirator, he couldn't really move or speak. I wanted the doctors to remove it, but they said it kept him alive. Some life.

I kept talking to him and patting his arm and finally he lay quietly. Although I cried in front of him once or twice I didn't like to because if he was cognizant on some level, my sorrow might make him feel worse. He was no more capable of comforting me than I was of communicating with him.

I don't know when I became aware of

a third presence in the room. Thinking it was a member of the intensive care staff, I turned. No one was there. Then I realized it was not a physical being, but rather a feeling. Of peace and calm. Of warmth, empathy, and love. Wherever Daddy was going, he would not suffer, even though his body would be put into the ground. And whatever our differences were, had been, and would always be, he knew I loved him. The problem was, I'd never been sure of his love. Yet I was strangely reassured.

"Do you feel it, too?" I heard myself asking my father. "I hope you do Daddy, because it's making this a lot easier." A few seconds later, the presence was gone.

I never told anyone in my family about the moment-not through the funeral nor afterwards. And my father and I never really understood each other. Now linked by forces beyond my comprehension, that seemed unimportant.

I fell in love a few months later. Jonathan ran a hospice in Chicago-I'd met him when I was researching alternative care facilities for Mother and looking into the possibility of her moving there which of course she refused to do. A widower whose wife died of breast cancer in her thirties, he had an eleven-year-old boy, Andrew. Being with them was like rediscovering family, only one of my own choosing.

Because no one knew how long Mother had, Jonathan and I decided to get married at the Jewish facility in Canton where she was staying. She'd discontinued treatment after Daddy passed away and although for selfish reasons I wish she hadn't, I understood her reasoning. With an inoperable tumor and a beloved husband gone, what was left for her?

I spent as many weekends as I could with Mother. When Jonathan went with me, we dropped his son off at Larry's in Cleveland to save Andrew from reliving the trauma of his own loss. Larry's wife Jenny was thrilled-responsible, courteous Andrew actually enjoyed babysitting for her children while she went shopping for a couple of hours on Saturdays. Melissa was well-behaved, but Matt and Jason were enough to give anyone a headache.

It was after one of Jenny's excursions that Andrew approached me, a confused look on his freckled face. "Those kids have some weird ideas," he said as we drove back towards Canton.

"How so?" Although always polite, Andrew would rarely string more than eight words together, so I welcomed any chance to find out what he was thinking.

"Well, they said when you and Dad get married, I'll be-now don't get mad at me for saying this-I'm just telling you what they told me. They said I'll be a nigger, which is what black kids call each other, but white kids don't dare. . ." He blushed, apparently overwhelmed by his confession.

No one had bothered to explain what the word meant to Melissa, so she continued to perpetrate misinformation. "My father didn't like African Americans and she overheard him with his friends a few months ago and got a little confused. He was a good man, but my guess is that when he was about your age, he was influenced by people who wrongly believed that one race or nationality was better than the other. We need to sit down and discuss this with your future Uncle Larry and his family."

"Yeah, we studied bigotry in school.

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It's sort of like my mom dying. No one wants to talk about it, but it always there."

I did, and promised myself I'd try harder with Andrew, lest he be as uncertain of me as I'd been of Daddy. "Rather than ignoring our fears, don't you think we should bring them out? If they see daylight, then maybe we'll have a better chance of understanding each other." Then life, along with death, might bring fewer dichotomies.

Personals

Now He's a Leader

A High Point youth will help lead an international Jewish youth group.

By Dawn DeCwikiel-Kane

High Point-When Robert Nathan Samet got off the plane Monday night to greet the proud crowd of family and friends, he said what his father longed to hear.

"Dad," Jan Samet quoted his son saying, "I need to get a haircut, and I need some suits."

At 18, Robert Samet may prefer worn jeans and Birkenstocks. But he figures he'll need to spruce up a bit as he travels the world this year on behalf of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

He has just returned from its international convention in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of Aleph Zadik Aleph, the young men's branch of the Jewish

group.

He and Meka Millstone of Ohio, as president of the young women's branch, will head the group of 30,000 members worldwide. Samet's younger sister, Lauren, was among delegates at the young women's convention.

"It will be one heck of a growing experience," Samet said Wednesday. "I'll be ready for college next year."

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization provides cultural, social and community service activities.

And when he's finished his year as Grand Aleph Godol (president, that is), he'll have an all-expense paid four-year trip to Duke University.

Samet, who graduated fourth in his class at High Point Central High School this year with a 4.3 average, has won a Trinity Scholarship-four-year awards given by Duke to outstanding North Carolina students.

Because the B'nai B'rith young group presidency is a full-time job, he'll have to postpone his college education by a year.

Duke is willing to wait.

"I think he is a wonderful young man," admissions director Christoph Guttentag said, "and we are very fortunate he will be coming to Duke. This will allow him to make an even greater contribution to Duke."

Jan Samet, a High Point attorney, and Sylvia Samet, an English teacher at High Point Central High School, are naturally proud of their son.

"With the exception of the Trinity Scholarship, this is probably the greatest opportunity he's ever had," his father said.

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Jews and a handful of Judaic scholars, few people under 60 years old speak Yiddish fluently.

Debby Davis would like to be an exception. At 42, she is the youngest member of the Yiddish group by some two decades and is an classically trained singer who performs in a klezmer-Jewish folk music-band.

"I've been taking (Yiddish) lessons formally and informally for three or four years," she said. Davis is a devoted student because she wants to understand the lyrics, impulses and feelings in the songs she sings. And she also wants to pass some Yiddish on to her children.

To conclude the meeting, Davis led a rousing version of "Di Grine Kuzine" (My Green Cousin), a song about the struggles of immigrant life.

"It's my part in keeping the culture alive," said Davis later. "And besides, it's such a descriptive language with so many jokes. How could we let it die?"

Yiddish humor is earthy, often wistful, always frank:

"The man who marries for money will earn it."

"If God lived on earth, people would knock out all his windows."

"The rich have heirs, not children."

In "The Joys of Yiddish," Leo Rosten explains how humor and sorrow are fused together in the marrow of the language.

"Steeped in sentiment, Yiddish is sluiced with sarcasm. It loves the ruminative, because it rests on a rueful past; it favors paradox, because it

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knows that only paradox can do justice to the injustice of life; it adores irony, because the only way the Jews could retain their sanity was to view a dreadful world with sardonic and astringent eyes. In its innermost heart, Yiddish swings between shmaltz and derision."

Medical News

Model for Selecting Immunizing Cells Against Cancer Developed by Researchers at Hebrew University

Jerusalem, September 13, 1993-A team of Hebrew University of Jerusalem researchers has developed a laboratory model for selecting benign cells from among cancer cells and then using the former as an immunizing agent against further cancerous growths.

Thus far, the procedure has proved successful in laboratory mice. The researchers feel that only after the process is fully understood on the molecular level will it be possible to apply this procedure to various types of cancer and to carry out experimental treatment on humans.

This model was presented at a conference held at the Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center in Frederick, MD. Some 130 researchers from Italy, the U.S., Belgium, Germany and Israel participated. Called "Xenogenization of the Cancer Cell: From Basics to the

Clinic," it is sponsored by the U.S. National Cancer Institute and The Hebrew University. Organizer of the conference is Prof. Jacob Hochman of the Department of Cell and Animal Biology at The Hebrew University's Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences. Prof. Hochman heads the research team at The Hebrew University which developed the anti-cancer model.

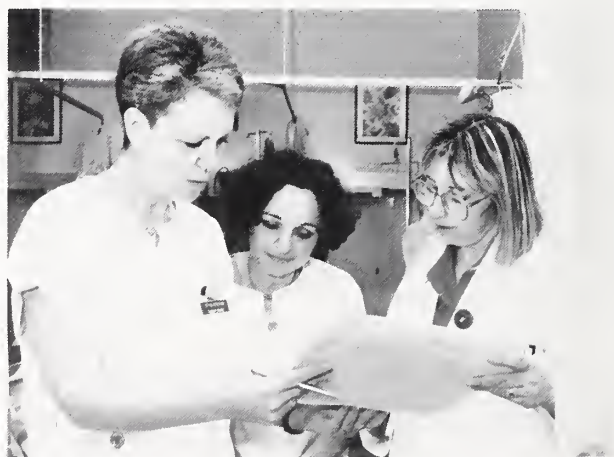
In his research, Prof. Hochman has concentrated on stimulating the immune system to combat the reproduction of cancer cells. This type of stimulation can be accomplished through various approaches.

One approach, "xenogenization," is based on converting the cancer cell into a different, "foreign" cell which will naturally cause the immune system to reject and fight against it.

The avenue pursued by The Hebrew University researchers in the field of xenogenization is based on creating conditions for selection of benign cells with immunizing potential that can be used as a vaccine to stimulate the immune system into

fighting cancer cells similar to the benign ones. To test their unique method, they developed an experimental model using laboratory mice.

It has been known that in any culture growth of cancer cells, there are cells which grow in suspension, while others adhere to the bottom of the tissue culture dish. A number of research projects have pointed to the link between the adhesive qualities of the cancer cell and the extent of malignancy-with those having greater adherence showing a lower rate of malignant growth-but this was never before proven conclusively in lymphoma (malignant lymph) cells.



Dr. Tamar Peretz, (right) Acting Head of Oncology at Hadasah-Hebrew University Medical Center, discusses a treatment with two oncology nurses.

Prof. Hochman set out to test the

proposition that if one took from mice suspension-borne lymphoma cells, which are highly malignant, and isolated from among them the adhesion-growing cells, one could obtain adhesive cells with lower malignancy or even no malignancy at all.

In a lengthy selection process, the researchers succeeded in removing the adherent cells that were intermixed with the suspension-growing lymphoma cells. When these adhesive cells were injected into other mice of the same strains, no cancerous growths resulted.

Prof. Hochman said that if even a small amount of the malignant lymphoid cells had been injected, the result would have been tumorous growth that would have caused the death of the experimental mice within a short period of time. The fact that the adhesive cells caused no harmful reaction—indeed had lost their malignant qualities altogether—demonstrated for the first time their propensity towards malignancy.

Further, the researchers found that in those mice which had been injected with the adhesion-borne cells, subsequent injection of cancerous lymphoid cells also did not cause cancer growth. This showed, said Prof. Hochman, that a single injection of non-malignant, adhesive lymphoid cells selected from cancerous lymphoma cells can serve also as a vaccine against the growth of the same type of cancer.

Even a long-term (possibly lifetime) immunizing effect was demonstrated when, after 18 months, the “immunized” mice were again injected with cancerous cells, yet developed no trace of cancer. Control group mice which had not received this “inoculation” developed cancer and

died within two weeks of being injected with cancer cells.

After proving the connection between the degree of cell adhesion and reduction of malignancy by selecting non-cancerous cells from among cancerous ones, the researchers set out to test “in reverse” this line of research by examining whether it was possible to achieve the opposite effect—isolating out in vitro, suspension-growing cells from among the benign adherent ones and checking to see whether they were prone to provoking further malignancy. Their tests showed that this indeed proved to be the case. Therefore, said Prof. Hochman, “We have now a ‘full circle’ model: going from malignant cells to benign cells into inoculate, and from them back to malignant cells.”

Following their demonstration of the adhesion-malignancy connection, the researchers are currently involved in efforts to understand the mechanism whereby this process takes place on the molecular level. After this is fully understood, they believe that it will be possible to apply their research to other experimental projects involving various types of cancer growths.

The research team at The Hebrew University included doctoral students Michael Bergel and Tsury Hasson, master’s degree student Hagit Mar-Chaim, and Mrs. Shmuela Eshel. Various stages of the research were conducted in cooperation with Prof. Amos Panet and Dr. Nurith Mador of The Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Philip Lazarovici of The Hebrew University School of Pharmacy and Dr. Michael Gottesman and Dr. Konrad Huppi of the National Cancer Institute of the U.S.

Certain aspects of the research were supported with funds from the Israel

National Cancer Association, the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the National Cancer Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health.



Magnesium Tablets Have Positive Effect on Women Suffering from Osteoporosis

Israeli doctors who prescribed magnesium tablets for women suffering from osteoporosis discovered that their patients bones became stronger, or at least stopped thinning out. The magnesium also alleviated back pains.

Osteoporosis, or bone loss, affects most women at their post-menstrual age. Usually people suffering from osteoporosis also complain of aching bones and chronic back pains.

Dr. Gustawa Stending-Lindberg of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Tel Aviv University stated that magnesium tablets were administered to 31 women over a two year period. As a result of this treatment the bone density of 71 percent of the women increased from 1 to 8 percent. For another 16 percent of the women there was no additional bone loss. The doctors concluded, therefore, that the treatment helped 87 percent of the patients. The remaining 13 percent of women also suffered from other ailments which, apparently, prevented

ailments which, apparently, prevented the magnesium from being adequately utilized.

The bone density of 17 of the 23 women who refused treatment dropped by 1 to 3 percent a year.

In a report to be published in a forthcoming issue of *Magnesium Research*, Dr. Stending-Lindberg, who also heads the Back Rehabilitation Unit at the Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, Dr. Ronni Tepper of the Sapir Medical Center in Kfar Sava, and Dr. Itzhak Leichter of the Hadassah University Medical School in Jerusalem, wrote that "no side-effects were observed due to treatment. No new fractures occurred after commencement of treatment. In addition, the majority of patients voiced subjective improvement and experienced a decrease in pain beginning 6-12 months after treatment commenced."

Dr. Stending-Lindberg warned, however, that women should not take magnesium without doctors supervision. She stressed that the wrong dosage could cause "serious complications."

Hebrew University Research Could Yield Benefits for AIDS Patients

Jerusalem-A finding by researchers at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem could have important beneficial implications for the treatment of AIDS patients.

The researchers have proven that a certain type of mycoplasma-bacteria which lack a cell wall and are considered to be the smallest self-replicating organisms-can cause the worsening of serious infections and neurological complications in AIDS patients. Proper administration of

ordinary antibiotics can prevent these serious effects in the AIDS patients, say the researchers.

In the research, conducted by Prof. Ruth Gallily of the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology of The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and Prof. Shlomo Rottem and Dr. Mark Tarshish of the Department of Membrane and Ultrastructure Research at the Medical School, it was demonstrated that *Mycoplasma fermentans* trigger white blood cells into releasing mediators (cytokines) such as tumor necrosis factor (TNF) an interleukin-1 (IL-1), which have destructive effects on tissues.

These cytokines in excessive amounts are involved in inflammatory and other destructive tissue reactions and are likely to contribute significantly to pathological manifestations in AIDS patients.

The first who raised the possibility of the connection between mycoplasma and the serious effects found in AIDS patients was Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute of France, the discoverer of the AIDS virus. He was not successful, however, in scientifically proving this connection.

In recent research carried out under the direction of Dr. Shyh-Ching Lo of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., mycoplasma were found in various organs of AIDS patients who had died

from the illness. The Hebrew University researchers were the first, however, to prove the connection between the mediators released following infection by the mycoplasma and the serious manifestations of illness in the AIDS patients.

High levels of TNF and other cytokines in the central nervous system have been noted in several human neurological diseases, including AIDS and multiple sclerosis dementia. In a study carried out by Prof. Gallily in



Dr. Shlomo Maayan, head of Hadassah's AIDS Clinic and Maya Skorochood, Hadassah's chief AIDS technician.

collaboration with Prof. Oded Abramsky and Dr. Talma Brenner of the Department of Neurology at The Hebrew University-Hadassah

Medical School, it was found that the addition of *Mycoplasma fermentans* to certain cells in rat brains (astrocytes) caused the production of a high level of cytokines, such as TNF, which have a destructive effect on the brain. This is the first scientific proof that the mycoplasma indeed have the capacity to engender the secretion of destructive mediators in the brain. The researchers also found that corticosteroids inhibit the secretion of cytokines and could bring about the slowing or cessation of the destructive process in the brain.

Prof. Gallily said that these findings could have major implications for medical treatment aimed at eliminating mycoplasma from AIDS patients, thereby alleviating the suffering of these patients for some of the severe effects of AIDS, such as sharp weight loss and damage to the nervous system, even though the treatment would not attack the AIDS virus itself.

for peace, must now do our part to see that the moment is not lost. Our efforts are needed now more than ever. Our prayers must continue, our efforts of advocacy on behalf of the peace initiative must be heightened, our voices must be heard locally, in Washington, in the Middle East.

It is our responsibility to carry the torch of peace here, to maintain the enthusiasm through the local media, our communities, our legislators. We must put aside the ideological barriers which prevent some facets of the Jewish community from supporting

the very dream of peace made real in our prayers. We must recognize that unless we support the initiative, no one else will. We have so much to gain; Peace, above all.

The recent Days of Awe filled us with hope, because we were overwhelmed at the thought of our prayers for peace becoming reality. The historic events we have witnessed have already set us on the road which may lead to lasting peace: The next day after the accords were signed, Israel and Jordan signed a pledge to strive for a "just, lasting

and comprehensive peace. . .” Prime Minister Rabin has traveled to Morocco to explore diplomatic relations, which will come once King Hassan II believes he has fulfilled the role of mediator he can play in the meantime.

As we moved from our High Holy Day prayers to our sukkot, we reminded ourselves to ask God to spread over us the “Sukkah of Shalom.” May the coming months bring us the knowledge that we, Israel, and all the world may know the blessing of peace.



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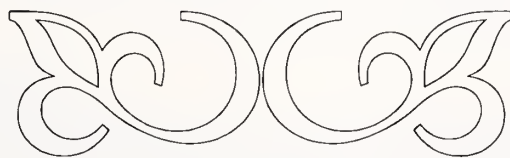
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A SABBATH OF THE LORD

Leviticus 25 contains the commandment to allow the land to observe a Sabbath of the Lord. The Hebrew Year 5754 (1993-94) ushers in such a Sabbatical Year. Fields are not to be sown and vineyards are not to be pruned. The land is allowed a year of rest.

Although this commandment is seldom observed outside of Israel, members of Raleigh's Temple Beth Or believe that recognizing the Sabbatical Year could be instructive for both children and adults.

For the past two years, a group of children has planted crops in a "Sabbatical Year Garden" adjacent to the school building. They kept records on the crops planted (peppers, tomatoes, parsley and other crops). Adults on the Sabbatical Year Committee took the produce to the Food Bank of North Carolina.

On October 15, the congregation celebrated the beginning of the

The LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the LORD. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their field; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the LORD; you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land.

(Leviticus 25:1-5)

Sabbatical Year. It is a time to remember that we are all called upon to pause on our seventh cycle—the seventh day as well as the seventh year—to remember creation. The children will not plant their garden next spring, but they will continue to keep records on what happens while the garden rests. There will be a "no planting" event.

Perhaps regular observance of the Sabbath as an occasion to reflect on the creation of our world, will make us less willing to condone and participate in its abuse and destructions.

*Stephen Jurovics
Dr. Jurovics is a member of the congregation of Temple Beth Or and the Board of Directors of the Land Stewardship Council.*

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

My compliments on all the changes you have been making in the **Times Outlook**, especially the cover and graphics. The cover is now so colorful and crisp that I really want to open the magazine up and read it instead of saving it for later! I also like the cartoons.

I moved from Charlotte to Western North Carolina last year. At one time I was the **Times Outlook** "correspondent" for Charlotte's Temple Israel.

Again, congratulations on the terrific job you're doing. I'm sure you have many more ideas in mind and I'm looking forward to watching them come to fruition each month.

Sincerely,

Laura Knight

Dear Editor:

We received the October 1993 issue of **The Times Outlook** and enjoyed reading the entire magazine. My wife and I were pleased with the new format, the articles, the photos, and news of events in different congregations.

With Best Regards,
Cordially,
Allen Sher

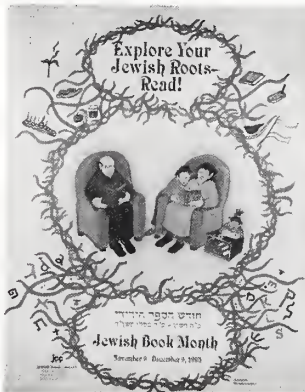
EDITOR'S CORNER

The **Times Outlook** has a wonderful tradition of being the link between the Jewish communities in the Carolinas. It has been suggested by some of our readers that we publish a listing of Temple services from each of the communities. There are many visitors in the Carolinas who may be traveling through your area and would like to attend services at your Temple. As plans and schedules are made for 1994, please send a list to the **Times Outlook** so that we can make all of our visitors welcome in the Carolinas. Thank You!

Whoooooops!!!

Pardon our error.

Rabbi Bennett's editorial in the October issue which appeared on page 2 continued on page 37. We apologize for neglecting to note the page that it continued on. Our apology to Rabbi Bennett.



Jewish Book Month

by Amalia Warshenbrot

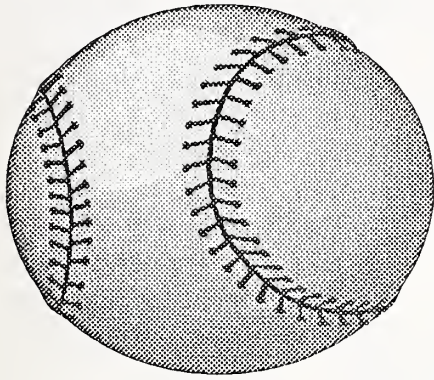
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The 1993 Jewish Book Fair will be held on Sunday, December 5, and Monday, December 6, from 10 am until 4 pm each day. The Book Fair will be held at the Charlotte Jewish Community Center (5007 Providence Road) in the Adult Lounge.

Jewish Book Month has become a widely observed date on the calendar of North American Jewry, with Jewish community centers, synagogues, Jewish schools, libraries, organizations and entire Jewish communities sponsoring Jewish Book Fairs and other special book programs to focus attention on the latest books of Jewish interest.

The Jewish Book Council motto for this year is "Explore Your Jewish Roots - Read." There will be a wide range of books which will explore your Jewish roots. This two day book fair is a once a year opportunity to thumb through the finest Jewish literature for children and adults. It is a perfect opportunity to purchase a unique Chanukah gift for that special person. Gift certificates are available for purchase at the JCC front desk or at the Speizman Jewish Library.

All proceeds of the sale will go to the JCC and to the Speizman Library Fund to help with the purchase of new books. This event is co-sponsored by the JCC and the Speizman Jewish Library. For additional information please contact Amalia or Debby Rosenberger at 366-5007.



An Israeli Field of Dreams

by Ruth Heiges

(WZPS) For the past seven years, the Sharon Valley Baseball Association, under the watchful and loving eye of former Texan Randy Kahn, has been growing from strength to strength.

With the emphasis on coaching Ethiopian-born youngsters and Israeli children from underprivileged neighborhoods, the Association has recently held its first summer baseball camp in Israel for foreign and local baseball enthusiasts.

(WZPS) It was the first time he had made that cracking contact between baseball and bat. So when Ethiopian-born Avi made it to first base and everyone yelled to him to keep running, he did—straight ahead, straight off the diamond, and deep into right field.

Welcome to youth baseball, Israeli style. Scores are not the top priority at this summer baseball camp. Learning to play the game is.

In Israel's best polyglot tradition, the 48 youngsters on and around the makeshift baseball diamond are from myriad backgrounds: the United States and Canada, Australia, Ethiopia, Russia and Israel. Those who could pay to take part in this two-week camp; the rest were sponsored by individuals and organizations from

Israel and the U.S. with an appreciation of the benefits of team sport.

All were brought together by a non-profit organization: The Sharon Valley Baseball Association, founded by Lenny and Randy Kahn, father and son baseball enthusiasts who transplanted themselves from Houston, Texas, to Raanana, Israel, eight years ago.

"Tistakel alai-look at me," calls out former Minnesota Twins pitcher Tom Johnson, reading from transliterated Hebrew instructions. A volunteer coach at the camp, Johnson demonstrates the finer points of delivering the ball across the plate. Nearby, another volunteer coach, Dan Morgan, who played at the University of Minnesota and later in the AAA league, helps another youngster on the "Incredi-Ball," a tethered softball which swings gently toward the would-be batter. "Achad-shtayim-sholosh-arba [1,2,3,4]: swing!"

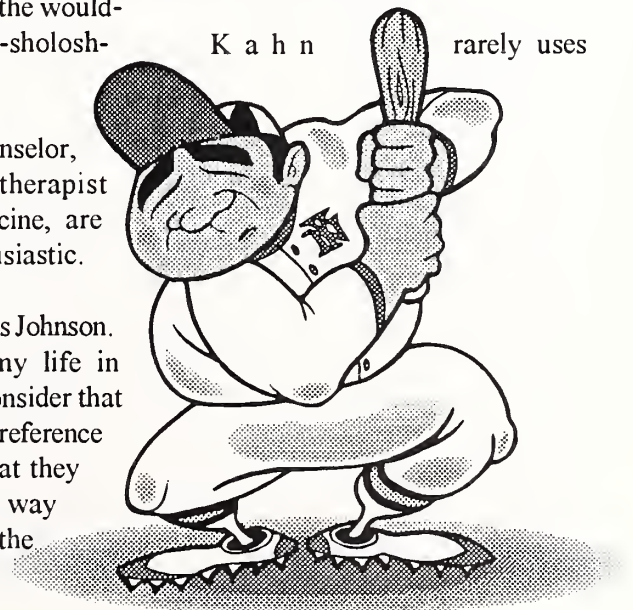
Johnson, now a church counselor, and Morgan, a physical therapist specializing in sports medicine, are equally committed and enthusiastic.

"These kids are fantastic," says Johnson. "I'm having the time of my life in coaching them. When you consider that most of them have no frame of reference for the game, other than what they have gotten from Randy, the way they apply themselves is all the more amazing."

Randy, meanwhile, watches the goings on with mixed feelings. From his viewpoint, the cup is both half full and half empty. While bemoaning what the players don't know yet, he excitedly enthuses over all those who have helped make so much possible.

"Look at this field. It's just a dirt lot, but the Raanana Municipality has been great about letting us use it," he says in a fading Texas drawl. "Do you know how we lay out the diamond? My father takes irrigation pipes in which he has punched holes. He sets these out for the lines, fills them with the marking chalk, then goes over the extruded chalk with a roller." He explains this with a combination of despair at not having an illuminated field for night games, and pride for his father's innovativeness.

K a h n rarely uses



the word "I" when talking about the Association, which he has expanded to 26 teams during the last seven years. Instead, he praises a long list of individuals and organizations that keep pitching for the success of the program.

The list starts with his father, Lenny, a retired criminal lawyer who founded a non-profit organization-Israel-American Baseball-based in Pasadena, Texas, in support of the effort here. Then there is Lois Munchalfen, Lenny's former secretary, who has run the organization since the family's aliya, and acquires the trophies to be presented annually to the outstanding participants. Then there's Obie and Dolores Cohen of Silver Spring, Maryland, who provide baseball caps and shirts every year for the youngsters, and Mike Shapiro, of Far Rockaway, New York who collects used bats, balls and mitts, stores them in his warehouse, then brings them to Israel each year.

Companies in Israel and the U.S. sponsor teams such as the Traffic Rent-A-Car Stoppers, the All-Star Leasing Motor Freighters, the Bank Hapoalim Investors and the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory Cubs. There are currently six teams in the 8-10 age group, eight for age 10-12, and eight for ages 13-15. In addition, there are six men's and women's baseball and softball teams.

"Baseball was the greatest thing for me as a kid," says Kahn. "I lived and breathed it, so it bothered me when I moved to Israel and found that kids weren't playing the game. I believe baseball is a great way to build self confidence and even gives you tools for handling social situations."

Rather than bemoaning the lack of baseball, he decided to do something about it. This included becoming a

certified coach, through courses at the Wingate Institute in Netanya, and a practicum at Georgia Southern University, where he studied with ex-U.S. Olympic coach Jack Stallings. Today, he is on staff at Wingate and conducts courses for would-be contributors to youth baseball.

It is clear that baseball is not an end in itself for Kahn, rather a vehicle for individual growth. "I know that I have changed the lives of some 40 to 50 Ethiopian boys here in Israel and a large number of kids from low-income families. By getting them on the baseball diamond, I'm keeping them off the street," he enthuses.

"The baseball camp is the first of many that we plan to hold in Israel. It was great that ESRA [the English Speaking Residents Association, which sponsors extensive projects for needy new immigrants] and the Jewish Agency made it possible for a number of the Ethiopians to take part in the camp. And the British Olim Society sponsored them for an outing to the Water Park in Tel Aviv; something that these kids couldn't have dreamed of. We create excitement on and off the baseball field for them!"

Next on the agenda is the annual awards ceremony, where medals and trophies are awarded in such categories as "Most Improved Team" and "Most Supportive Attitude." "You should see the kids' faces when they receive a medal. They look as if they've won the World Series," says Kahn.

Assaf is one of the Ethiopians involved in the program. "Everything is different now that I play baseball. Before, I left the absorption center only to go to school; every day the same. I was very lonely. Now, because of baseball, it's all different. I am invited to the homes of the other boys

on the team. I eat with them and we go and play baseball together in a field nearby. I am a pitcher. Randy has been coaching me, and one newspaper called me a star. . . Me! Now I can show the other boys now to pitch.

"In school, I get together with my new friends, and my Hebrew is improving. You asked me what has changed because of baseball? My whole life."

HAPPINESS

By Priscilla Leonard

HAPPINESS IS LIKE A CRYSTAL,
FAIR AND EXQUISITE AND CLEAR,
BROKEN IN A MILLION PIECES,
SHATTERED, SCATTERED FAR AND
NEAR.

NOW AND THEN ALONG LIFE'S
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YOU MAY FIND A BIT OF BEAUTY,
OR AN HONEST SHARE OF
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SMALL;

FOR IT HAS SO MANY PIECES, NO
ONE EVER FINDS THEM ALL.

The Challenge for Israel & American Jewish Communities

by Marvin Bienstock

Between 1975 and 1987, Mr. Bienstock served eight years as Executive Director of the Charlotte JCC and 12 years as Executive Director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation. He was the first Executive of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community during the planning for and building of Shalom Park.

There they stood, Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat, hands clasped to seal the signing of their historic pact for peace. They smiled as the applause of the world engulfed them. But, mixed with the plaudits were the dire predictions of the doom-sayers.

If I paid them less than courteous attention, perhaps it was because I was privileged, along with Harry Lerner and Morris Speizman of Charlotte, to have been seated in the gallery of the US House of Representatives when President Carter, Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat formally introduced the Israeli-Egyptian agreement. The professional pessimists were filled with doubts then too, and none of their criticisms and concerns turned out to have validity. If relations between Israel and Egypt haven't moved ahead as fast as might have been hoped for, they never again returned to a state of war. That's the way it will be with this

new, and up to recently unimaginable, treaty. Israel's security, economy, position and role in the Middle East and the World will change, hopefully dramatically, for the better. But one of the greatest side effects of this change will be its impact on American Jewish community life.

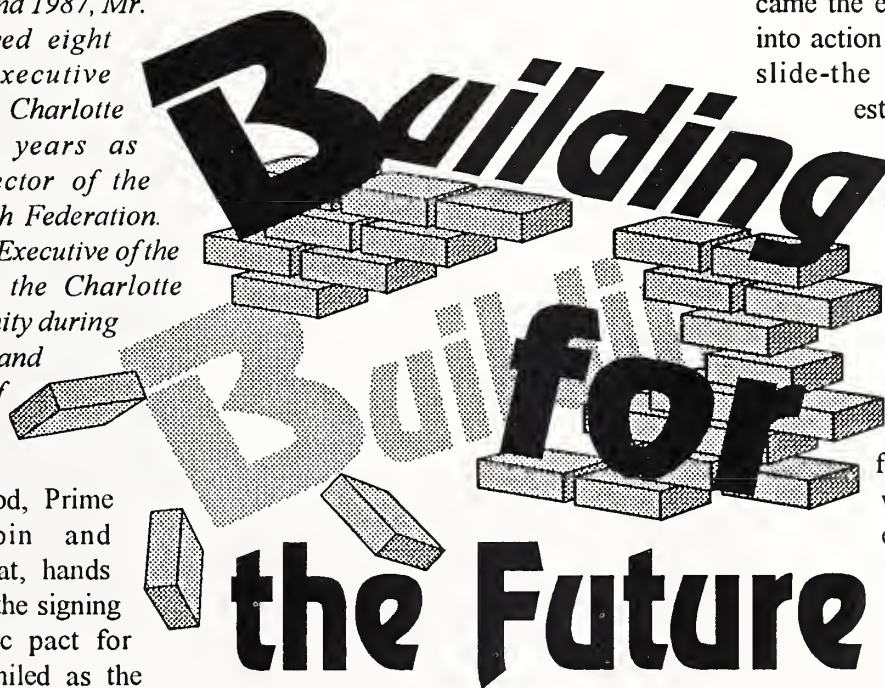
If we don't act now to strengthen American Jewish life, in a few years the world will see the existence of closer relationships between Israelis and Arabs than between the various Jewish groups in our own cities. If we don't make a concerted effort, Israel's rise will be paralleled by our decline.

Sociologists say that in the 1930s the American Jewish community was well on its way to loss of identity and vitality through assimilation. Then

came the events that galvanized it into action to reverse that negative slide—the Holocaust and the establishment of Israel. For fifty years, American Jews have been driven by a vision and a mission of their obligations, as the largest Jewish national population on earth, to preserve our religion, our heritage and our people. We moved from crisis to crisis, from war to war in the middle east, from saving Jewish survivors of Hitler to rescuing Jews from Yemen and Morocco to saving Jews from Ethiopia and Russia.

With the exception of Soviet Jewry and support, both economic and political, for Israel, the life and death causes which have, sometimes tenuously, bound American Jews, their institutions and their organizations together are "history" for most of today's "young" Jews—the 20-35 year olds who will be needed as our leaders. We fervently pray that the catalysts of war and anti-semitism will be absent. What then will be the basis for continuing to preserve Judaism in America?

The problem is very real, and equally real are the resources we have for solutions. Just as I remember the 1977 Camp David agreement, so I remember coming to Charlotte in 1975. The known



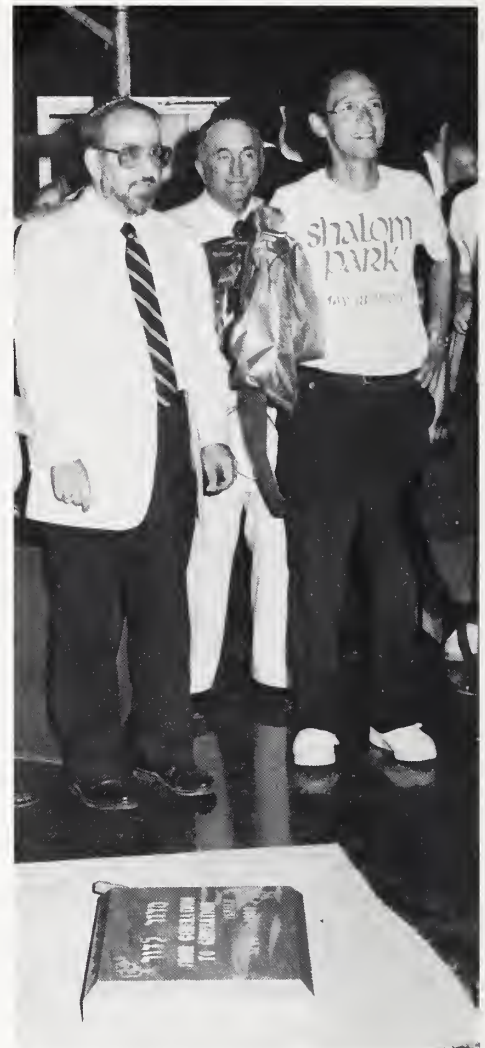
Jewish leadership was concerned about the future of the community. They spoke about their strong Temples, B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, but they saw each going its own way. They saw a decline in affiliation, assimilation and even alienation. In short, Charlotte in 1975 was a microcosm of today's threats to Jewish life. Eleven years later, Shalom Park opened—a model for any and every community, Jewish and non-Jewish, of the ability of diverse groups to work together with mutual respect for each other's rights to self autonomy and self determination.

The truly great accomplishment of the leadership of the Charlotte Jewish community is NOT, for all its magnificence, the building of the physical facilities on the Shalom Park campus. Their slice of immortality is that they studied, labored, learned and developed a process for building community. What they learned can be shared and applied over and over in small, intermediate and large communities. The outcomes will vary depending on the needs and existing resources. The results may not be, nor may they need to be, physical facilities. The results can always be the building of the most important structure on which all else rests, the infrastructure that binds people to each other with ties of mutual acceptance of differences in light of the visions they share for the future. Simply put, Charlotte's leaders learned they had many more reasons to be united than to be separated.

Months ago, when no one had the most remote inklings of even the possibility of the Israel-PLO pact, a group of Charlotte leaders began a process through which they hope to share what they have learned. Their new vision begins with writing a handbook to document their experience and to provide the insights and methods for applying them anywhere. They know

that even the best written materials need to be brought to life through person to person contact. That's why they are working to make those who worked so hard in building the Charlotte Jewish community available to leaders from other communities. They know there are interested communities, because part of the impetus for this vision came through the phone calls and letters from around the country asking for information and assistance in replicating the Charlotte experience.

American Jewry is at a crossroads. For the sake of those who came before and those yet to come, the downhill road is unthinkable. The uphill trail will take each community which chooses to follow it considerable work to reach the high point from which they can see a secure future. Fortunately, one North Carolina community, Charlotte, has already made the climb successfully and is willing to share its map.



Marvin Beinstock, the late Morris Speizman and Harry Learner at Shalom Park dedication.

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As a child, I enjoyed the connect-the-dot drawing game. It was a simple procedure and easy to complete. When finished, a black line drawing on white paper of an animal or object was achieved. It is a shame we don't have connect-the-dot drawings for adults, but if we did, the game would be more complex and take years to complete. We might be surprised at the finished picture, too. For the next few minutes journey with me on my own connect-the-dot drawing.

I sit at Anne and Morris Kaplan's dining room table on a recent hot summer day in Hendersonville as Anne carries in wonderful platters of homemade egg salad and noodle kugel. Her brother, Sammy Williams, arrives to join us. Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again." He never had lunch at Anne Kaplan's table.

Though I never resided in Hendersonville, my family's High Holy Days visits make me feel like I did. So many families from small towns would arrive each year to stay and eat at the town's kosher boarding houses and to attend services at Augudas Israel Synagogue. Hendersonville families were like extensions of ourselves. I have come to lunch with the Kaplans to connect the dots of who moved to Hendersonville when, and who was related to whom. My dots are many and my lines connecting them dash this way and that in a mad fashion on their way to a hopefully clearer picture not yet formed.

The first dot originates in the mid 1890s when Polish immigrants, Edward Lewis, his wife, Ida, and their children arrived at the Hendersonville train station. Edward had been a victim of yellow fever in Montgomery, Alabama and had received a prescription that thousands of others would also receive over the next several decades. Go to the mountain air of Western North Carolina. After a

bench outside E. Lewis and Son Department Store and crowds would gather for her counsel. Though many residents had never even seen a Jewish person before, they soon learned to love and admire the Lewis family. Over the years the Lewis daughters and sons would marry, and the family names of Kantrowitz and Patla appeared in Hendersonville history.



Beryl Cohen (left with white shoes) at E. Lewis & Son Dept. Store in the early 1900s.

short stay in Saluda, NC the Lewis family found the town too small and looked elsewhere. When the train stopped in Hendersonville, Lewis walked downtown and decided to stay. Henderson County's first Jewish residents had arrived.

Though she had an amputated leg due to an accident at age thirteen in Europe, Ida Lewis never let it deter her from actively establishing a religious and bonded family in Hendersonville. It is said on sunny days, she would sit on a

In 1906 H. Patterson and family came to Hendersonville. For eight decades Patterson's Department Store would be a retail institution. One of H. Patterson's sons, Edward, is now eighty nine, still resides with his wife, Doris, in Hendersonville, and is the oldest living member of Augudas Israel congregation.

The Hendersonville Jewish community grew solidly in the early and middle part of the twentieth century. Due to space limitations I ask for lenience if the dots and dashes of my pictures miss a connection or two. The family names of Beckerman, Bercoff, Brenner, Cohen, Fred, Gaeser, Horowitz, Kalin, Lazarus, Levinson, Lipshitz, Lewin, Markowitz, Michaelove, Mottzman, Popkin, Prauda, Pushnell, Rosenberg, Rosenfeld, Reuben, Sherman, Weisberg and Williams among others are noted in Hendersonville history. Sammy Williams says that there were so many Jewish merchants at one time that Main Street literally closed down for the High Holy Days.

I ask for seconds and thirds of Anne's egg salad as Morris Kaplan shows me a tattered ledger book with handwritten minutes documenting the formation of Augudas Israel Synagogue. The first entry is dated September 24, 1922 when a special meeting was held at the Kantrowitz house to form a congregation. Each month they met at another's house and advice was given by the Charleston and Savannah congregations. Records show a charity and a social committee with an early costume party and dance scheduled, but no one was to be admitted without paying for a mask. In 1926, Hendersonville's first and only rabbi, Chaim Williamowsky, was hired. Minutes show that the Rabbi was to be at his residence until 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to kill chickens, and kosher beef would be prepared on Mondays and Fridays. The rabbi soon moved to Durham, NC but that did not stop the congregation. In 1927 a corporation was formed to buy land for a Jewish cemetery and in time a bankrupt utility company building would become the official home of the shul.

In 1920, Beryl Cohen, brother of Ester Lewis, was brought to America from the Diskin Orphanage in Jerusalem. This was a milestone in Hendersonville Jewish history. Until his death in 1964, Cohen would be the "unofficial" rabbi of Augudas Israel. Many children were prepared for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs by Beryl including Sammy Williams and Kalman Sherman who still are active in the community. Mention the name Beryl Cohen and the words sage and teacher are always foremost in people's minds.

A real estate land boom in the late 1920s brought Louis Williams to Hendersonville. An enterprising young man, Williams arrived in Galveston, Texas, from Poland and formed Western Iron and Metal Company. Among other things, the business accumulated bones in the hot Texas sun to be ground into

fertilizer. After later hitchhiking to New York, Williams eventually ended up in Hendersonville and proceeded to bring many family members out of Europe. Every time my father has ever mentioned the name, Louis Williams, he has always begun the sentence with "He was a truly good man." Williams and Sons Plumbing and Building Supply is now run by a third generation of "good men."

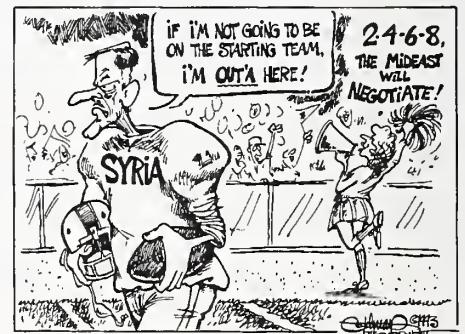
When Sammy Williams was in military services he befriended a young Pennsylvania man named Morris Kaplan. Little did Sammy know how he would enrich Hendersonville Jewish life when he introduced Morris to his sister Anne whom Morris later married. Since the death of Beryl Cohen in 1964, the lay leaders Morris Kaplan and Morris Kalin have led hundreds of services for Augudas Israel.

Come with me now as I regretfully leave Anne Kaplan's lunch table. We now sit in the Augudas Israel Synagogue on a late summer evening. I look to the bima and am comforted to see the two Morris right where I left them so many years before. Tonight the Lewis family from all over the country are in shul as they have arrived for a family reunion. Dan Michaelove, Mayor of Hendersonville for the past twelve years, is speaking of the days of his youth and remembrance of the Lewis family. I see the hugs and kisses all around me and easily sense how deep and far the Hendersonville Jewish connections run. The warmth inside this place is not from the August heat.

If you are anything like me, you may be yearning these days to be able to touch your world again. When I was little and ended up in a dark scary room, the first thing I did was reach with my arms outstretched to touch the walls around me, giving me a sense of direction, a sense of place. Come with me once again to the world of Augudas Israel. It is Yom Kippur, 1993. The main

sanctuary is so full, additional seats are set up downstairs with a large television screen showing the services above. Suddenly I sense an old friendly feeling I had thought lost forever. I feel I can stretch out my arms and feel my world again, for the first time in years. I take my nine year old son upstairs and point out the lighted memorial plaques of his great grandmothers and great grandfathers. He points out others and asks me who they were. I know he, too, is connecting his own dots.

My wife, Denissa, takes my hand and smiles at me. She knows me so well. Without a word, she knows that I have just finished my dots and lines and have a completed picture. The picture is of me, a graying middle aged man who knows not so much where he is going as where he has been. At least for today, that is all he needs.



News & Notes

First Israeli-Born Woman Ordained

A Rabbi in State of Israel At Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem

Jerusalem—For the first time in the modern State of Israel, a native-born Israeli woman was ordained as a rabbi.

Maya Leibovic, of Jerusalem, was ordained by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in a ceremony on HUC-JIR's Jerusalem campus on July 14. Dr. Gottschalk stated, "This historic ordination is a unique opportunity to change the world of the rabbinate by bringing a new perspective, a new angle of vision."

Leibovic, the daughter of Czech Jews who escaped the Holocaust and settled in Israel, is the married mother of four and a former special education teacher. For many years, she trained Israeli *Sh'lichim* (emissaries) to the Diaspora. She has lectured on Judaism at the Tali schools, developed study programs for Israeli parents and their young children, and served as the spiritual leader of the Reform congregation in Mevasseret Zion, outside of Jerusalem. Her husband, Menachem, is the director of the Beit Shmuel, the Reform Movement's cultural center based on the HUC-JIR campus.

Leibovic hopes that the news surrounding her ordination will show the Israeli public that the Reform Movement "isn't just an import brought to Israel by American immigrants. It's an Israeli movement with Israeli values. Over the past few years, an increasing number of women are calling for changes in *Halakha* (traditional Jewish law) that will include women in Jewish study. There is an entire generation of young men and women who are ready for a more active part in Jewish life, but they will meet resistance from the older generation."

In reflecting on her ordination, Leibovic noted, "People often think that if you live in Israel you internalize being Jewish. That's not true. In order to lead a Jewish life you have to consciously make your life Jewish, through study, through mitzvot. But first and foremost, all Jewish children need a good Jewish education. You can't expect an 18-year-old to feel a

natural love of country and religion if no one has prepared him to do so. In Israel's secular school system, children learn Judaism from a historical and archaeological point of view, but not from the standpoint of faith or belief."



First Israeli-Born Woman Ordained—
Maya Leibovic

Fellow students Reuven Bar-Ephraim and Sergio Bergman were ordained with Leibovic. Bar-Ephraim was born in Amsterdam and emigrated to Israel in 1978 where he settled at the Reform Movement's Kibbutz Yahel. During his studies, he served as a student Rabbi in Nahariya's Reform congregation.

Bergman was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has been active in the Jerusalem Reform congregation, "Kol Haneshama," during his studies.

Leibovic, Bar-Ephraim and Bergman bring the total number of Israel Rabbinic Program ordines to fourteen. The six-year program, established in 1977, requires that all students complete an M.A. in Jewish studies in addition to the rabbinic curriculum.

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Kugel & more kugel



Kugel - Jewish Cuisine's Most Versatile Food

Kugel should be love at first bite. If, heaven forbid, the only kugel you have ever eaten was tasteless and went down like a lead balloon, you have never eaten good kugel.

Where Does It Come From?

Since the Middle Ages kugel history has been closely connected to the history of the Jews, their economics and geographic locations. Many very old recipes appear just as they were originally written including one from a rare book printed in 1788. The significance of cholent (stew) in kugel history is fascinating, and the recipes in the "Kugel and Cholent" section are fantastic.

The Kugel Story: not just noodle pudding 2

By Nina Yellin

Smylan Reed Books 204 pp. \$11.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Our readers must have noticed lately that a cookbook is not merely a cookbook any more. The Kugel Story not only is "not just noodle pudding," which is the subtitle, but it is not just recipes for kugel. Furthermore, it is not just a story, but history, dietary information, definitions of cooking terms for the beginner, I suppose, and lots of amusement.

Nina Yellin has done a lot of research, as her exotic and foreign old recipes illustrate. Besides 175 recipes for

various kugels, there are almost half as many for other traditional Jewish delicacies. To be honest, some are not very delicate; nostalgic, nevertheless. Also included are some explanations of interesting origins.

Consideration is given to the cholesterol conscious. However, the U.S.D.A. is quoted: "Eggs are an important part of a healthy diet. They are nutrient-dense, providing essential vitamins and minerals, economical, low-calorie and a source of high-quality protein." Eggs are 22% lower in cholesterol than previously thought according to the U.S.D.A. and 96% free of saturated fat. Eggs contain mono-unsaturated fats, which current research suggest, is healthful.

In my opinion, kugel without eggs is not worth eating, but I am still using

butter. I was taught to make kugel by my Aunt Bessie, who used one pound of unsalted butter and three eggs to each pound of noodles. I reduced the butter to one stick, which would be considered a form of heresy by my ancestors.

One caution: noodles should be undercooked before kugel is baked; otherwise it becomes pasty.

Many recipes for kugel in The Kugel Story are not made with noodles, as we expect from the title. To my delight, there is a recipe for the dessert usually offered in Greek restaurants, "Pyota Greek Style Farina Kugel."

Making this cookbook a nearly complete Jewish cookery source, there are included recipes for gefilte fish, chicken soup, brisket, matzo balls,

kreplach, mandlen, rugelach, chopped herring, chopped liver, knishes, even schmaltz and grebenes. Also you will find all the dishes appropriate to Jewish holidays, plus recipes for challah and bagels, plain and fancy cholent.

Here are some of the unusual recipes:

Pyota Greek Style Farina Kugel

3-1/2 cups boiling water
 2/3 cup quick Cream of Wheat cereal (farina)*
 1 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder
 2 tablespoons butter, small pieces
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/3 cup honey
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 5 eggs
 Topping (optional): Fresh Fruit

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. 10 servings.

Stir cereal and milk powder into boiling water and immediately lower the heat to medium. Cook cereal, stirring continuously until thick. Remove from heat and add butter, sugar, honey, vanilla and cinnamon. While beating eggs, add one cup of cereal mixture. Stir egg mixture into rest of cereal mixture. Pour into greased 10" x 10" pan and sprinkle top with cinnamon. Bake one hour or until knife inserted comes out clean. Serve cold topped with fresh fruit if desired.

**You can substitute grits for a Southern American flair.*

The above recipe is from the Sephardic or Middle Eastern section, and is marked "M" for milchig. All the recipes are designated for milk, meat, or pareve. The following is sweet and pareve.

Fluffy Pecan Noodle Pudding

8 ounces wide egg noodles, cooked 10 minutes
 4 eggs, separated
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 cup pareve margarine, melted
 1/2 cup seedless raisins
 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 8 servings

Beat egg yolks, add sugar, cinnamon and butter. Beat together until well blended. Combine with noodles and add raisins and pecans. Beat egg whites stiff and fold into noodle mixture. Pour into 8" x 8" pan sprayed with non-stick baking spray and bake one hour.

Beautiful Zucchini Kugel

3 zucchini, pared
 2 bunches broccoli, stalks only
 2 carrots
 1 potato
 1 large onion, peeled
 3 eggs
 1/3 cup oil
 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
 dash freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 9 servings

Grate zucchini, broccoli stalks, carrots, potato and onion. Beat together eggs, oil, salt and pepper and combine with vegetables. Pour into 9" baking pan sprayed with non-stick baking spray. Bake 1-1/2 hours until solid and golden. Do not freeze.

Mom Yellin's Bread Stuffing Kugel

1 large green bell pepper, diced
 1 medium to large onion, diced
 2 stalks celery, without leaves, diced*
 1/4 lb. pareve margarine or 1 cup

chicken broth
 1 small loaf good bread** with crust, torn into pieces
 4-6 large eggs, or 8-12 egg whites
 garlic powder, salt, pepper, paprika to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 8 servings.

Saute green pepper, onion, and celery in margarine or chicken broth. Sprinkle generously with garlic powder, salt, pepper and paprika. Break bread into large mixing bowl. Add vegetables with margarine or broth and enough eggs or egg whites to moisten thoroughly. Knead with your hands, checking to make sure the mixture is thoroughly moistened. Pour into greased casserole pan. Beat about one hour until firm and browned or cook stove-top (see instructions in "Hints" section of book).

**Variation: Use 2 cups shredded carrots and 1 cup of sliced mushrooms instead of celery.*

****Use only pareve breads in pareve or fleishig recipes that call for bread.** White bread is usually not pareve and is sometimes not kosher since lard is frequently used as a shortening. Challah is a favorite.

There, you have it. . .and still, justice has not been done to **The Kugel Story**. It needs to be read to be believed. Write to the publisher, Smylan Reed Books, P.O. Box 14311, Scottsdale, AZ 85267-4311. Price \$11.95 plus \$3.50 for 1-4 books, \$.50 for each additional book. It is 6" x 9" with four-color laminated cover.

Editors note: If you have a favorite Kugel recipe to share, please send to: Times Outlook: Food Section, PO Box 33218, Charlotte, NC 28233

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SMILE!

Dental Clinic Puts Bright Smiles on Faces at BJH

For the past 16 years the BJH Dental Clinic has been offering residents something to smile about. Dentistry at the Blumenthal Jewish Home is not limited to emergencies and special needs, but stresses regular maintenance and preventive care.

According to Dr. Steve Mackler, the BJH Dental Clinic is the oldest active dental department of any extended care facility in North Carolina. Prior to 1976, Dr. Tannenbaum of Greensboro received the approval of the Board of Trustees to develop a Dental program that would meet whatever needs residents would have and would not wait for emergencies. By 1977, 13 dentists had volunteered to participate. Soon after, the BJH Dental department became the first fully accredited Dental Department in North Carolina by the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Hospitals.

With 11 dentists and 2 hygienists now participating and volunteering their time, residents have access to treatment for all their dental needs. The clinic operates two days a month

with volunteer dentists from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Durham providing General Dentistry, periodontal work and oral surgery. Maureen McCullough and Marsha Maltba, registered dental hygienists, provide dental hygiene to residents

Coordinator, schedules dental appointments for the residents and arranges for transportation to physicians and medical appointments. Barendia Mauney assists with transportation and with the medical clinics now offered at the Home, the eye clinic, podiatry and dental clinics.



Dr. Steve Mackler presents a gift of a clock on behalf of the Dental Clinic staff to Betty Petticord upon her retirement. Pictured with Dr. Mackler and Betty are Maureen McCullough and Marsha Maltba.

both in the clinic and at bedside if needed. Maureen also teaches dental cleanliness to the nursing assistants, enabling them to give proper care to the residents who need assistance.

Betty Petticord, who was instrumental in organizing the dental program and served as coordinator since 1977, retired from BJH in 1992. Susan Williams, the present Allied Health

Hyman, Neil Lutins, Mark Hyman, Leslie Schlanger, Robert Kriegsman, and Robert Rosenthal, all of Greensboro.

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On the Home Front. . .

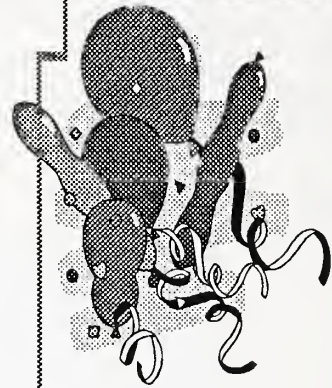
Hats off to:



Wayne Dieser, Director of Dietary at BJH, who finished a winner in the Tour to Tanglewood on August 22. Wayne not only successfully completed the 150 kilometer bike tour, but raised \$170 in BJH pledges for the benefit of local Multiple Sclerosis victims. This race, sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, began in Jamestown, outside of Greensboro, on August 21st, toured to Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC, where bikers spent the evening, and finished with a return bike ride to Jamestown on the 22nd. Our hats are off to Wayne Dieser on his successful participation in this worthy event. Congratulations!



Susan Williams, pictured above with resident Rose Nove. In her position as Allied Health Coordinator, Susan keeps the wheels rolling at BJH, scheduling dental appointments and transportation to medical appointments.



*Happy Birthday
November*

Mary Barrett
Peggy Cole
Else Guthmann
Addie Harris
Amy Idol
Betty Levine
David Levine
Harold Miller
Ann Nelson
Herman Nove
Goldie Sandler
Lillian Snead
Wray Speas

Welcome

May you have along,
healthy, and happy life

Vera Simon Fox
Gastonia, NC

Melvin Karesh
Greensboro, NC

Ralpa Mitchell
Charlotte, NC

Herbert Peck
Clemmons, NC

Bert Kalet, a BJH volunteer and family member, who rode his bicycle from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic. In April, Bert and his wife Dorothy, both retired veterinarians, set off in their motor home to drive to Washington state, where Bert would begin his longtime dream. Bert rode out each day on his 21 speed bike and Dorothy, following in the motor home, would meet up with him for lunch and at the end of the day. After four months and 3,492 miles of pedaling from Anacortes, Washington to Yorktown, Virginia, Bert Kalet, back home in Winston-Salem, said it was fun and he would recommend it to anyone who desires to do it. Our hats are off to Bert and Dot Kalet for riding after a dream and making it happen. Congratulations!

A Personal Miracle

RUTHFIELDS COMPLETE THEIR FAMILY CIRCLE



BJH resident Khaya Groyser receives a visit from a former neighbor in the Soviet Union, Mendel Ruthfield. Mendel, a new-found cousin of Ron Ruthfield's, recently came to the United States to visit.



Gail Ruthfield, Activity Therapist, dances with Fair Oaks resident Pearl Yachnin.

When Gail and Ron Ruthfield became involved with the Winston-Salem Resettlement program for Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union, they knew they were helping to implement a twentieth century miracle for the Jewish people. What they didn't know was how truly personal this miracle would become for them. Gail and Ron have been a host family for one of the first two Soviet families to move to Winston-Salem. They continued their involvement as this family grew, bringing siblings, parents, and grandparents to Winston-Salem.

At a welcome service for the new immigrants, held at Temple Emanuel, Ron Ruthfield's mother, visiting from Florida, was introduced to the Soviet family's grandmother, who had just arrived from the Ukraine. The two women spoke in Yiddish and compared

backgrounds. Mrs. Ruthfield's husband (Ron's father) was born in Zaslav, a small town in the Ukraine; his name was Mendel Ruthfield. Khaya Groyser, the new immigrant, came from Slavuta, a small village 20 miles from Zaslav and had lived next door to a man who she said was also named Mendel Ruthfield. Correspondence in Yiddish and Russian began to take place between the two Ruthfield families and a cousin of Ron's visited the Ukraine family while on a trip to Russia.

The Ruthfield family circle, now spreading its borders, was becoming complete. For Ron Ruthfield, it was a discovery of relatives he never knew existed; for Mendel Ruthfield, it was the long sought answer to a 70 year old question. For years, Mendel had wondered what had happened to his

cousins and to that side of his family. They both learned that Mendel Ruthfield's father and Ron's grandfather were brothers.

This past August, Mendel Ruthfield, 81, came from the Ukraine with his son Gurman, 40, to meet and visit his American cousin. They shared family stories and Ron learned of other living relatives in the former Soviet Union and of those who died in the Holocaust.

Khaya Groyser, from Slavuta in the Ukraine, now lives in the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, North Carolina. Gail Ruthfield, Ron's wife, works as a Recreation Therapist at the Home. In a world growing smaller each day, a universal miracle for the Jewish people has become a unique personal miracle for these families.

BJH Briefs . . .

Summer Ends With Friendship, Music & Fun!



Winston-Salem BBYO members, (left to right), Shana Miller, Leigh Miller, Kasie Miller, David Bednasz, Rebecca Levy and Dana Covitz, decorated the beautiful BJH Sukkah.



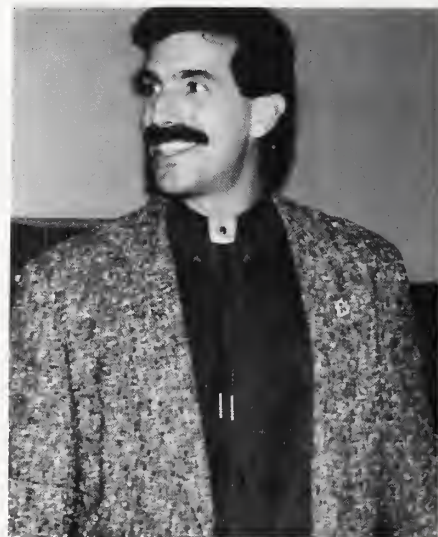
Greensboro volunteer Ruth Jacobs (center), greets residents Dorothy Rodriguez and Herman and Rose Nove at the Joint Opening Luncheon.

Greensboro's Jewish Women's Organizations joint opening luncheon on September 8 was a special event for the BJH residents who attended. Residents enjoyed seeing friends, family members, and familiar volunteers. All were treated to a delicious lunch and an entertaining program. Thanks to the Women's Organizations for including the BJH residents at this annual event.

Musical chords touched the heart with a variety of beautiful programs in August and September. Susan Aizenman presented a concert of Yiddish music in August and members of the Piedmont Opera company gave a preview of opera pieces in September. Mitchell Summers, Director of the

Community Theater of Greensboro, volunteered to entertain for the September Birthday party. Birthday parties are always fun, but Mitchell Summers' performance was a real treat for residents who enjoyed hearing his talented rendition of familiar show tunes and Jewish melodies.

Members of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization from Winston-Salem had a good time decorating the BJH Sukkah in the Courtyard. Leigh Miller, President of the chapter, organized the Sukkah decorating event. Residents have enjoyed the pleasures both of looking at and sitting in the Home's beautiful and Grand Sukkah during a week of perfect weather.



Mitchell Summers, Director of the Community Theatre in Greensboro, volunteered to entertain for the September birthday party.

Sukkot Celebration Provides a holiday treat!



Herman Nove prepares to cut the Challah at the Sukkot Celebration in the BJH Sukkah. Dan Nichols, cantorial and folk singer (behind Herman) provided Jewish music for the occasion.



BJH resident Flo Sag and Fair Oaks resident Nellie Schwarz enjoy the holiday festivities.



Activity Therapists serve holiday refreshments to the residents in the beautifully decorated Sukkah.

Calendar FOR November

- 2 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.**
- 3 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.**
- 5 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.**
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.**
- 9 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.**
- 10 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.**
- 14 Brenner Concert, The Savoy Swing Band, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.**
- 15 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.**
- 17 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.**
- 17 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, Friendship Room, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**
- 19 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.**
- 21 Music with Steve Huyser, Upper Commons, 2:00 p.m.**
- 23 Music with Steve Huyser, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.**
- 23 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Commons Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.**
- 24 Thanksgiving Services, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.**

Sue's News

"Blumies"

Janie Douthit and Rita Wittenberg, our gift shop volunteers, may be seen in "Blumies," the BJH gift shop with smiles on their faces these days. They are enjoying the shop's new look and the brisk business new merchandise has engendered. With new gift items arriving on a regular basis, residents, staff and visitors are enjoying browsing in the shop to see what's new and to chat with these friendly volunteers. If you haven't shopped at "Blumies" lately, stop by and see our unique gifts. Remember when you buy a gift for yourself, you are also giving a gift to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The shop is staffed by volunteers for the benefit of the Home.

Janie Douthit works in the shop on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Rita Wittenberg on Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lydia Thabet, a General Store volunteer, may also be seen in the Gift Shop helping on occasion.

BJH would like to have the gift shop open and available to visitors more often; if you are interested in being a gift shop volunteer on a weekday or Sunday, please call Sue Clein at 919-766-6401.

It's not too soon to think about your holiday gift giving for friends and family with Chanukah beginning December 8 and Christmas on December 25th. Blumies carries the

unusual in gifts for all occasions. New lines include: unique vine handled baskets, small china baskets and flower holders, theme ties, handcrafted, soft, washable pets for toddlers, featuring the "Honey Pot" with *Winnie the Pooh*, the mail box, tent, and cheese house, all with their own critters and much much more. Call Sue Clein for information.



Janie Douthit, volunteer, invites you to visit her in the Gift Shop.

Greensboro volunteer Bill Swirin transports his aunt, Fannie Benson, to the birthday party.



Below: Fair Oaks resident Eva Kaplan is greeted by friend and Greensboro volunteer Edith Cohen at the Starmount Country Club luncheon.

Below right: Josh Rothenberg, a volunteer from Greensboro, assists Helen Bloch in getting to the birthday party.



BJH is Happy to Announce Its Selections for Employee of the Month



William Anderson
Housekeeping
July, 1993

William Anderson joined Blumenthal Jewish Home's housekeeping staff in August, 1990. Since then, BJH, and Fair Oaks in particular, have benefited not only from his dedication to his job, but also from his quiet, friendly manner. William Anderson was born and raised in Winston-Salem and attended A&T College in Greensboro on a football scholarship. A knee injury curtailed a future football career and William entered the Armed Services for five years. He spent 1 1/2 years as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Following the service, he received an Industrial Management degree at a technical school in Shelby, North Carolina, and worked in industry.

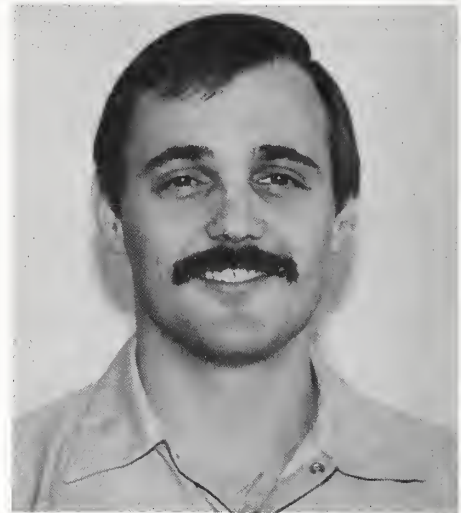
William says he enjoys working at Fair Oaks because he likes being around the residents. "They make my job pleasant. They are a lot of inspiration for me, because each one has a story, they all have lived a long life." William says the

secret for enjoying your job is your attitude. He says, "You can enjoy your job if your attitude is right... you should do your job and not complain."

Allen McManus, Director of Housekeeping, agrees, saying, "William is very dependable, hardworking, and always displays a positive attitude. He shows interest in doing a good job and offers excellent suggestions for improvements in our department."

William Anderson has two sons in college and a daughter who is a teacher. He and his wife Wanda live in Winston-Salem. In his spare time, William likes to fish and hunt, watch sports and occasionally play tag football with his sons.

BJH is pleased to congratulate William Anderson. He is a deserving recipient of this honor.



Randell Ketchie
Maintenance
August, 1993

Randy Ketchie is a familiar face to many residents and staff of Blumenthal Jewish Home, although he joined the Maintenance Staff full-time just a little over one year ago, in August, 1992. Randy began working summers at the Home following graduation from North Iredell High School in Statesville, NC in 1986. Randy attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh, graduating in 1990 with a B.S. degree in aerospace engineering. During his college years he continued to work at the home on summer and Christmas vacations. Randy says what he likes about working at BJH is the sense of accomplishment he has in doing something for other people. "The best thing about working here is you realize you are doing something people appreciate when they say thank you - you don't get that in factory work."

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IN MEMORY
We mourn the loss of:

Helene Baruch
Ben Fox
Mildred Gelfand
Danford Shoaf
Rachel Thompson

May their cherished
memories bring comfort to
their loved ones.

(Employee of the Month cont.)

Randy's specialty is electrical work, but like everyone on the maintenance team, he says, "They all work together and do a bit of everything." "I like a challenge, when I can use what I've learned in school. I am enjoying working on the new Alpha Watch, the security system for wandering residents," says Randy. He and his teammate Harry Cooley have been working to ensure a smooth running system.

In his spare time Randy enjoys other challenges; he is presently building a radio-controlled model airplane with a 6 foot wing span, which he hopes to have flying soon, and he enjoys riding his motorcycle to work each day from his home in Statesville, NC.

Tad McClamrock, Director of Maintenance, praises both Randy's abilities and attitude. "He brings to our department unlimited technical skill as well as the ability and willingness to get into the tightest spaces when necessary. Randy never complains, and is most deserving of this award," says Tad.

BJH congratulates Randell Ketchie, he is an employee we are proud to have on our staff.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in November.

NOVEMBER

7 Years

Janet Kindred, *Director of Social Services*

5 Years

Salinda Monroe, *RN, B-1*

4 Years

Debbie Harris, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years

Margaret Fraser, *Dietary*

2 Years

Tracie Davis, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Beverly Hobson, *Housekeeping*

1 Year

Lillie Glenn, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

Sally Osborne, *Nsg. Asst., A Wing*

Patsy Plant, *Dietician*

Malvernia Rolle, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Visit "**BLUMIES**" at BJH for Unique Gifts



Our shelves are crawling with critters, an exclusive line of soft, washable toys; seen above are the lobster pot, mailbox, cheese house and honey pot with their very own assorted creatures.



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

Harry Sloan



Honor Thy Mother and Father.

These are the words of the Fifth of the Ten Commandments. These words were an integral part of the life of Harry Sloan of Greensboro, N. C.

The Capital Campaign for Fair Oaks is just about over. After completion of the campaign, the Blumenthal Home will turn its attention to increasing both our Annual Campaign and the Endowment Fund.

Currently, our Endowment Fund is at \$2.5 million. It is our sincere hope that we can increase the Endowment to \$7.5 million by the year 2000.

With interest from the increased Endowment, we could fund a great portion of the indigent care which we

Harry Sloan was born in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1907. He trained in Germany to become an optician and optometrist. In 1938, he emigrated to Greensboro where he founded the Southern Optical Company. In 1940, he married Edith. They had two sons, Frank and Tom. He became active in many Jewish causes and was a respected businessman and leader.

Although life seemed to be going well, Harry Sloan had a major regret. He was unable to bring his father out of Germany prior to the Holocaust.

Harry wanted to do something to honor the memory of his father and decided to leave a bequest to the Home in his Will. A few months after his death, we learned that Harry Sloan had bequeathed the Home \$100,000 in

currently provide. Today, that figure amounts to \$620,000 in unreimbursed care.

There are several ways a donor can help the Home to increase the Endowment. He/she could make a direct donation, which could be undesignated or designated for a specific purpose. A person could leave money to the Home in the form of a bequest. Another way, which is just being discovered by many donors, is a planned giving instrument such as a charitable

memory of his father, Richard Salomon.

The Sloan family has asked that the funds be used for capital improvements. The Board voted to use the funds to underwrite a major facelift in the Nursing Home. New residential furniture was bought. Windows have been replaced. Brighter paint colors have been added.

The Board is most appreciative of the generosity of Harry Sloan in his life and at his death. We shall commemorate his act of *Tzedakah* with a plaque which shall be placed at the entrance of B Wing.

remainder unitrust, lead trust, and gift annuity.

Planned giving instruments are a win-win situation. They offer the donor the opportunity to be charitable and provide him/her with financial benefits such as the avoidance of capital gains, tax deductions, and income.

As the Director of Development of the Home, I will use everything in my arsenal. When I call upon my prospects, I will ask them to consider

(There Is a Time to compete, cont.)

one of the above options. Because I am part of a greater Jewish community, I am going to advise the prospect that they can also provide a portion of their gift to the Federation, Synagogue, etc.

With the help of the Home's Board of Directors and leaders in the Jewish communities, we probably can come close to or achieve the goal of \$7.5 million. However, we could come closer to assuring success if we had more people promoting endowment development in the major cities. I am suggesting that each of the respective communities consider hiring an endowment director who would raise funds for their Federation, Synagogue, Family Service, Jewish Community Center, etc.

Why would I, who in essence, is the only Jewish endowment director in the two State area, want competition? I feel that community endowment directors would enhance the fundraising efforts of the Blumenthal Home. They would help to educate their community on the need of giving through the endowment. They would be additional agents in marketing the benefits of planned giving. In essence, they would be expanding the market. The Home would benefit from the expansion of the market and from increased contributions as a result of their efforts.

All of the organizations in the Jewish community are in competition for the charitable dollar. There are times when we get our chances to make our individual cases for giving. There are times when we need to consider combining our efforts to solicit for the benefit of community institutions. There is a time to compete and a time to cooperate.

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Computer Program Brings the Torah to the People

The *Torah La-Am Library*, a computer program designed to be a comprehensive learning tool, makes the Torah accessible to all. The interactive program, which features a Hebrew/English translation of the Torah, as well as over 10,000 pieces of midrashic wisdom, stories, quotes and Rabbinic commentary, is useful to anyone between Sunday School and scholarship. The Library, which is intended to be non-denominational, is beneficial to both teachers and students. It is also very helpful for B'nai Mitzvah preparations, Havurah and group discussions, and sermon and lecture preparation.

A work of encyclopedic proportions, the *Torah La-Am Library* (Torah for the People), was written by Dr. Larry Hurwitz, a Milwaukee oncologist, and reflects his lifelong fascination with humanity's interest in God. Hurwitz began re-writing midrashim in contemporary language when he felt "burn-out" five years into his practice after the daily experience of seeing the entire range of human emotion. When he was diagnosed with cancer himself in 1989 the writing began to take on a life and urgency of its own. While Dr. Hurwitz wrote and organized the material, his son Aryeh programmed a computerized encyclopedia and thus the Torah La-Am Library was born.

The information in the program is all cross-referenced and users may access information in several different ways. With at least one quotation, story, legend, argument, commentary or question for nearly every verse in the Torah, there is nothing else like it in the world.

The *Torah La-Am Library* is available on CD-ROM for MacIntosh now, while an IBM/PC version is in progress. The Library is priced at the "low end for reference software of this magnitude and scope." For more information please contact Torah Productions, Inc., 3070 North 51st Street, Suite 510A, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53210 or call (414) 445-2002.

KIVUN-THE LITTLE SOFTWARE COMPANY THAT COULD

By Gail Lichtman

(WZPS) Made up almost entirely of new immigrants, Jerusalem-based Kivun Computers Ltd. has recently developed a new word processing program capable of supporting 35 languages in a single program.

With the personal computer revolution well underway, Kivun is poised "to boldly go where no American software giant has gone before."

There is something quintessentially Israeli about Kivun Computers Ltd., Israel's leading "Windows" software developer, despite the fact that 80 percent of its 35 employees are immigrants to the country. This small Jerusalem-based company, which was founded in 1988 in a garage by two American-born brothers, is gearing up to take on the \$2 billion European

multilingual software market with the debut this September of "Accent," the world's first global word processor capable of supporting 35 languages in a single program. Combining a good deal of Jewish kopf with a dash of Israeli hutzpah, Kivun is poised "to boldly go where no American software giant has gone before."

Even though Hebrew is not one of the languages available, the program owes its debt of gratitude to this stiff-necked language which insists on moving from right to left, thereby creating logistical nightmares for word processors. With a click of a mouse, Rosenschein's program can write in either direction.

"In Accent, we've come up with a multilingual product which has struck a nerve in Europe," notes Kivun founder and president Robert Rosenschein, a graduate of MIT. "We are addressing a market the Americans have completely overlooked. They provide single language applications. We are offering the first major PC application that can operate in 35 languages and alphabets, including Czech, Hungarian and Polish. You even can run a menu in one language while typing in another."

Avinoam Gusner, managing director of "Intersoft" in Jerusalem, however, is doubtful multilingual word processing will take off in Europe. "People there mostly use one language and need only one word processing program," he says. "Multilingual word processing is useful only when different languages are used within the same company. I'm just not sure there's a market for that."

During its first years, Kivun wrote Hebrew versions of major American software and designed a Hebrew typesetting program. Its big break came in the summer of 1991 when

with a staff of seven it received a contract from Microsoft Corp. to help develop a Hebrew version of its Windows system. They had come to the right place, for during a trip to the U.S., when Rosenschein was still an independent consultant based in Israel, he was given a sneak preview of a new product-Windows. "I felt I was getting a glimpse into the future," Rosenschein recalls. "Computers were all text-oriented at that time. Windows was graphical." Convinced that Windows would be a hit, he set his mind to becoming an expert on it.

The Microsoft project infused capital and new life into Kivun and the number of its employees doubled. But more important, it "gave us a tremendous understanding of the internal workings of Windows," Rosenschein notes. With this knowledge, the company's whizzes began to explore how to make their product in a whole new dimension-multilingually.

Out of this came "Dagesh" (Hebrew for emphasis), a multilingual word processor for Hebrew, English and Russian. There was nothing even remotely like it on the Hebrew Windows market, and Kivun suddenly found itself dominating the Windows word processing scene.

In its first six months, Dagesh sold a record 5,000 units in Israel, and it is now being distributed in 10 other countries around the world, including the UK, Belgium, Switzerland, Australia and Brazil. The largest market is in the U.S. where Davka Corporation of Chicago is the product's distributor. "We're now developing custom versions for the Israeli government and the army," says Rosenschein.

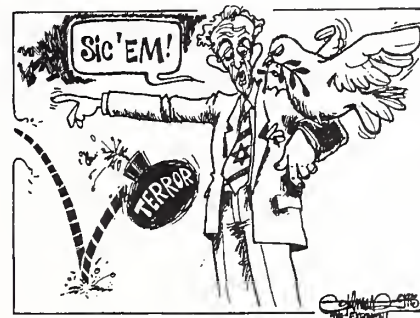
"It's true there are more sophisticated programs available in Hebrew, such

as Microsoft Word," admits Gusner, "but Dagesh is more advanced in bidirectional capabilities."

With peace peeping over the horizon, the overseas market may soon include some currently unthinkable customers. A grant from the Office of the Chief Scientists in the Ministry of Trade and Industry was recently received to develop an Arabic version.

Kivun also plans to enter the Oriental market, with multilingual word processors in Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, etc.

"As the world gets smaller due to advanced communications and technology, the need for multiple language computing will increase," says Rosenschein. "Israel is the world's most multilingual society. We therefore understand the need to provide truly international software solutions."



Jewish Vocabulary Quiz

Match the words in Column I with the words in Column II.

This quiz was created by Dr. Allen Sher

I.

II.

1. Schneider
2. Bulba
3. Rachmones
4. Shlok
5. Meshugge
6. Pushke
7. Behayma
8. Krenek
9. Chasseneh
10. Farblondjet

- A. a potato
- B. mother-in-law
- C. a tailor
- D. cheap, shoddy merchandise
- E. wedding
- F. an an illness
- G. lost
- H. crazy
- I. little children
- J. pity
- K. a cow
- L. a can fo money that will go to charity

ANSWER

Answers: 1. C; 2. A; 3. J; 4. D; 5. H; 6. L; 7. K; 8. F; 9. E; 10. G

TEMPLES

Temple Beth El

Charlotte, NC

By Lynne Cojac

Temple Beth El's new building, now just over a year old, is a haven of activity every day of the week. Whether at maximum capacity during the High Holy Days or during daily office hours, there are busy staff members and volunteers constantly at work making Temple Beth El the vibrant place it is.

Sisterhood and Future Knits, Inc. present an evening with John Rosemond on Monday night, November 1st at 7:00 pm in Silverman Social Hall. Mr. Rosemond is a nationally syndicated columnist and is Director of the Center for Affirmative Parenting. He will speak on the subject of Effective Parenting Skills and participate in discussion following his talk. A dessert reception will follow. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at Temple Beth El. Admission is open to the public.

Michelle Janco will become a Bat Mitzvah during Shabbat Worship on November 6th. Michelle is the daughter of Robert and Minda Janco.

A Shabbat Dinner will be held by the Temple's Religious School at 6 pm on November 12th. A 7:30 pm Family Service will follow.

Meredith Kufert, daughter of Robert and Judy Kufert, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday November 13th.

The wedding of Angela Sturkey and

Mark Greenberg will take place at the Temple on Sunday November 14th.

Sisterhood's monthly Board Meeting will be held on November 15th. After a short business meeting, the Board invites all Sisterhood members to join in setting up the Sisterhood Annual Attic Sale which will open to the public November 21 and 22 from 9 am to 4 pm and November 23 from 9 am to 2 pm. Proceeds raised help underwrite the budget of the Temple's Religious School, insuring Jewish Education for the next generation. Please come and lend a hand!

A special Oneg Shabbat on November 26 will be hosted by Arnold and Honey Kridel, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and Steven and Debra Goldstein, honoring the naming of their daughter, Marlee Taylor. Marlee's proud big brothers are Brett and Gregory.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no Cradle Roll program for the month of November. The next Cradle Roll will take place during Chanukah on December 12th.

Plan your Chanukah Shopping early! The Temple Beth El Judaica Shop Chanukah Sale will run from December 2nd through December 10th from 10-4 Monday through Friday and 9:30-1 Sunday.

The Annual Chanukah Dinner, sponsored by Sisterhood, will be on Friday night December 10th at 6 pm. Further details will soon be available.

The Temple's College Connection program welcomed students from UNCC, Queens College, Davidson College and Winthrop University during the High Holy Day season. Rabbi Andrew Koren, the new Director for North Carolina B'nai B'rith Hillel,

is enthused about working with Rabbi Bennett and Temple Beth El's College Connection to strengthen Jewish Life on these North Carolina campuses.

Temple

Beth Ha-Tephila

Asheville, NC

By Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

The well-attended first meeting of the season was held on Sept. 11. After the customary continental breakfast and brief Sabbath worship service, the group discussed the preface and the first 2 chapters of "Tough Choices" by Vorspan and Saperstein. The spirited discussion was led by Rabbi Ratner.

The Sisterhood

In the Temple Bulletin, Irene Braun, Sisterhood president, thanked "Jeanne Vachon-Zerkin for her baking, the Kays for the Oneg on Aug. 6 celebrating Herb's birthday, Mark Lockaby for sponsoring the ice cream social on August 13 celebrating his recent simcha."

Sisterhood again invited the congregation to the annual Rosh Hashana reception after services, held this year on Wednesday, Sept. 15, and to the Break-the-Fast at the close of Yom Kippur on Saturday, Sept. 15. Ruth Weber and Judy Haller were co-chairs of the reception, and Abby Roberston and Cele and Jules Resnick were responsible for the lavish Break-the-Fast.

The Brotherhood

Brotherhood president Les Schachter wished everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Something New

On Sept. 11 beginning at 10 pm, there was a reception in Unger Hall for the Temple's organist and High Holiday choir. Light refreshments were served. Then Rabbi Ratner led a challenging interactive program related to the High Holidays. Havdalah and the S'lichot Service followed in the Sanctuary at 11 pm and concluded before midnight with the sounding of the Shofar.

New Children's Services

This year there was a Rosh Hashana children's service on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 2:45 pm at the Temple, led by Rabbi Ratner, with songs, stories and the blowing of the Shofar. On Yom Kippur, the children's service took place at 2:45 pm, when they heard the story of Jonah, among other memorable things.

Many Thanks for The Beautiful Flowers

The flowers on the Bima at the Rosh Hashana services were given by the Gilreath and Rosenberg families in memory of Ed Rosenberg; the Yom Kippur flowers were donated by Sarah Goldstein in memory of her husband Bernard Goldstein and her sister Jeannette Klein.

And More Thanks

To quote Rabbi Ratner in the Temple Bulletin: "Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila is grateful to Ellen Gilreath for her donation of several dozen Kippot (Yarmulkas) in honor of Spencer's recent Bat Mitzvah. In addition, the Congregation is appreciative to Dennis Winner for his donation of five Tallitot and to Cele and Jules Resnick for the donation of one Tallit in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary."

And More: In connection with the recent handsome and extensive

refurbishing of the Sanctuary, the Rabbi said, ". . . Special thanks are tendered to Buddy Reisenberg, Hyman Dave, Irene Braun, and Sally Pearlman. Rose Rose, the chair of (the Sanctuary committee), has put her heart and soul into this project and we are deeply indebted to her. Finally, thanks to all who have already contributed to make this collective dream a reality. . ."

And Still More! The Rabbi said, "Thanks are tendered to several families for their contributions to our library: Irmgard Lichtenfels for Graetz' 7 Vol. "History of the Jews"; the Schrier family for two boxfuls of books on Judaism including "The Jewish Catalogue," "From Beirut to Jerusalem," and many, many more; and the Wertheimers for "A History of the Jews in America" by H. Sacher and "Heritage: Civilization of the Jews" by Abba Eban. . ."

Outreach

The group met for a family get-together, including grandparents, on Oct. 2 at the home of Jeanne and Leif Vachon-Zerkin. The program included decorating the Sukkah, dinner, and Havdalah.

Special Sukkot Services

Morning Sukkot service were held in the Temple's Sukkah on Sept. 30. The Lulav and Etrog was waved.

Sukkot Family Service

On an occasion specially made for children and their families, everyone was invited to a family Shabbat and Sukkot service on Friday evening, Oct. 1, at 7:30. This event afforded a chance as Rabbi Ratner said, "to sing and act out our favorite Sukkot story in the Sukkah."

Kol Nidre Special Treat

Judith Kutt, the well-known cellist,

played Kol Nidre along with our choir and our indispensable organist Jean Valerio. Bill Vernon was the featured soloist. If applause had been appropriate, it would have been thunderous.

Yom Kippur Discussion Group

The theme of this year's Constance Head Memorial Study Hour was "The Poetry of Atonement." Held on Sept. 25, this annual event was distinguished by the presence of Dr. Edward Katz, Assistant Professor of Literature and Language at UNC Asheville. He presented poetry with themes of atonement, and ably led the discussion.

The Rabbi to Teach

From the Temple Bulletin: "Rabbi Ratner has once again been invited to join the faculty at our two local colleges to teach in this Fall semester. At UNCA he will teach Humanities 124: The Ancient World. . . Rabbi Ratner will teach a course on "Introduction to Judaism" at Mars Hill as part of our Brotherhood-supported Jewish Chautauqua Society Resident Lectureship Program. . ."

The Rabbi as Chaplain

"Rabbi Ratner has agreed to serve as Jewish Chaplain for the Asheville Police Department and for Solace, the in-patient care facility of Hospice." - Temple president Frank Gilreath in the Temple bulletin.

New Membership Committee

Frank Gilreath has announced that a new membership team has been chosen, comprised of Abby Robertson, Chair, and Rose Rose, Betty Katell, and Shirley Berdie.

Mommy and Me Jewish Holiday Program

The vital and versatile Susan Ratner is

now teaching Kindergarten in the Religious School on Sunday morning. As a consequence, the monthly Mommy and Me program moved to its new time on Tuesday mornings. The New Year was ushered in during the opening event on Sept. 21.

Office News

Temple President Frank Gilreath called on the congregation to welcome our nice new secretary Lonnie Gentile. We're very glad to have her.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Helen Pozner on the August 27 birth of her newest grandson, Shane Matthew Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson of New Orleans, LA.

To Mark Lockaby, Mordechai ben Avraham v'Sarah, on his recent conversion.

To Estelle Marder on the recent marriage of Laine Barton, Estelle's granddaughter, which took place in Asheville.

To Terry and Doug Baird on the birth of Sarah Teal Baird on August 9 and to the grandparents, Mary and Buddy Riesenber. To Richard and Chris Lewis on the birth of their new grandson, Clinton Lewis Cranford, on July 16. The proud parents are Steven and Stephanie Crawford of Ocean Grove, N.J.

To Helene Greene, whose successful candle business, established with her sister Trudy Vautri, rated an article in the Sept. 15 Asheville Citizen-Times.

To the Karpen family whose company, Karpen Steel Products, won an Asheville Chamber of Commerce Manufacturer of the Year award. Rachel Smith is company president.

Welcome

A heartfelt hello to new members Leslie Sipes, Mark Lockaby, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Corets and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drecksler.

**Beth Israel
Synagogue
Asheville, NC**

By Lillian R. Wellisch

Mazel Tov to our members Evelyn and Barry Landsberg, who have embarked on a "first for Asheville." They have opened a shop, "Arrowhead Ceramics," teaching and sharing their knowledge on hobby ceramics for all ages, including many Judaica projects.

Congratulations to our recent high school graduates, Jill Friedman, who will be attending Northeastern University in Boston, Teddy Carr, who will be attending Centre University in Kentucky, and Dana Carr, who will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Beth Israel extends a warm welcome to our newest members: Jack and Charlotte Solomon of Hendersonville, Seth and Joanne Krebs of Asheville, and Beth Sutton, along with her son, Jacob, who are from Marion. We are also proud to welcome our newest associate member, Robert Eidus, of Marshall. We are delighted to be "bursting at the seams" with old and new members extending the Beth Israel family.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Eric Wellisch on the marriage of their son, Dan, to Julie Sharpe on September 5, 1993, in Glencoe, Illinois. Dr. Wellisch was his son's best man and the bride's

cousin, Janet Kaplan, was her maid of honor. The couple will reside in Glendale Heights, Illinois.



Dr. & Mrs. Dan Wellisch

Tot Shabbat is coming to our congregation! All across the country, Synagogues are implementing the "Tot Shabbat." The service is parent-led for parents and their one to six year old children. Beth Israel will host our own "Tot Shabbat" once or twice a month.

Barbara Miller, Principal of Bet Sefer Sunday School, announces that a pilot program developed by Elissa Brown and Debi Miles will be implemented in our School. "This is just a beginning," she said. "We hope to share our curriculum with any congregation throughout the country." She and the two authors further explained to the children's parents that Beth Israel Religious School offers a holistic approach to Jewish education. "Our program is designed to provide your child with the tools to enhance his/her Jewish identity. We see our school as an integral part of raising a Jewish child, through B'nai Mitzvah, into a Jewish adult. The curriculum is a progressive, spiral curriculum in which concepts are introduced and taught at each grade level. At the next grade level, depth and reinforcement are added to some of the previous years' concepts and other new concepts or topics are introduced. There continues to be a flow of the old and new. After reviewing the unique needs of the Asheville Jewish Community and with regard to the Religious Sunday School at Beth Israel Conservative

Synagogue, the following concepts will be covered from pre-K through seventh grade Sunday School: Overall Headings: For Beth Israel Sunday School Curriculum, Grades Pre-K-7: Home Life, Synagogue Life, Life Cycle, Calendar/Holidays, Language-Hebrew, Torah/Midrash, Israel, Mitzvot, Tefillah/Prayer, Ethics, Jewish Throughout History and Literature, Community Service, Current Events.

Break down of topics per class/grade level: Aleph: Holidays, Jewish Home Life, Synagogue, Life Cycle, Torah. Bet 1 and 2: Holidays, Jewish Home Life, Synagogue, Life Cycle, Torah, Israel.

Hebrew/Language (Incorporated in above topics): Gimmel: Holidays, Jewish Home Life, Synagogue, Torah, Israel, Jewish Heroes, World of Difference. Daled: Jewish Home Life, Synagogue Life, Jewish Heroes, Tefillah, Israel, Ethics, World of Differences, Jewish Throughout History/Literature.

Hebrew Language (Incorporated in above topics): Hay: Ranges of Judaism, History/Literature-Holocaust, Ethics, Current Events-Local, National, International, Community Service Project.

And last, but certainly not least, Beth Israel Congregation extends a Very Healthy and Happy New Year to all readers of the Times Outlook in the state and elsewhere.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, NC by Terri Sullivan

Temple Beth Shalom happily celebrated another Bar Mitzvah the first week of October. Friends, family and community were very proud of Adam

Berndt and the wonderful job he did. No one was prouder than his father Ron, who was one of Adam's first Hebrew teachers. Congratulations to all.

Our year has gotten off to a quick start with the celebration of the High Holidays. Our first "Rabbi's Weekend" was October 8-10 and we very much enjoyed having David Schoneveldt as our new religious leader. David, who currently lives in Gastonia, also met with Sunday School children and conducted a Simchas Torah service with them. We are looking forward to a successful and fun year with David as our Adult Education Director, youth teacher, music instructor, etc., etc.!

Our first fundraising event for the year was an Art Auction held on October 16. It was well supported by members and non-members alike. Hors d'oeuvres and champagne set the tone for the evening as our local Suzuki music school provided elegant entertainment during the art preview and Silent Auction. It took a lot of hard work by many and we are grateful to all participants for their efforts. It was well worth it.

Two members of our synagogue have been ill and we wish speedy recoveries for them both. Phil Datnoff of Hickory and Lottie Lerner of Lenoir-feel better soon.

Hickory youth participating in school and city-wide athletics always makes us proud. Included in this group are Michael Sullivan, Ross Guttler and Adam Berndt playing soccer for Grandview Middle School; Kacee Cole on the volleyball team for College Park Middle School; Joseph Garrick, Emily Sullivan and Alex Guttler playing soccer on teams for the local recreation department. Good luck to all teams involved.

Personals



Herman Blumenthal

Blumenthal Wins Belmont Abbey Civics Award

Charlotte Businessman and civic leader **Herman Blumenthal** is the recipient of the first Chuck Grace Award from the board of advisers of Belmont Abbey College in Belmont.

The award is to be presented each year to an outstanding area business person and resident whose contributions and commitments have significantly improved the quality of life in the region. Blumenthal is chairman of the board of Radiator Specialty Co. in Charlotte. He was recognized for his support of religious, educational, health care, civil liberties, social services and arts and humanities organizations as a trustee of the Blumenthal Foundation and for his other civic work on the boards of numerous groups.

The award is named for Chuck Grace, president of Cummins Atlantic Inc. in Charlotte and a longtime supporter of Belmont Abbey. He is currently on the board of trustees and is its immediate past chairman.

Benjamin & Sylvia Schwartz receive Civitan Good Citizenship Award

Benjamin Schwartz and Sylvia Schwartz, active in many aspects of community life and service for more than 40 years, have been named recipients of the Wilmington Civitan Club's 1993 Good Citizenship Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have brought effective and energetic leadership and service to Wilmington and New Hanover County for many years, beginning before World War II and continuing to the present. Each has made lasting contributions in many areas, including education, business, political, cultural, civic, legislative, health and religion.

Together, they have been active in United Jewish Appeal, and she is a former president of the NC Association of Jewish Women and Men. Both have been active in their synagogue, B'Nai Israel.

Mr. Schwartz encouraged and supported the formation of a local chapter of Women in Action for the Prevention of Violence and its Causes, and Mrs. Schwartz worked tirelessly on its behalf.

The Schwartzes have two children, Dr. Mel Schwartz of Boston and Dr. Maxine Seller Schwartz of Buffalo, NY. They have six grandsons and one great-grandson.

Goldberg-Hennes Wed



Mrs.
Michael
Hennes

Organizations



L. to R. Rick Deckelbaum, Minerva Eibender, Sandy Deckelbaum, Emily Deckelbaum, Jo Deckelbaum, Stan Deckelbaum & Gizella Abramson-membership.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

By Linda Landau

Four generations of Hadassah members celebrated a special birthday in Raleigh. Mrs. Minerva Eibender was presented with the gift of Life Membership on the occasion of her 90th birthday by her children Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, grandchildren Jo and Rick Deckelbaum and great granddaughter Emily. Four generations of Hadassah Life Members and two generations of Hadassah Associates shared this Simcha at the September 28th meeting.

Elegance and beauty as well as tradition were set before the members at the September meeting. Artwork, homewares and ceremonial objects related to Shabbat, Passover and Chanukah were displayed by Susie Kosten, owner of Mazel Tov Gifts, the only retail outlet for Judaica in Raleigh. Israeli glassware, porcelain and silver, hand embroidery and other needlecrafts created by a Triangle resident from Russia, calligraphy, pen and ink drawings and hand dyed matza covers, all by local artists were just samples of the objects available to grace a Jewish home.

Carolina Jewry Invited to Welcome New Hillel Staff

NC Hillel will host a welcoming reception on Sunday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m., in honor of new Executive Director, Rabbi Andrew Koren, and new Program Director, Julie Anne Zupan. This statewide event will be held at the Hillel building in Chapel Hill.

Among the many events planned for

the day, Hillel students will present a multi-media "Day in the Life of NC Hillel" and Rabbi Koren will offer his thoughts concerning Jewish life on campus. Refreshments will be served. NC Hillel is located at 210 W. Cameron Avenue. For more details or to RSVP, please contact NC Hillel at (919) 942-4057.

Wendy Harriet Goldberg, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joel F. Cohen and the late Dr. Ira Goldberg, of Augusta, Georgia and Michael Steven Hennes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hennes of Charlotte, NC. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hennes resides in Charlotte, NC.

CAJE by Lenora Stein, Director
NEWS

From 7th Street To Shalom Park

"From 7th Street to Shalom Park" a photographic exhibit about the Jewish community in Charlotte from the 1870's to the 1980's will open on

the third floor Carolina Room of the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County Main Branch on Sunday, December 12, 1993, on the fourth day of Chanukah. The photos that comprise the exhibit are from

the photo archive begun by the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society in 1988. Individuals, families and local Jewish organizations have provided copies of the photos: the negatives are in a permanent archive at Shalom Park, with copies of the photos available on request. Copies are also included in the Carolina Room collection at the Public Library and eventually will be part of an electronic, computerized collection for researchers.

The exhibit will include a short video presentation in the Library's video kiosk, featuring clips from the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society's oral history collection on video; from the Historic Walking Tour video of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery; and of Harry Golden, Charlotte's famous Jewish author and commentator.

Artifacts of the Jewish community's growth and development will also be on display



*Temple Israel's Cornerstone
A Piece of History*

The grand opening of the exhibit will feature an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment for families. Jane Breskin Zalben, author/illustrator of Jewish children's books will present a program for children, sponsored by the PLCMC and Black Forest Books.

In honor of Chanukah, latkes will be the special food treat at the program.

Richard A. Klein, Chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, has put out the call to community members to look again through their attics and closets for family photos to add to the historic photo archive housed in the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park and will be returned to you the same day. "Sunday, November 21, the Historical Society will become part of the community's history. Help the Historical Society tell our special story," said Klein.

If your community is interested in working with your local library to dig into your community's Jewish History or if you are interested in the Teacher Workshops please contact: Lenora Stein at CAJE - (704) 366-5007

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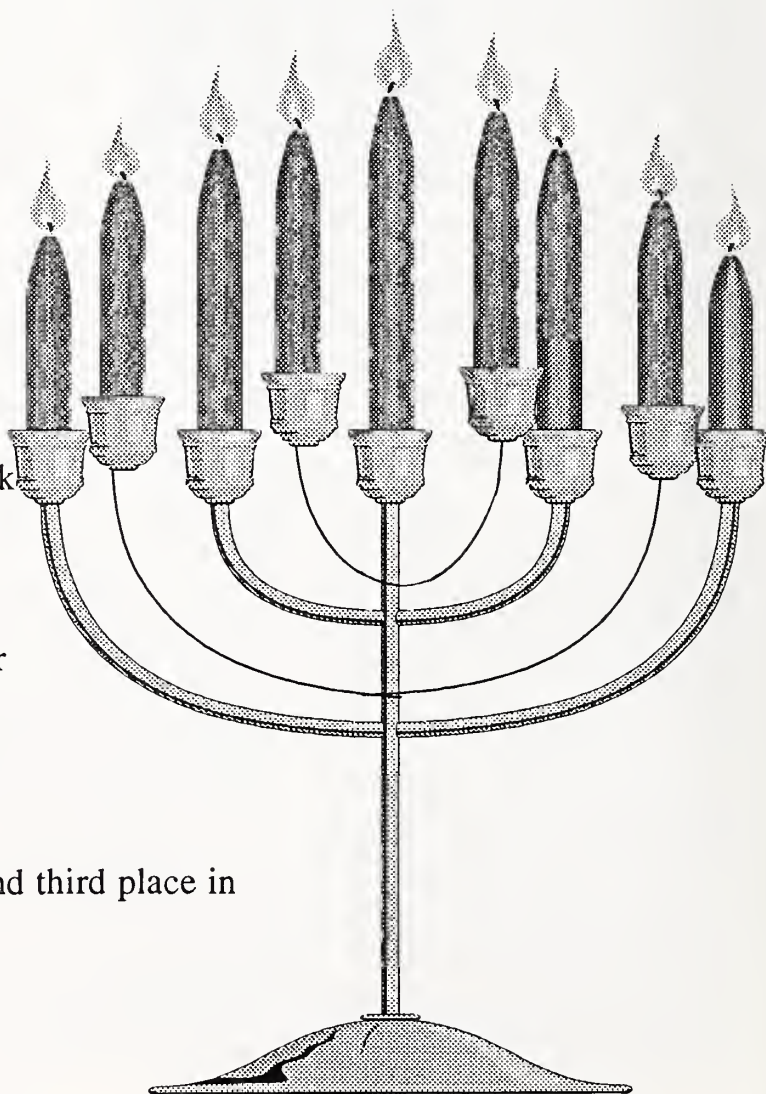
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Reviewed by Lenora Stein

Take a young Jewish ventriloquist, Jonathan Geffner, add a group of snappy, quick-witted puppets including a talking monkey, throw in a very fast moving basic Hebrew alef bet lesson that relies on sounds-alike English double entendre repartee, and you have the recipe for “Fun With The Alefbet!”, a new 40-minute long video for the home market.

Self-described in promotional materials “for all ages”, the video will be lost for children on a couple of counts. First, the Hebrew lesson advances a bit too fast for real instruction and attempts to cover letters, sounds-like English words, sentence construction and simple conversation all at once. Using a TV/VCR remote control to stop/start/pause the video could compensate here. Second, the double entendre humor will probably elicit “groan-ers” from adult audiences, but will most likely sometimes puzzle the kids. More on screen appearance of the Hebrew letters



Jonathan Geffner and Friends

and words while the ventriloquist act banter on through the production might have improved the actual learning experience. The video medium would have easily permitted this and superimposed Hebrew appears intermittently, but not long enough. For instance, when the complete aleph bet is reviewed at the end of the lesson, it might have been beneficial to show each letter as it is recited.

The puppet Mishpochah is sweet, but relies too much for comfort on stereotypical Jewish “voices” which distracts from the video’s content. Reliance on using yiddish-isms will probably lose intended young audiences while mildly entertaining some adults.

Jonathan Geffner is an able ventriloquist and his cast of characters is obviously engaging, with much potential. I’d love to see them “live” minus the alef bet to truly appreciate how clever and whimsical an act they are. “Fun With The Alefbet!” is cute and entertaining. It would have worked better as solely a stand-up routine on video for ventriloquist Geffner and his puppet friends and left the aleph bet lesson to another time and place.

A copy of the video “Fun With The Alefbet!” is available on loan to members from the CAJE Resource Center in Charlotte. Call or write CAJE at (704) 366-5007, Ext. 272; P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, NC 28270.

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'If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?'

Reform Movement Publishes New Parenting Guide to Help Interfaith Families Decide Children's Religion

How should an interfaith couple decide on their child's religious identity?

This question—a burning issue for hundreds of thousands of American families—is the subject of a new book just published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), "If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?"

The 127-page volume is designed as a guide for interfaith parents and as a resource for premarital couples, newlyweds, grandparents, clergy and educators.

The manual, which contains a foreword by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the UAHC—central body of Reform Judaism in North America—was written by Andrea King, a child care consultant for the Child Care Resource Center in Los Angeles. Ms. King, an Episcopalian married to a Jew, notes that the issue of how to resolve differences with respect to the religious identity of the children is among the thorniest faced by interfaith couples.

Among the options she describes are (a) choosing a single religion for the child, (b) raising him or her to observe both faiths, or (c) rearing the youngster to observe no religion at all. "If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids" examines:

When to decide a baby's religious identity;

How religious rituals affect a child's developing self-concept;
What happens when one parent has a change of heart about the child's upbringing;
Special problems in the teen years;
What happens when an interfaith couple's plan for their children's religious identity fails;
The relationship between children and grandparents.

50% Intermarriage Rate Among Jews
In his introduction, Rabbi Schindler notes that currently one out of every two marriages involving a Jewish man or woman is an interfaith marriage. He also points out that the conversion rate from Judaism exceeds that of conversion to Judaism and that only a third of the children of interfaith marriages are presently being reared as Jews.

These statistics, he writes, call for an intensive outreach effort by the Jewish community—an effort to retain intermarried Jews for Judaism, to gather and keep them within the fold, to stanch the bleeding and infuse new blood into the Jewish body through Jewish education.

"A clenched fist and excommunication, I earnestly believe, will not alter the statistics of intermarriage, but a beckoning hand and increased communication may attenuate their impact."

In presenting alternatives and guidance, Ms. King illustrates her points through the example of two family models, the "Cohens" and the "Graysons," representing composite portraits drawn from the author's personal observations, formal interviews, informal conversations and group discussions over a 10-year period. Each family's story is told through a compilation of actual characteristics, comments and anecdotes.

The "Cohens" are raising their two boys as Jews, although their mother, "Kathy," is not Jewish, Ms. King writes. She notes that the decision resulted from long discussions between "Kathy" and her husband "Sam," and talks with other intermarried couples, some of whom were raising their children in both religions. In one case, the "Cohens" spoke with a couple who had initially decided to practice Judaism and Christianity in alternate years, but eventually dropped the arrangement because it created confusion and even resentment in the youngsters.

Half Jewish, Half Christian

The "Cohens," Mrs. King writes, decided that it was "just a matter of common sense" to raise their sons in one religion and stick to it. "Sam" is quoted as saying: "I fail to see how any one person can be half-Jewish and half-Christian, no matter what your parents are or what intellectual rationalizations you see. Christians and Jews think and act differently. Neither way is necessarily better than the other, but they're different."

The second couple, the "Graysons," practice both Christianity and Judaism in order to give their three children "the best of both religions." They celebrate Christmas and Chanukah every year as well as Easter and Passover. Occasionally the children are taken to religious services, but the family does not belong to a church or a synagogue. "We're not particularly religious, but we want the kids to know something about their roots," their mother is quoted as saying.

The book notes, however, that the "Grayson" children acknowledge that although they were raised "half-and-half" by celebrating Christian and Jewish holidays, they are have difficulty defining their religious beliefs and, in fact, consider themselves

neither Christian nor Jewish. One daughter, 16-year-old "Hannah," expressed regret that she had neither baptism, first communion, confirmation or a bat-mitzvah. Noting that her Jewish grandmother had offered to give her a bat-mitzvah if she attended Hebrew school, "Hannah" said she had declined the offer for fear of hurting her Christian father's feelings.

"If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?" tells the story of the two families from courtship through marriage, the birth of the children and their upbringing through adulthood, thus exploring the entire range of issues that interfaith families face.

Typical chapters deal with issues that arise when the children are small, when they reach adolescence and the "empty nest" years, after the children leave home. One chapter is devoted to the role of grandparents in the interfaith family-their relations with the grandchildren and their influence on the children's lives. Another chapter is devoted to divorce, unexpected death, a change of heart on the part of one parent about the children's religious upbringing and dissatisfaction by children with their parents' religious choice for them.

Schindler on Choosing Judaism

In his foreword, Rabbi Schindler writes that the author "has presented interfaith marriage as a poignant human reality apart from the statistics, biases, halachic debates and worried speculation that generally frame-and often dehumanize-the discussion of this topic.

"Andrea King reminds us," he writes, "that 'outreach' and 'inreach' are fundamentally the same-that Jews in North America are all constantly 'choosing' Judaism, having to reaffirm

our faith and make room for it in our lives.

"By reporting the experiences of couples and children who live with the numerous dilemmas of interfaith family life, King brings the issue home to us. As we listen to the searching voices in this book and as we recognize our own sake in their concerns, we experience a deepening of our identification with other human beings that is the very foundation of love, marriage, parenthood and Judaism."

Copies of "If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?" may be ordered by sending a check for \$10, plus \$2.50 for handling and shipping to: UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021. Quantity discounts are available by calling (212) 249-0100.



The Illustrated Children's Old Testament

Harcourt Brace & Co. 192 pp. \$14.95
 Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This is a beautiful book with an unfortunate title. Although the publishers acknowledge in the beginning that *Old Testament* is the traditional Christian name for the material in the book, they state that Jews know it as the *Hebrew Bible* or *Tanach*, and that both groups call it *Scriptures*.

Nevertheless, the intention was to appeal to people of both religions, specifically for children of ages 6 to 12. Besides Christian theologians, three in all, Dr. Tamara C. Eskenazi, Associate Professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles was a consultant. Also, Rabbi A. James Rudin, National Director of Interreligious Affairs for American Jewish Committee, added significant notes on the text.

There is a "Geography of the Holy Land," the history of "Ancient Egypt" and substantial notes on the text, besides a dictionary of 470 terms. In "The Geography," the Land of Israel is used alternately with Holy Land. There is also a chapter about *Biblical Plants and Animals*.

Having made allowances for injudicious selection of titles, in truth this is a lovely, attractive book. The 100 paintings reproduced are beautiful. The artist is the noted Bill Farnsworth.

The pages are high quality, semi-gloss paper. The print is easy to read, but not so large as to appear to be for young children. The text holds strictly to the Bible stories, as we know them.

It is interesting to find the story of Esther, and quotations from *Psalms*, *Proverbs* and *Ecclesiastes* are included among the 75 separate stories. In the front part of the book are maps of "Lands of the Bible" and "The Exodus."

In the book's jacket, we find the promise that reading these tales may instill a "love of the Bible" in any child. There is no Christian slant; the stories represent those in the Bible faithfully, changing only some difficult terms to modern language. It is well worth possessing.

Becoming Brothers

By Howard Waskow and Arthur Waskow
 The Free Press 218 pp. \$22.95

For over fifty years, brothers Arthur Waskow and Howard Waskow have struggled with fratricidal feelings of biblical proportions. Their attempts to achieve brotherly intimacy, to outgrow the roles dictated by their Jewish family of origin and by society at large, and to assess their individuality while maintaining their deep bond are lovingly documented in this first collaborative book, *Becoming Brothers*.

Like Arthur Waskow's twelve previous books, including his landmark *Seasons of Our Joy* and his *Godwrestling*, a classic of the Jewish Renewal Movement, *Becoming Brothers* contributes to the agenda for progressive social change in general, and the Jewish Renewal Movement in particular. The book also has implications for the emerging Men's Movement, the study of family dynamics, and for Gestalt Therapy—Howard Waskow's professional and personal areas of interest.

For the last five years, Arthur, an oft-published leader of the Jewish Renewal Movement, and Howard, a Gestalt therapist, have painstakingly recreated their Baltimore childhood, and have sought to understand the forces that led them to choose very different adult paths—Arthur's political and spiritual, and Howard's interpersonal and psychological. The result is a unique family and sub-cultural portrait which neither masks the process of writing nor attempts to create a unified authorial voice out of the disparate styles of its authors.

Becoming Brothers is a unique testament of the healing power of writing and an intimate look at the lives of brothers. It is Howard and Arthur's gift to anyone with a sibling, or anyone who could benefit from the example of two adult men struggling to make genuine peace with themselves and with one another.

Howard Waskow is a Gestalt therapist living in Portland, Oregon. Arthur Waskow, the author of twelve books on Jewish philosophy and values, is a founder of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC, and a leading figure in the nationwide movement for Jewish renewal.



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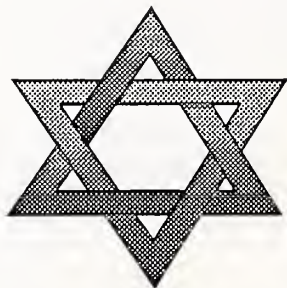
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The Real Chanukah . . .

Bringing the Festival of Lights to Life

by Rabbi Jim Bennett,
Temple Beth El - Charlotte, NC

Chanukah is an enigma. We struggle each year to bring a unique meaning to the holiday. We are told at the same time that Chanukah did not originate as a major Jewish holiday, that it is a minor festival, which we must still strive to celebrate in a special and wonderful way. Chanukah, we are correctly reminded, is not the Jewish Christmas. It is a festival which celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian armies which sought to deprive the Jews of ancient Israel of their religious freedom. Chanukah reminds us of the legend of the Maccabees, who once their battle had ended, returned to the Temple to rededicate it to God. As they cleansed the place of the desecration the enemy had brought upon it, they prepared to light the eternal flame that must burn there. Unfortunately, the only oil available was only enough to last for one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight days, long enough for more oil to be obtained. Thus our folklore teaches us that we, too, must rekindle the flames of our menorah each year to rededicate ourselves to God.

The truth is, there is no historical

evidence of this miracle. It is a beautiful story, which may or may not be true, but our focus as adult Jews upon the miracle and the legend tends to blur the real meaning of Chanukah for many of us. There is a tendency to forget the message of Chanukah, brushing it aside in our effort to make it a fun and joyous time for our children. In contemporary American society, the temptation to imitate the joy and celebration of the Christmas season, to make Chanukah into our children's "Jewish Christmas," has the added effect of making Chanukah meaningless to many adults. It has become nothing more than a quaint reminder of childhood joys.

Chanukah, ironically, has profound meaning for us today, all the more so in light of the challenges of the Christmas season. Chanukah, for each of us as mature Jews, is a time for us to rededicate ourselves to our pride and joy of religious freedom as Jews, and for all people. Chanukah is a time to fight against assimilation, not to buckle under to the temptation to assimilate. Chanukah is a time to bring warmth and light at the coldest, darkest

time of year.

What can we do as adults, parents, teachers to convey this message? First, and foremost, we must serve as role models for our children. If we are ambivalent about our faith, what will our children feel? If we ridicule the traditions and customs of our people, how can we expect our children to value them? If we rejoice and take pride in our Jewish heritage, our children will learn to do the same.

Chanukah can no longer be merely a minor Jewish observance. In society today, it is a constant reminder of the temptation to assimilate. Chanukah is a symbol to ourselves and to our Christian neighbors of the pride we take in being Jewish.

Jews ought to draw upon the rich tradition of our history to find celebrations. Lighting the menorah, singing the traditional songs, making and eating potato latkes or the Israeli tradition of jelly doughnuts, playing the dreidle games with Chanukah gelt, are all ways to begin. We ought to tell the story of the miracle of the oil, but we should also read and tell the real story of Chanukah, and apply it to our lives.

We may also discover new ways to make Chanukah come alive. Gift exchanges, while not intrinsically a part of Chanukah, are a wonderful way to bring meaning and love. *Tzedakah*, doing deeds of loving kindness for others, especially the needy, is another way to broaden the meaning of Chanukah. Filling our homes and communities with light and joy are also in the spirit of the holiday.

As we celebrate Chanukah again this year, may we find new and old ways to rejoice in our freedom, our commitment to the freedom of all, and our faith in God and humanity.

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Recently one of our readers wrote this letter to David Schulman. We would like to share her warm thoughts with you.

Dear David,

As always, it is such a delight for me to read your articles. I save up my reading of the **Times Outlook** when I visit my Dad in Hendersonville each summer. Great waves of nostalgia cover me as I pour through each story.

As adult children of the families of those by gone days, we have chosen different paths in life. I always derive great comfort when I go back to the "womb" of my family and attend services at the Shul with my dad. When he conducts services with Morris Kaplan, it is a moment of pride for me and elicits memories of a childhood spent in the ways you have described so many times.

Thanks!

Claire Jean Kalin Savitt

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Once again, the spirit of the holiday season is upon us. We find ourselves rushing around buying that special something for a loved one, or filling our homes with wonderful smells and sounds of food and festivities. It truly is a wondrous time of the year.

Perhaps as we light the Chanukah candles and our homes are filled with a glow, a warmth we can stop, just for a moment, look around and be thankful for our good fortune. Then we can reach out and share the true spirit of the holiday.

After all the true spirit of the season comes from within our hearts!
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A Lot of Heat . . . Little Light The Made-in-Israel Candle Mystery by Ruth Heiges

(WZPS) Sitting in a trendy Tel Aviv cafe on a Friday morning, I am suddenly confronted by a patient but persistent face framed by a scarf—the hands which go with it thrusting a box of Shabbat candles at me. I don't know whether the woman hopes to save my Yiddish soul or is counting on my guilt or compassion to buy that box of candles.

Pushing my shopping cart through the grocery store, the large wire bin filled with gaudily printed boxes of Chanukah candles are a simple reminder that it's that time of year again (no token Chanukah displays here vying for attention with nativity scenes and plastic reindeer). I look further and seek out the longer, dripless ones I've come to prefer; a bit more expensive, but they look so beautiful as, day by day, they fill up my Chanukah menorah.

Candles are part of Israel's lifetime landscape, marking weeks and seasons, joy and mourning, giving off a glow to illuminate our awareness of the specialness of the day. Yet, everything about buying the candles is very casual. After all, to paraphrase, a candle is a candle is a candle. . . isn't it?

Apparently not in Israel, where candle producers put a lot of time and thought into creating candles by varying methods with distinctive shapes, colors and patterns.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade has no production statistics. The Israel Export Institute has no export figures. And ask a candle producer about his company's output or export figures and one is met with the type of hedging usually reserved for state secrets.

Fortunately, the Manufacturers Association was able to shed some light on the heat I was getting: "They probably think the competition has sent you as an industrial spy."

In my new-found role as a spy, then, I decided on a different approach. By carefully drawing out my "quarry," I got responses ranging from cautious pride to waxing eloquence. Beeswax, that is.

Safed Candles, located in the ancient quarter of Safed, uses some 15 tons of beeswax annually in the creation of its hand-dipped candles. The company started as a one-person operation only five years ago and today employs more than 20, most of them Breslov Hassidim. While making the transition from secular to religious Jewish life, founder and manager Moshe Shachar experimented with making candles. He concluded that beeswax gives off a softer, warmer light than paraffin, with a sweet scent reminiscent of honey, and set about making candles for the range of observances.

In a bow to their beehive source, the Chanukah candles from Safed Candles are packaged in hexagonal plastic

containers. There are even smaller quantities for use only as a "shamash" (auxiliary candle for lighting Chanukah lamps) but those who prefer lighting oil instead of candles, and natural, earth tones are used as far as possible.

The company produces mostly Shabbat candles, which burn from between two and eight hours, depending on their size. Particular pride is taken in their hand-braided havdalla (ceremony at the conclusion of Shabbat and festivals) candles, some as long as two feet long with as many as 26 wicks.

Two designers create sculptures in wax on both Jewish and whimsical themes, which are displayed at the company's gallery and factory showroom. Safed Candles are distributed by Rite Lite in North America and by Happy Light in England. In Israel, they are sold in fine Judaica shops and at the company's showroom.

Gila Golan of "Ya'arat Hadvash" ("Honeycomb") candles, grew up with the scent of honey and beeswax. In the 1930's, her grandfather concluded that there was no future in Germany for the Jews. Deciding to learn a new trade which he could apply in "Palestina", he took up beekeeping. Once in Haifa, he set up a factory for processing beeswax and used some of it for making his own candles.

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When Gila married, she and her husband Ronny decided to revive the family tradition by learning candle-making from her grandfather and advanced methods of beekeeping. Today, they pursue this business in Moshav Alon HaGalil, a young hilltop community in the Galilee, raising bees both for honey and wax, making their own candles and supplying wax to other producers.

Ya'arat Hadvash candles maintain the honeycomb pattern even as they are painstakingly rolled by hand. They are wonderfully decorative, and particularly suitable for the High Holy days. This year the company is introducing a line of Chanukah candles in earth tones.

"Since the company is essentially a two-person operation," Gila explains apologetically, "the volume of candles is not sufficient for exports." Thus, although requests come from as far away as New Zealand, their candles are available only in fine houseware shops in Israel.

Etzion Candles at Kibbutz Meirav on Mt. Gilboa, is a high-volume producer

of dipped candles. At last, taking at face value that this is not an attempt at industrial espionage, Eztion's distribution manager admits that the total number of Chanukah candles his company has just shipped to the U.S. is "in the seven figures." Seeing this pastel-hued candles, machine-dipped in paraffin and packaged in clear hexagonal and round containers, made me realize that this is the source of the Chanukah candles I buy.

Eztion also produces decorative candles and carved havdalla candles. The latter are dipped in layers of colors, then carved and shaped by hand while they are still soft.

One other company worthy of note, which in 1992 was awarded second place for Best Imported Product by Japan, is Jerusalem Candles. Producing purely decorative candles, they use a secret process that even the company's Glowing Candle subsidiary in San Diego does not know. Their patterned veneer is created here and shipped to the U.S. Since this outer shell does not melt, a stained-glass effect is produced as the candle burns down. When the inner core of

wax is used up, one can just pop in a common replacement candle and start again.

Among the range of 32 designs which the company offers are Christmas motifs and colors. The majority, however, are complex designs, each color worked individually from wax.

Jerusalem Candles is run by American-born Danny Rudick. After receiving his MBA ten years ago, he came to Israel looking to start a business. He found a five-person workshop producing candles, and today employs some 40 immigrants from Ethiopia and the former USSR, along with newly demobilized soldiers.

Ultimately, although I still don't know how many candles are produced in Israel annually, my investigation has been illuminating. I certainly won't be casual this year about buying my Chanukah candles.



CHAGALL: DREAMS AND DRAMA

by George Prochnik

(WZPS) So dedicated was Chagall to the idea of immersing the audience in his painting, that when Moscow's newly founded State Jewish Chamber Theater commissioned him to design sets and costumes for three Shalom Aleichem plays in 1921, he created seven large murals (covering 43.5 square meters, or 130.5 square feet), which completely dominated the tiny auditorium.

Hidden away for decades in Russian museum storerooms and private collections, the murals and 50 other earlier works, paintings and sketches, went on display at the Israel Museum in late September (running until early January) in "Chagall: Dreams and Drama."

But the triumphant, wildly colorful, joyful murals are "the jewel in the crown" of the exhibition, according to show curator Ruth Apter-Gabriel. They have been hung in the museum's exhibition halls just as they appeared on the walls of the Jewish Chamber Theater.

"The Chagall show has double importance for Israelis," said Apter-Gabriel. "Of course there's the artistic significance of these beautiful works. But, beyond that, so many Israelis were born in Russia and are very much aware of the Jewish cultural rebirth that provided the atmosphere for the creation of these murals. We are very excited and grateful that our relations with Russia have allowed these paintings to travel, especially

since they have never been seen outside Russia. From here they will return to Russia and who knows when they will travel abroad again."

The murals' representation of Jewish tradition, Russian folk-art and vanguard modernist art was so powerful, according to Apter-Gabriel, that they actually influenced acting and production styles in the theater. The complexity of the murals' imagery and the number and range of stories being told, reflect the murals' creation at a unique moment in Russian Jewry history—immediately after the 1917 revolution when Jews were first granted full Russian citizenship, and an albeit shortlived Jewish renaissance was underway.

"Introduction to the Jewish Theater" (284 x 787 cm or 114 x 315 in), for example, is the most narrative mural, containing over two dozen human figures and a host of pigs, cows, goats and chickens. Fiddlers fiddle, acrobats wearing tefillin stand on their hands, women bang washpans while

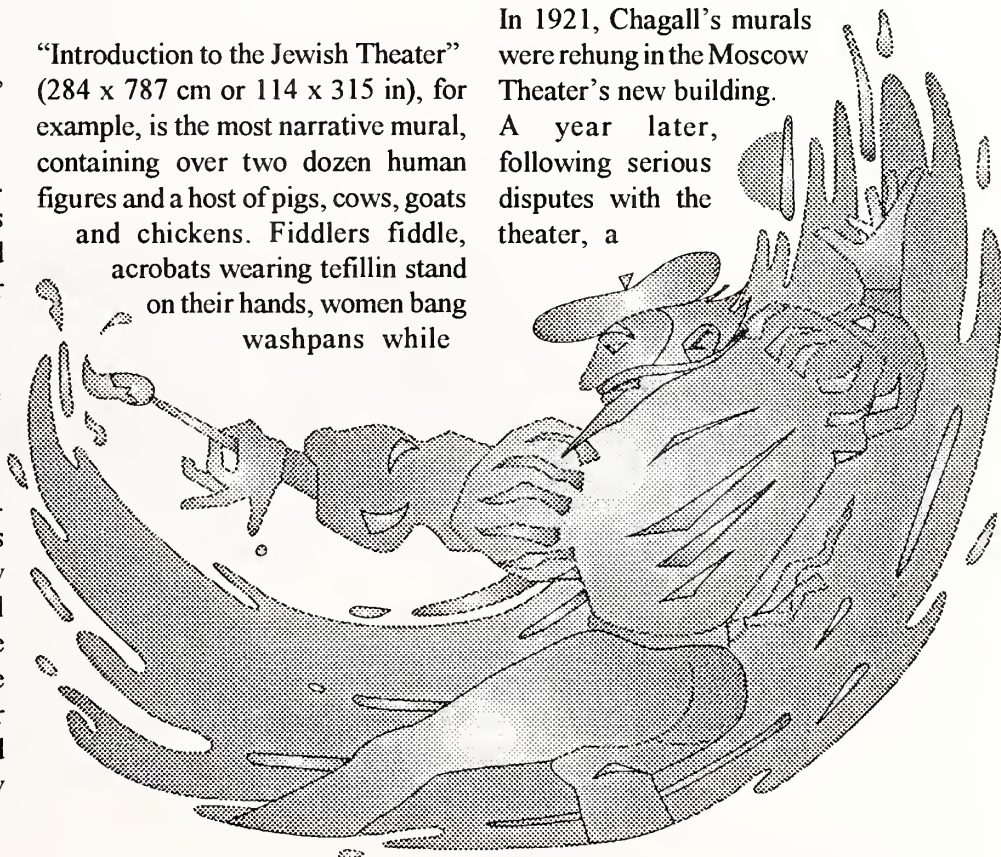
cows with birds on their horns float upside down. A woman gives birth, a fiddler does the splits with a violin on his nose, a pig gets urinated on, dinner is served, and an audience applauds.

Almost all of the figures, according to Chagall, represented real life friends, foes, mentors and fools in his life - the acts they are engaged in symbolic of some aspect of Jewish cultural life of the period.

Figures fly throughout the murals, with Chagall, according to Apter-Gabriel, like his flying figures, hovering "above any movement or doctrine."

In 1921, Chagall's murals were rehung in the Moscow Theater's new building.

A year later, following serious disputes with the theater, a



(Chagall - cont. from pg. 7)

bitter Chagall - who was never paid for his work - emigrated to Paris. In 1937 the murals were removed, rolled up, and stored under the theater's stage. Eventually, they were transferred to a drum and stored in a church building used as a warehouse for the State Tretyakov Gallery.

In 1973, Chagall visited Russia and was allowed to sign his murals. But his requests that they again be exhibited were rejected. Only in 1989 did restoration work on the murals finally begin.

Made possible by Russia's desire to initiate a new era of cultural cooperation with Israel, according to Russian Ambassador to Israel Alexander Bovin, the exhibit together with couriers, restorers and official Russian guests, was brought to Israel by Lufthansa German Airlines, free of charge.

Back in the museum's exhibition halls, one is struck by how little people have to say in the face of Chagall's overwhelming murals. Fortunately they are works which speak for themselves. . .

Jewish Vocabulary Quiz

*This quiz was created by
Dr. Allen Sher*

*Match the words in Column I
with the words in Column II*

I.

1. YACHNE
2. CHAZZEN
3. KOCHLEFFEL
4. SHOCHET
5. POTCH
6. AYDEM
7. TSIMMES
8. EDELKEIT
9. BENTCH
10. FARPOTSHKET

II.

- a. gentleness, sensitivity
- b. side dish of mixed vegetables and fruit
- c. a cooking spoon
- d. to eat excessively
- e. authorized slaughterer of animals
- f. a smack, a clap
- g. son-in-law
- h. cantor
- i. a country of Eastern Europe
- j. a gossip, a busybody
- k. messed up, sloppy
- l. to bless

Answers:

- 1. J; 2. H; 3. C; 4. E; 5. F; 6. G; 7. B; 8. A; 9. L; 10. K*

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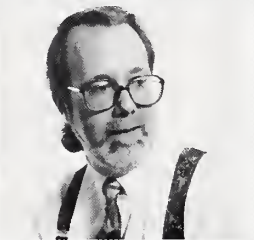
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It was not unusual for me to skim the Franklin Press newspaper each Thursday morning when it arrived. During my retailing days I was referred to as a "heavy promoter," advertising new sales each week hoping to stay ahead of the competition. In November, 1979, while keeping tabs on my Franklin NC branch store's ads, my eyes fell upon a very surprising advertisement. Very small but historic.

"Chanukah Party," it read. Those interested in attending a community gathering with latkes, applesauce, and games for the family were to call a local telephone number for information. The meeting was to be held in, of all places, the basement of the local Catholic Church. The ad also ran in the Sylva Herald newspaper. The two towns were but twenty miles apart.

I must admit I called that number with some trepidation. Though the area always had Jewish families, no one had, to my knowledge, tried to "organize" a community activity such as this. An enthusiastic and friendly voice answered my phone call. Ed



Dr. Asher Marks holding Holocaust Torah.

Pomerantz told me that this was a casual attempt just to see how many of "us were out and about, and if there was interest in congregating."

The night arrived and after a hard day at the store I did contemplate not going at all. As I opened the door to the meeting place, much to my surprise the room was full. Ed said he and the other organizers had only gotten ten "for sures" but over thirty people had attended. We spun dreidels and spooned

applesauce as the Mountain Synagogue of Western North Carolina was born.

I checked with my unofficial small town Jewish historian, Sol Schulman, now 81, who is still running his store in Sylva. Dad tells me that in the 1930's and 1940's there were several Main Street Jewish merchants in Franklin. Jack Sanders and Moses Blumenthal were early and longtime Jewish residents as was the Pollicoff family. Young Dr. Joseph Kahn,

beloved family doctor who arrived in the 1940's still lives in Franklin. My Aunt Eva and Uncle Hymie Schulman had a store there for a short time, but Aunt Eva died of complications in surgery at a young age.

Franklin NC has been noted for decades for its ruby and gem mining, even getting the notice of Louis Tiffany, but it was in the 1960s that Franklin became a precious find of thousands of retirees escaping the city. Many live year round, others just for the summer and fall. As golf courses and restaurants followed the

influx of new residents, a small town of 2,500 blossomed into 25,000 during peak months. The more people, the more diversity, and soon a good number of Jewish people came to Franklin desiring a place of their own to worship and socialize.



Ark in St. Cyrian Parish Hall Mat at Lectern

The Chanukah party spawned a community Seder which was held at the home of Dr. Fred and Lee Berger. Soon Shabbat services were also

started. Lee Berger was instrumental in getting Ed Pomerantz and Father Terry Cobb of the St. Cyprian Episcopal Church together to arrange a permanent place of worship. The structure of St. Cyprians is a small, simple white wooden building built almost a century ago. I have always felt the spiritual power emanating from that building, and the wonderful fellowship of that Christian group were quiet but powerful underpinnings of support for the fledgling synagogue.

Financial donations came in, but the relatively small numbers of Jews made even practical arrangements tough. By 1984 the Mountain Synagogue was a formal non-profit organization, and with much effort from Dr. Fred Berger's father, Ed Berger of St. Louis, a Holocaust Torah was acquired; Scroll Number 1119 of Brno, Czechoslovakia. A dedication ceremony was held on August 26, 1984, with much assistance from the late Dr. Constance Head and the Bass, Temkin, Fegarsky, Turner, Goldhagen, Fruitstone, Gumble, Tenenbaum, and Marks families among others, as well as Rabbi Paul Grob of Asheville.

During the early 1980s two lay service leaders, Morry Tenenbaum and Dr. Asher Marks, arrived on the scene. As



Bar Mitzvah rehearsal with teacher. Left to right: Pauline Tenenbaum, Reuben Gurevich, Maury Tenenbaum.

if God was leading his people to where they should be, Tenenbaum, a retired C.P.A., from Miami who had moved to Murphy, and Marks, a pulmonary physician also from Miami who had moved to Rabun Gap, GA, started their co-leadership of the pulpit. With Tenenbaum's love of coral music and the Hebrew language and Marks sermons that would make a mensch out of a chochem, the two with the help of their lovely wives have been a mainstay at Mountain Synagogue. Even after Tenenbaum moved to Asheville in 1988, the three hour roundtrip commute on some Fridays has not deterred his participation.

From Avrim Friedman, the Shofar blower, to the Garson, Barnett, Drucker, King, Sails, Snyder, Music and Pomerantz families and many more, God has seemed to bring the right people for the tasks. There have been three Bar Mitzvahs in Franklin with Michael Crapp and Geoffrey Pomerantz in 1985 to the recent Reuben Gurevich event this year. Proud father Bob Gurevich is current president. Rabbi Schmul Birnham of Asheville and Tenenbaum were Reuben's teachers.

Jews and non-Jews alike have a bad habit of generalizing when it comes to defining what is a Jew and how do they live. Obviously, Jews come from many locales, and are of many shapes, sizes, and even colors. Several years ago, I attended my second cousin's wedding. During the lovely affair with tons of great food and hours of dancing, I was seated next to a lanky young man who asked where I was from. After I proudly told him I was from North Carolina, he proceeded to harangue me with details of his travels to "as far south as Kentucky." The maven said, "Terrible place for a Jew. They eat grits all the time. What do they know about being

Jewish." He then asked why I had never marched with Meir Kahane at the United Nations!

Only on two occasions have I ever been mad enough to consider strangling someone. The first time was when Bummy Woods, Sylva's seventeen year old seventh grader, sat on me until I cried uncle. This was the second time, I had a terrible urge to throw the linen covered table over and go for my fellow Jew's throat right there on the dance floor. I think I should have; my cousin's marriage ended in divorce anyway. At least the video would be fun to watch now.

Yes, Virginia, there are Jews in Franklin as well as Montana and Timbuktu. There are city Jews and country Jews, and there are ritually observant as well as non-observant Jews, and there are Jews that demonstrate and others that more quietly celebrate their Jewishness.

If you see my acquaintance from my cousin's wedding, tell him Bummy Woods and Gritz Schulman are waiting for him at the State line if he should decide to journey further South than Kentucky. . . but unlike him we will follow the lead of the wonderful members of Mountain Synagogue and try and greet him with open arms and a big smile. . . even if he does talk sort of funny.



SWEET POTATO PLANTAIN LATKES

- 2 large sweet potatoes (1 lb.)
- 1 large russet potato (1/2 lb.)
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbsps. all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. each chopped parsley, red onion, fresh basil
- 1-1/2 tsps. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Light olive oil
- 1 large ripe plantain (1/2 lb.), peeled, thinly sliced

Shred potatoes. Stir in eggs, flour, parsley, onion, basil, salt, and pepper until mixed. In large skillet over medium heat, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil. For each latke, place two or three slices of plantain in hot oil. Top with a heaping tablespoon of the potato mixture, flattening with back of spoon. Fry until golden brown on both sides, adding olive oil as needed. Drain on paper towels. Place on baking sheet, lined with paper towels, and keep warm in 250 degree oven while preparing remaining latkes. Makes about 20.

TUNA LATKES

- 1 onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 small zucchini
- 1 potato
- 2 6-oz. cans tuna, drained
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup matzoh meal
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Grind the vegetables in a food processor. Mix with the remaining ingredients. Heat oil in frying pan. Fry latkes until golden on both sides. Makes 2 dozen.



COTTAGE CHEESE LATKES

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese or ricotta
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tbsps. Domino sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- Sour cream
- Jam, berries, or fruit

Combine eggs and cottage cheese in food processor or large mixing bowl. Blend until smooth. Add flour, sugar, salt, and vanilla. Blend to combine all ingredients. Drop batter onto hot, lightly greased griddle or skillet. Cook until bubbles form on tops and bottoms are browned. Turn and brown other side. Serve with sour cream and jam. Makes 4 servings.

APPLE PARSNIP LATKES

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 lb. parsnips (2 medium), peeled, grated
- 1/2 lb. tart green apple (1 large), peeled, grated
- Wesson Oil for frying

Latkes Party

In large mixing bowl, beat eggs lightly. Blend in flour, salt, and nutmeg. Stir in apple and parsnips. In large skillet, heat 1/8-inch oil. Spoon about 3 tablespoons parsnip mixture into skillet, forming 3-inch pancake, flattening surface. Cook about 4 pancakes at a time, to avoid crowding skillet.

Cook until golden brown on underside, then turn. Press lightly with spatula. Cook on other side. Transfer to paper-towel-lined baking sheet and keep warm in a 250 degree oven. Repeat with remaining batter, adding oil as needed. Makes about 18.

POTATO LATKES

Serve with applesauce, sour cream or the toppings below.

- 4 large potatoes (about 1-1/4 pounds), peeled
- 1 medium onion
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil (for frying)

In a food processor fitted with a grating disc, or using the large holes on a hand

grater, grate potatoes and onions. Transfer potato and onion to a colander. Press out as much liquid as possible. Place potato and onion mixture in a large mixing bowl and add egg, salt, pepper and flour. Mix to combine.

In a deep, heavy 10- to 12-inch skillet, heat oil. For each pancake, drop about 2 tablespoons potato mixture into hot oil. Flatten with back of a spoon so each cake is approximately 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Fry over medium heat about 4 to 5 minutes on each side, or until golden brown and crisp. Turn carefully with 2 square spatulas. Drain on paper towels. Stir mixture before adding each new batch. Add more oil to pan if necessary. Serve hot. Makes approximately 15 latkes, 4 to 5 servings.

Note: Potato pancakes can be prepared in advance and refrigerated or frozen on a cookie sheet; when frozen, they can be transferred to a plastic bag. Before reheating, thaw briefly. Reheat in a 450F oven.

ZUCCHINI LATKES WITH GARLIC

The delicate green of the zucchini shows through the golden brown pancakes.

- 3 cups coarsely grated zucchini (about 3 medium)
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil (for frying)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large mixing bowl combine zucchini and garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Add beaten egg and stir in lightly. Stir in flour.

In a large, deep, heavy skillet heat oil. For each pancake drop 1 heaping

tablespoon of zucchini mixture into pan. Flatten them slightly with back of a spoon. Fry over medium heat about 2 to 3 minutes each side, or until golden brown. Turn very carefully so oil doesn't splatter. Drain on paper towels. Stir zucchini mixture before adding each new batch. If all oil is absorbed, add a little more to pan. Serve hot. Makes 12 small latkes, about 4 appetizers or side-dish servings.

SPINACH LATKES

Top with a dollop of sour cream or yogurt-garlic-herb topping and sprinkle with diced tomatoes

- 2-1/4 lbs. fresh spinach, stems removed leaves rinsed well
- 2 tbsps. butter or margarine
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil (for frying)

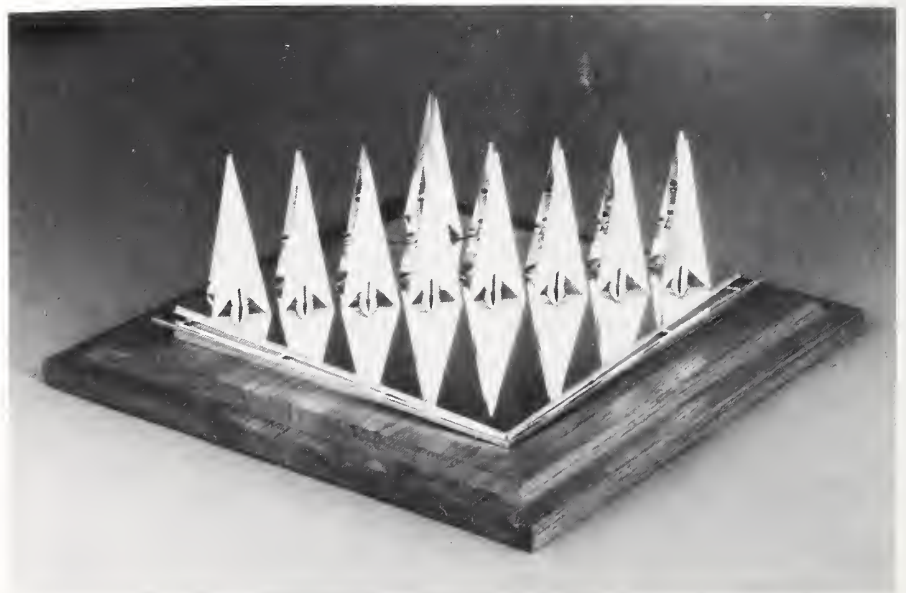
In a large pot of boiling salted water

cook spinach about 3 minutes, or until tender. Rinse under cold water. Drain spinach and squeeze to remove all excess liquid. Chop finely. In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chopped spinach and cook about 2 minutes, stirring. Season to taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Transfer mixture of a large mixing bowl and set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl combine flour and eggs. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Mix to make a very thick batter. Add batter to spinach and mix very well. Taste and adjust seasonings.

In a large heavy skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Fry spinach mixture by tablespoonfuls, flattening each after adding it, about 2 minutes on each side or until golden. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Serve hot. makes 22 to 24 small latkes, about 4 to 6 servings.

Note: Two 10-ounce packages of frozen spinach leaves can be substituted for fresh. Thaw spinach, squeeze to remove all excess liquid, and chop.



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Asheville

Schtetle In The Mountains

by Alan Silverman

It was the beginning of April. My wife Lorraine and I had just moved to Asheville from Atlanta. The move wasn't easy, especially for Lorraine who had grown up in Atlanta. One night, after a particularly stressful day, we were both at the breaking point. I decided to take a late night drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway. She understood.

Half an hour later, I found myself standing in a dark, empty parking lot at the base of Mount Pisgah, 5,000 feet above sea level. It was a clear night filled with more stars than I had ever seen in my life. As I stood there, wondering if we were strong enough to get through this together, a warm wind rushed through the trees and careened off the face of the mountain. As it passed through me, something stirred deep within me. I felt something I had never felt before and I knew then that everything would be all right.

"Why Asheville, for God's sake? I could understand Alpharetta or Norcross. . . even Marietta. But Asheville?" Lorraine's mother said incredulously when we told her of our intention to move. Our Jewish friends gave us similar responses. "Are you thinking of converting?" one asked, slightly amused. Actually, we were moving because something was missing in our lives. It wasn't that we had outgrown Atlanta. Atlanta had outgrown us.

Asheville (population 65,000), is

nestled in a valley amid the Blue Ridge mountains, the buckle of America's bible belt. Fifteen miles due east is Black Mountain, world headquarters of Billy Graham's Christian crusade. Twenty miles the other way lies Lake Junaluska, one of the largest Methodist retreats in the country. The hills surrounding Asheville serve as a stronghold for several white supremacy groups. Yet in this improbable setting, lives one of the most active small Jewish communities in the South.

Asheville is home to over 550 Jewish families, two synagogues, a Jewish day school, a Center For Jewish Studies, an on-going Jewish Adult Education program, two Hadassah chapters, and an active havurah involving 38 families. It is also the smallest Jewish community in the country to support a Jewish Community Center which recently broke ground on a new \$2 million facility.

As we began to report these findings to our friends in Atlanta, their tone changed drastically. "I had no idea. A Jewish Community Center. . . really?" said the one who originally asked us if we were going to convert. We were quickly making believers not only of our friends. . . but of ourselves.

Curious as to why Jews would choose to settle here, I sought out Dr. Rick Chess, Director of the Center For Jewish Studies, a resource center for

Jews in Western North Carolina. "Jews have been drawn to these mountains for over a hundred years. Many were entrepreneurs that left cities like Philadelphia and New York to get involved in the area's garment industries," Rick told me. The city's first synagogue, Beth Ha Tephila, was founded as a reform temple in 1895.

Two years later, conservative Jews formed what is now Congregation Beth Israel.

Within the last five years, Asheville's Jewish population has surged once again, attracting young couples in their 30s and 40s. Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, leader of the city's conservative synagogue, Beth Israel, likens the influx of young Jews to a pilgrimage. "When I arrived four years ago, there were approximately 100 members at Beth Israel. Today that number has nearly doubled to 175," he said. In the last 14 months, membership at Temple Beth Ha Tephila has also increased. "Most come here by choice, in search of something," Rabbi Birnham observed.

For people such as Lorraine and me, that something is a closer sense of belonging. "The people here seem very devoted to the congregation and to Judaism. They feel a kind of kinship which you don't necessarily find in the larger cities," explained Rabbi Ratner of the reform Temple Beth Ha Tephila who moved to Asheville in August 1992. While the sense of community is intensified in this small town setting, there is a deeper reason why Asheville's Jews are so passionate.

There is a unique spirituality here that seems to bond the community together. On any given Saturday, as many as 75 people meet for morning services at Beth Israel representing about 10% of the total congregation. Rabbi Ratner

sees about the same number of congregants for Friday evening services at Beth Ha Tephila. Minor observances such as Yom Ha-Shoah regularly draw standing room only crowds. Even those who choose not to affiliate with the congregation still remain spiritually involved through the local havurah group, which meets informally about once a month.

Jew or non-Jew, spirituality is a recurring theme with virtually everybody who voluntarily relocates to Asheville. "Most of the people who move here have chosen it for its serene environment and the fact that it is sheltered from the violence and crime of the larger cities," Rick explained. This return to traditional values makes for a more open-minded, more tolerant non-Jewish community that actively supports the Jewish community.

Each Chanukah, Jews and Gentiles gather downtown for a menorah-lighting ceremony. Several non-Jews currently serve on the board of directors at the Center For Jewish Studies which draws a number of non-Jews to its functions. Last year, a lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls attracted over 250 people. . . a majority of whom were from the Christian community.

The funding for the new 18,000 square foot Jewish Community Center is indicative of the symbiotic relationship enjoyed by Jews and Gentiles here. While \$1.7 million for the new facility has come from the Jewish community, sizable donations have also poured in from non-Jews including a \$50,000 pledge from Bob Ingle, owner of Ingles Supermarkets.

"In the 53 years the JCC has been in operation here, we've always opened our programming up to the entire community," said Marlene Breger-Joyce, Executive Director of the

Western North Carolina Jewish Federation. Currently, about half the children attending the JCC's Shalom Day School are not Jewish.

In a city where spirituality and religion are openly displayed, it is not surprising to find a high number of converts to Judaism. Rabbi Birnham takes on two or three such students each year. As is often the case, these converts are some of the most active members of the Jewish community. Debi Miles, the daughter of a Methodist minister, converted to Judaism 13 years ago and now plays an integral role in Beth Israel's Sunday School and youth education programs. Yossi Knight leads shacharit services every Saturday at Beth Israel. Ruth Gaynes serves on the board for Shalom Day School and is active in the local Young Judea chapter.

What is astounding is that nearly all are gi'er tzedeks, people who convert out of sheer love for the religion, regardless of their spouse's beliefs.

For all its spiritual serenity, however, Jews here are vulnerable to attack. Last year, the exterior of Beth Israel was defaced and threatening messages were left on the synagogue answering machine. Rabbi Birnham is convinced that they were the acts of radical groups.

Despite these isolated acts of anti-semitism, Jews in Asheville continue to maintain a high profile. Ken Michalove, a member at Beth Ha Tephila, is just finishing his term as mayor of the city. Several other members of both the synagogue and the temple hold tenured positions at the university. "One reason we've been able to co-exist so peacefully with our non-Jewish neighbors is that our members do play such an active role in Asheville's community," Rabbi

Ratner suggested.

To the early American Indians, these mountains were considered holy, a spiritual gathering place. Five hundred years later, there is still a spiritual magic here. It has been more than six months since Lorraine and I said goodbye to Atlanta, leaving our friends and family to wonder why on earth we'd want to live up here. In answer to all those who questioned our decision at the time, I'll tell you what my mother used to tell me: "Everyone needs an Annatevka, an intimate place where they know everybody and everybody knows them. "But don't take our word for it. We invite you to come see for yourself. All in all, we're getting along just fine up here in Asheville: our little shtetle in the mountains.

Sidebar:

You've heard of war and anti-semitism bringing Jews together, but what about disease? Well, in Asheville, during the 1920's, disease was largely responsible for building the Jewish Community. Doctors discovered that the clean mountain air aided in the recovery of tuberculosis. Families of Jewish TB victims flocked to the city, giving the tiny Jewish population a huge shot in the arm. Most stayed to raise their families here. Many are still here today. Not surprisingly, the original name for Congregation Beth Israel was Bikor Kolim, the mitzvah of visiting the sick.



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Blumenthal Jewish Home Chai-lights

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BJH News Briefs

BJH Residents Won 14 prizes

at the Dixie Classic Fair. Thirteen residents entered 27 items in the Senior Citizens' Crafts exhibit at the Fair this year and came away with 14 ribbons and 2 cash prizes. Entries, which were all created in the BJH craft shop, under the supervision of Instructors Catherine Smith and Lena Wall, included oil painting, ceramics, a variety of needlework: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and sewing. The Recreation Department hosted an awards reception at the Home on October 14 to honor those residents who had entries and received prizes at the Fair. All entries were on display and cash prizes were awarded. Congratulations goes to 2nd place, cash prize winners Goldie Sandler and Sue Michielutte for their oil paintings and to all of our talented and hard working residents who exhibited their beautiful work.



Irving Mond, Filip Yeskel, and children visit with residents following the Shabbat service at BJH.

West Forsyth High School Anchor Club

presented Halloween fashions for fun at BJH. The girls' club kicked off its 5th year of volunteering at BJH with its Annual Halloween party for residents. The entire club participated with 40 students parading the latest in fashions for fun as they introduced themselves to the crowd. The party continued with refreshments, dancing by the students and chats with residents as old friends introduced new members. The club will continue with a monthly program at the Home throughout the school year.

Zachary Yeskel leads the kiddush in the BJH Synagogue.

Temple Israel Men's Club from Charlotte

participated in Shabbat services at the Blumenthal Jewish Home Synagogue on Saturday, October 23.

Residents were delighted to have the visitors share Shabbat with them and to see men, women, and children take part in leading the service. A kiddush of wine and challah followed the service and offered a time for Shabbat greetings and introductions between visitors and residents. An intergenerational Shabbat service brings a special

warmth to the celebration of Shabbat and is always a welcome addition to the holiday observances at the Home.

Following the service, the Temple Israel guests enjoyed a tour of the Home and lunch. Our thanks to Filip Yeskel who organized the Men's Club trip to BJH and to Alan Sussman who brought delicious Challah and Danish to the residents.



Martha Mayer enjoys the unusual visitors attending the Halloween party.

BJH

News Editor

Sue Clein



Gertrude Monosoff's family visits with her during the Temple Israel Shabbat.

WELCOME

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

Eula McGlamery

IN MEMORY

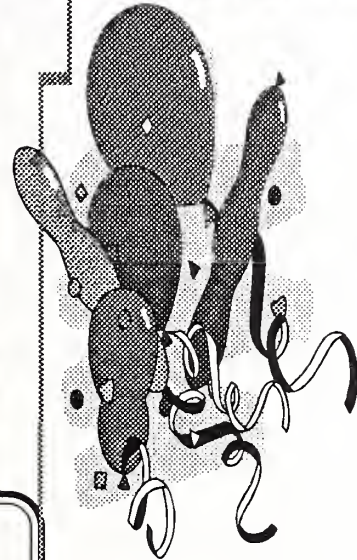
We mourn the loss of:

Pansy Hammond

Mary Taylor

Rachel Thompson

May their cherished
memories bring comfort to
their loved ones.



Happy Birthday

December

- Fannie Benson**
- Ben Bruck**
- George Carp**
- Claire Cass**
- Mary Cohen**
- Sarah Cohen**
- Lena Coles**
- Margaret Davis**
- Ann DeFilipp**
- Frances Futrell**
- Barnet Goldberg**
- Bernice Goldfinger**
- Khaya Groyser**
- Ella Gunzberger**
- Ira Gutman**
- Alfred Lubetsky**
- Moe Mandel**
- Ruth Menins**
- Dorothy Poliakoff**
- Ida Robinowitz**
- Thelma Vose**
- Basya Yudelevich**



Members of Temple Israel from Charlotte prepare to conduct Shabbat services at BJH.

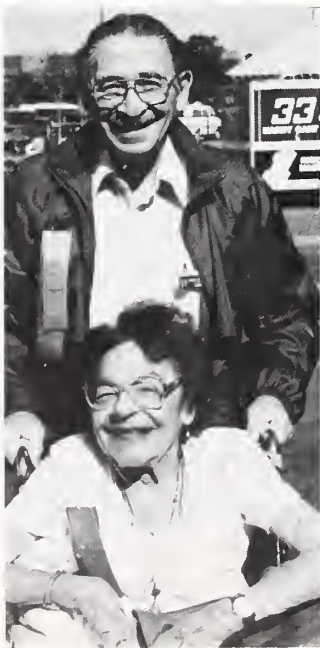
Sue's News

A FAIR DAY WAS A GREAT DAY!



Greensboro volunteer Polly Strasser accompanies Fair Oaks resident Ralpa Mitchell at the Fair.

Jane Rosenberg has a good time seeing the Fair with volunteer Howard Friedensen.



The sun shone brightly but the smiles were even brighter on the faces of residents, volunteers, and staff visiting the Dixie Classic Fair on October 5. With the caring assistance of 14 volunteers (eight from the Winston-Salem area and six from Greensboro), plus eight student nurses and 8 BJH staff members, 30 residents from BJH and Fair Oaks were able to enjoy this annual festive outing. Volunteers and residents were taking in all of the sights, sounds, and tastes as they viewed craft, food, and livestock exhibits and tasted every thing from sugar coated elephant

ears to barbecue and cotton candy. What makes a Fair Day into a great day is not only the pleasure of touching all the senses, but the joy of touching the heart when volunteers share in the enjoyment of bringing pleasure to others. "Please invite us again next year, this was so much fun," were the words spoken by the volunteers from Greensboro, who were first timers on the Fair Trip, as they said their goodbyes to the residents. We thank the volunteers and students and staff who made this great day possible.



Volunteers wait for residents to arrive at the Fairgrounds. Pictured left to right: Susan Barbitta, Howard Friedensen, Harriet Wallach, Joanne Graham, Lib and Grant Queen, Ruth Jacobs, Marsha Glazman, Frances Brenner, Polly Strasser, Rhoda Fleisher and Bill Swirin.



Residents Bessie Schwartz and Ralph Mitchell sample lunch at the Fair with Greensboro volunteer Andrea Kabat.



Volunteer Frances Brenner and Mickey Samet have a good time sampling the fare at the Fair.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in December.

16 Years
Bonnie Ayers,
Director of Personnel

14 Years
Martha Shinault,
LPN, B-1

13 Years
Susie White,
Accounting

12 Years
Melvorine Holton,
Nsg. Asst., B-2

6 Years
Dr. William Sugg,
Medical Director

5 Years
Gail Ruthfield,
Recreation

3 Years
Phyllis Lennox,
Nsg. Asst., A-Wing
Glenna Oney,
Dietary

2 Years
Antwunya Brown,
Nsg. Asst., B-1
Larry Gattison,
Housekeeping
Betty Tucker,
LPN, B-1

1 Year
Jennifer Long,
LPN, B-1
Terri Cardwell,
Pharmacy
Joyce McBride,
LPN, B-1

Visit "**BLUMIES**" at BJH for Unique Gifts



JAZZY JEWELRY TERRIFIC TOYS
FANCIFUL FRAMES BEAUTIFUL BASKETS
PLENTIFUL PLATTERS

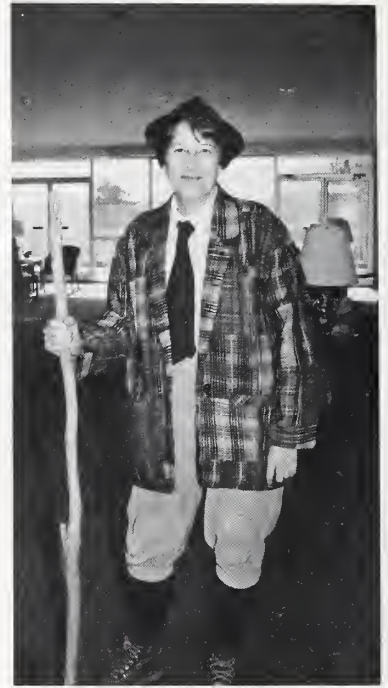
AND DAINY DISHES, TOO!

Treats for You and Yours!



Calendar Highlights December

- 2 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 9 Hannukah Celebration, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 10 Leave for Winston-Salem, shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Tanglewood Park, "Festival of Lights," 6:15 p.m.
- 19 Music with Steve Huyser, Upper Commons, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Music with Steve Huyser, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration, "Society Swing Band," 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium



Halloween at BJH guarantees surprises. Lynda Edmondson, BJH Administrator, appears ready to climb the highest mountain.



Fair Oaks resident Allan Fisher receives a hug from a mystery farmer at the Halloween party.



What's Developing

by **Bruce Schlosberg**
Director of Development

News 'n Schmooze

In September and October, the Home raised \$123,000 for the **Capital Campaign**.

The Home ended the fiscal year with 925 members, an increase of 50 over last year, and \$10,000 more in membership dollars.

We are most appreciative of the financial support which we receive from our friends who have moved from the Carolinas to Florida.

It was great seeing **Harriett Allweiss** of Charlotte at the Annual Meeting. Her husband, Gerry says that she walks better than he does. She had extensive back surgery last year.

Congratulations to **Bill Cassell** of Greensboro for coordinating the establishment of the North Carolina - Israel Economic Initiative.

Honor the Special

A special birthday, a special anniversary, a special person... Honor the event or the person with a leaf on the Tree of Life. Send in your check for \$100 and the words of your inscription to the Development Office, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Congratulations to the Columbia Dor L'Dor Group for developing a series of seminars/workshops on addressing the needs of the elderly. Programs will start in January.

It is a pleasure working with **Peggy Gartner** of the Blumenthal Foundation. Congratulations to her brother, **Michael Shifan**, who was appointed to the Home's Board of Directors.

*Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men
NEWS*

1993 Annual Drawing

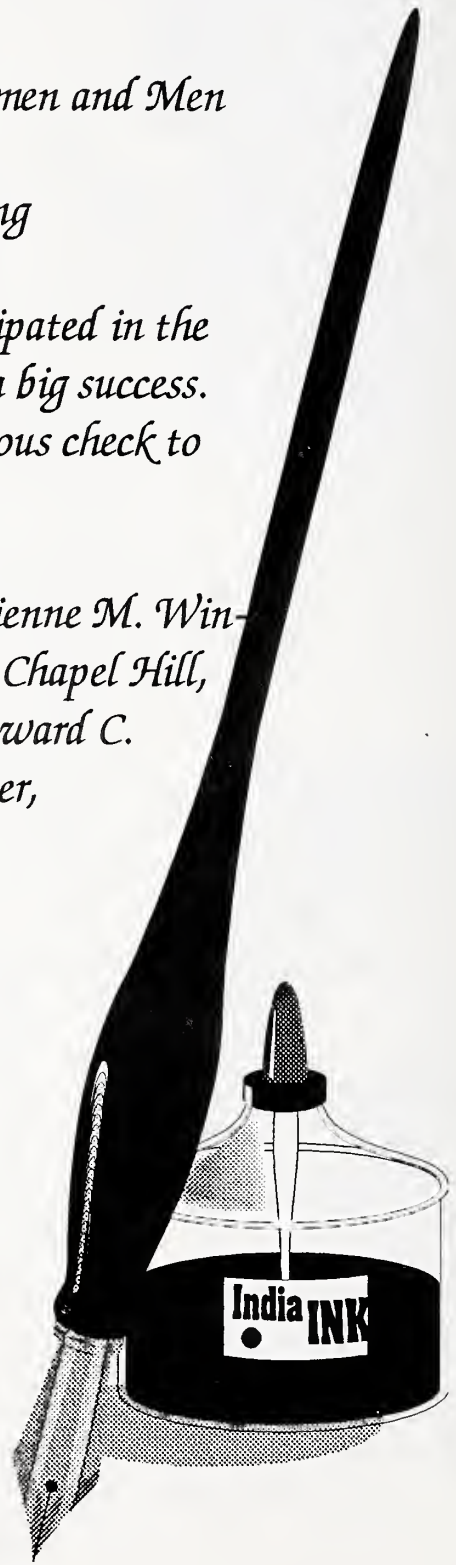
I would like to thank all who participated in the CAJWM Annual Drawing. It was a big success. We were able to donate a very generous check to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

The five (5) lucky winners were: Julienne M. Winner, Asheville, NC; Charlotte Levin, Chapel Hill, NC; Lena Berlin, Charlotte, NC; Howard C. Zerden, Hickory, NC; George E. Alper, Wilmington, NC.

Thanks again for your help!

Sincerely,

Arthur Frank, Chairman



Kids of all ages....

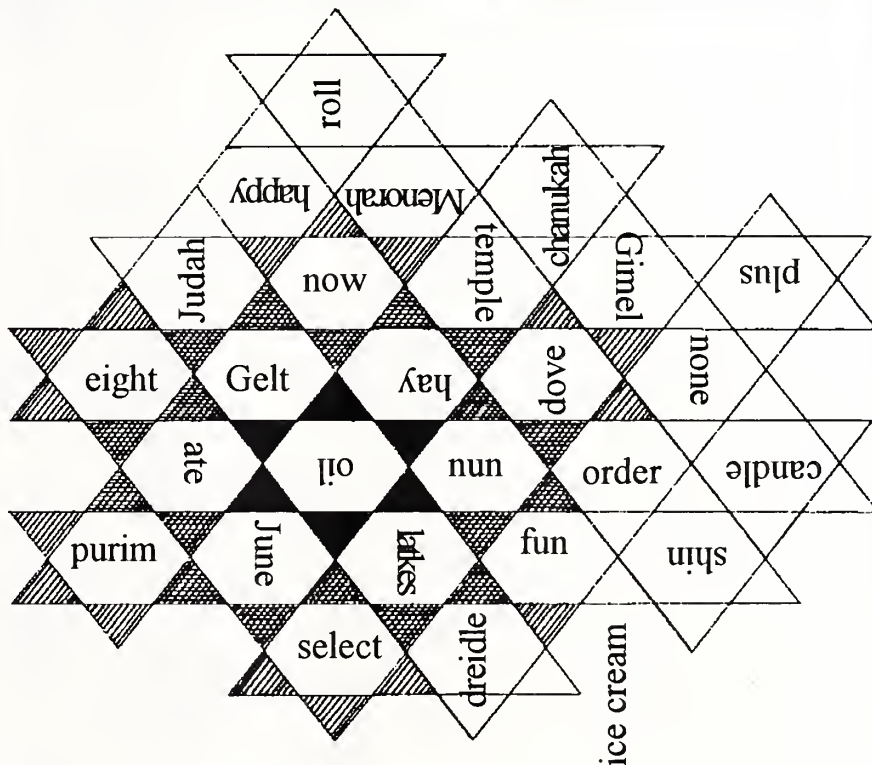
Do you have any great puzzles you would like to have published? How about a creative story or a poem that you have written? We are looking for young writers to help create a kids section in **The American Jewish Times Outlook**.

If you are interested please write to:

Kids Section
 The American
 Jewish Times Outlook
 PO Box 33218
 Charlotte, NC 28233-3218

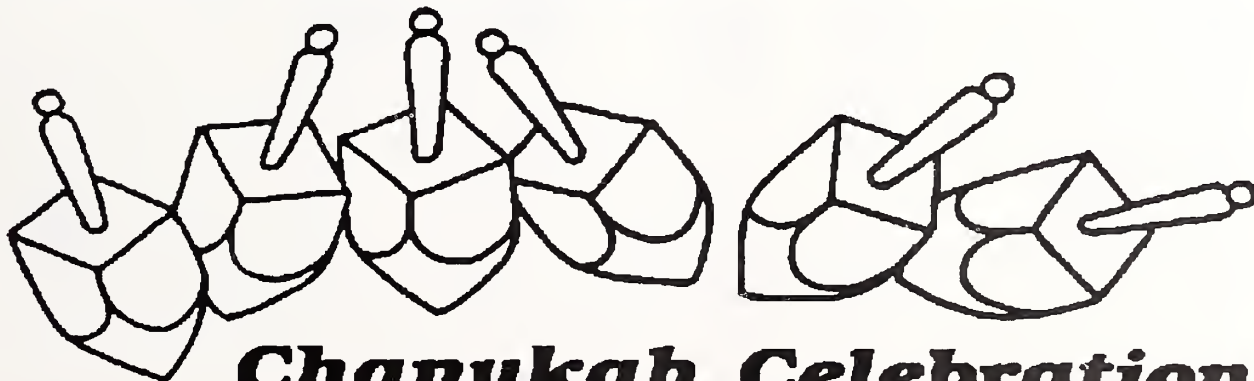
Kiddle - Doodles

created by Geri Zhiss



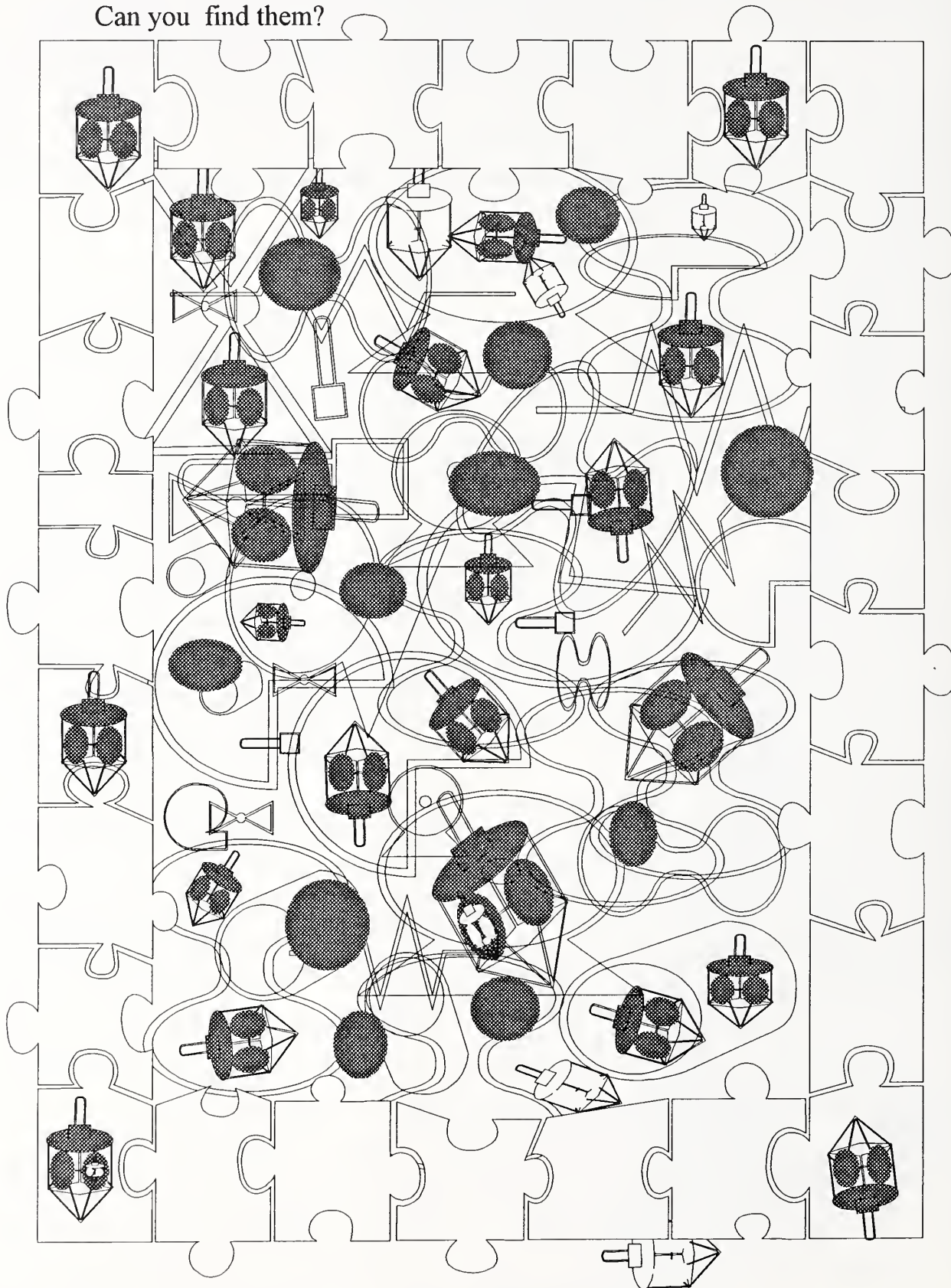
There are 14 words that relate to Chanukah. Can you find them?

Color the dreidles 6 different shades of blue!



Chanukah Celebration

We are puzzled! There are 30 hidden dreidles in this picture.
Can you find them?



TEMPLES

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC by Lynne Cojac

Our Pathways series-Jewish Studies Forum continues on Tuesdays, December 7 and 14. The 10 am subject, Women in Judaism, explores the historical role of women in the Bible and Jewish history as well as some of the gender issues facing Jews today. The 11 am session is a Reform Approach to Midrash, the centuries-old Jewish method of interpreting the Bible. Explore the development of Midrash through the ages and learn to create your own midrashim.

LIBERTY, our Temple youth group for students Grades 9-12 attended fall conclave in Bowie, MD October 12-14. More than a dozen students from Temple Beth El enjoyed meeting and mixing with Reform Jewish students from the Mid-Atlantic Region (MAFTY).

Gil Pirovano, our organist and choir director will retire from Temple Beth El this month. Gil's last service with our congregation will be at a special service on Friday December 3 at 8 pm. Please join us in honoring him.

Sisterhood's Judaica Shop will be open for its Annual Chanukah Sale beginning December 2 and through December 10 from 10-4, M-F and Sunday December 5 from 9:30-1. New this year will be a Chanukah/Holiday gift wrap while you shop. You may bring any boxed gifts (even those not purchased from our Judaica shop!) to be wrapped. Proceeds raised by Sisterhood's Gift Wrap will help support our Religious School.

On December 4, Evan Rosenbaum, son of Helen and David Rosenbaum, will become a Bar Mitzvah.

Our Annual Chanukah Dinner this year will be on December 10 at 6 pm in Silverman Social Hall. Please call the Temple office for details (366-1948). RSVP's are necessary by December 5 to be included.

Jonah Grifenhagen, son of Gloria and Bill Grifenhagen, will read from the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 11.

Cradle Roll's Chanukah Party will take place on Sunday December 12 at 11 am. There are fifty preschool children presently enrolled in Cradle Roll.

The Tot Shabbat for December will be at 9:30 on December 18, followed by a regular service at 10:30. Mary Jacobowitz, wife of Bruce Jacobowitz, will become a Bat Mitzvah that morning. The Social Club's Annual Chanukah Party will take place that evening (December 18). Please call the Temple office for details.

Sisterhood's December meeting on the 22nd at 7 pm will feature a program on self-defense. The price of admission will be one can of food for our food drive. All mothers, grandmothers, women, teenagers and college students are welcome. (Sisterhood's Paid-Up Membership Dinner in October was delicious! One hundred women attended, bringing our membership to 150.)

Temple Beth El's College Connection and college-age members of Temple Israel will have dinner and socialize together at Temple Beth El on Sunday, December 26 at 5:30 pm. A

committee of students who live in Charlotte is planning the evening's activities. Please RSVP to either Temple Beth El or Temple Israel by December 23.

Happy Chanukah and Happy 1994 from all at Temple Beth El!

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C. by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

At the well-attended Oct. 2 meeting at the Karpens', the group concentrated on the third chapter of "Tough Choices: Jewish Perspectives on Social Justice" by Vorspan and Saperstein. After the usual short Shabbat service and refreshments, a far-ranging discussion was led by Rabbi Ratner.

The Sisterhood

Irene Braun, Sisterhood president, said in the Temple Bulletin, "The wonderful efforts of chairs Ruth Weber and Judy Haller for Rosh Hashana and Break-the-Fast chairs Abby Roberston and Cele and Jules Resnick created for our congregation a memorable time for the start of the New Year. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who prepared extraordinary culinary delights; those who assisted; those who made monetary contributions; and to Janice Rosenberg and Liesel Sullivan who chaired the telephone squad." She also welcomed new Sisterhood members Suzanne Corets and Helen Broida.

The Brotherhood

Everyone who had anything to do with the successful Temple Picnic-including everyone who just came and enjoyed it-was thanked by Brotherhood president Les Schachter. He cited chief

cook Bob Janowitz and his assistants Bobbie Schaeffe and Kerry Friedman; Dick Braun, Ted Rose and Larry Rapoport who helped with the supplies; Abby Robertson and Marjorie Schachter who helped set up the tables; Temple president Frank Gilreath, who supplied huge tubs of ice filled with cans and bottles of drinks; and Rabbi and Susan Ratner who led the children's games, and Shana Ratner and Spencer Gilreath who helped with the children. Lots of people, lots of help, lots of enjoyment for everyone.

2nd Annual Noah Shabbat and Special Prelude

Unique? You bet. On Friday evening, Oct. 15, it was especially wonderful to be a child. Noah Bendix, 9 years old, gave a virtuoso violin performance of a Vivaldi prelude. Then Rabbi Ratner surrounded himself on the bima with kids dressed up as animals-all sorts, including a dinosaur-as he told the story of Noah and the ark. The animals, dinosaur and all, paraded with little Noah, the youngest of the six Ratner siblings. All told, it was a treat.

Sh'mini Atseret and Yiskor Service
On Thursday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 am a special service was held in the Sanctuary to mark the conclusion of Sukkot and to provide the congregation another opportunity to remember those who are no longer with us.

The Temple President Says. . .
I want to personally thank all of the following for their participation and hard work toward making our High Holiday Services so meaningful this year:

Rabbi Ratner, for organizing and conducting the services; Jean Valerio, Music Director and the choir, Michael Bowling, Hannah Pennell, Pam Simmons, and Bill Vernon; Les Schachter and the Ritual Committee

for arranging the honors, and all those who so generously participated in the services when they were asked: Joe Karpen, Dick Braun, Micah Ratner; and Hyman Dave for blowing the Shofar; the women of Sisterhood for the Rosh Hashana Reception and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast; the men of Brotherhood for providing ushers for all services; to the Rosenberg and Gilreath families for the beautiful flowers for Rosh Hashana and to Sarah Goldstein for the beautiful flowers given in memory of Bernard Goldstein and Jeanette Klein for Yom Kippur; Rose Rose and the Sanctuary Committee for their hard work-their efforts provided us with beautiful new surroundings; our secretary, Lonnie Gentile, for all the extra work she so diligently performed in connection with the Holidays; and finally, a giant Thank You to our Edward Wiley who always goes the extra mile and gives 110% of himself to make sure all the thousands of little details are taken care of that we never think about."-Frank Gilreath

On behalf of the Board, Rabbi Ratner and the entire congregation, Frank also thanked Earl and Rosalie Schrier for their contribution toward the purchase of the new FM sound system to help the congregants who are hearing-impaired enjoy the Temple services.

The Best X 2=Sid Schochet

This interesting equation is based on something that's never happened before. Sid Schochet is perfectly accustomed to being awarded kiddush cups in recognition of his services to the Jewish Chautauqua Society, having accumulated 11 or 12-he's not sure which-so far. But this time they sent him two at once-one representing the Harold Dubinsky award for fundraising and the other for sustaining the Temple chapter's enormous lead in membership. Amazing. Maybe

there'll be three next time.

Lunch with the Rabbi

At this session, on Oct. 25, Rabbi Ratner gave those in attendance a graphic description of the new Washington DC Holocaust Museum. He had been there Oct. 17-19 acting as Lecturer and Facilitator of Discussion for a contingent of students and faculty from UNC-A. Although there is no real substitute for going there oneself, the Rabbi's unique and sensitive observations made this the next best thing.

Family

Simchat Torah Celebration

Says Rabbi Ratner, "As the Torah turns, it comes to an end, leading to a new beginning." So on Friday night, Oct. 8, the Temple celebrated a Simchat Torah for the whole family. All the children were called up to the Torah for an aliyah and stood beneath a chupa-in this case an outstretched tallit-to recite the Torah blessings. The traditional 7 hakafot-(processions around the Sanctuary) included all the children as well.

The Religious School

Jean Hansman, Religious School principal, listed the following teachers for this year: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, Susan and Shana Ratner; Grades 1 & 2, Betsy Katell; 3 & 4, Ellen & Jennifer Braverman; 5 & 6, First Hour, Linda Safferstone; Hebrew Hour; Josh Ratner; 7 & 8 Hebrew Hour, Josh Ratner; Second Hour, Linda Safferstone.

The principal also thanked the members of the congregation and the Board for allowing her to serve as Director of the Religious School, and expressed her optimistic view of the future, saying "I have a wonderful, supportive group of parents who want to be involved in the education of their children. This

makes all the difference in the world.”

The new Confirmation Class met on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The Rabbi said Many Thanks

...”to the Jaben family for donating the beautiful handcrafted (by Mark) stand to hold our new tallitot.”

Mommy and Me

Since Susan Ratner is now teaching Kindergarten in the Religious School on Sunday mornings, her monthly Mommy and Me Program has moved to its new time on Tuesday mornings.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5 the children danced, sang, played games, worked on crafts and picnicked together in their Sukkah with chief Mommy Susan.

Greetings, New Members

Welcome to Robert and Kay Gumbinner, and Bruce and Melissa Maurer and their family. We're happy you're here!

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville, NC

By Lillian R. Wellisch

Beth Israel kicked off its 1993-1994 Bet Sefer year with its High Holy Day Fair. The day was not “fair.” It was a glorious and clear day, beginning with registration, and kids and their parents writing their personal thoughts to God. There was a booth for making kippot and one for making Holy Day cards. At a mural table, the children drew their own vision of Judaism on a very large mural.

Debi Miles told her stories of repentance in her own inimitable fashion and Geoff Brown topped the

program off as he led the singing.

We are all grateful to the members of Sisterhood who helped make the holiday extra special. To: Norma Feingold and Mildred Lurey for the Selichot Oneg, Sandy Slosman and Debbie Neimkin for coordinating the many Rosh Hashanah details, Roz Freedman for arranging for the beautiful holiday flowers, Julie and Marty Lee for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg and flowers in honor of Marty's parents, Sara Goldstein for the Rosh Hashanah flowers for the bima in memory of her husband, Bernie, Pauline Tenenbaum and Beatrice Gullotta for making holiday cards and other items available to us from our Judaica Shop, Marlene Breger-Joyce and Liz Nigrosh for arranging for the holiday babysitters and the Break-the-Fast, Dr. Ron and Debbie Neimkin for providing Rosh Hashanah refreshments for our children and for the Yom Kippur flowers on the bima in memory of Ron's parents, Milton and Marian, McGuffey's Kitchen and Arlene Cotler for the wonderful Break-the-Fast, and Sara Birnham, Laura Hellreich, and Beatrice Gullotta for arranging flowers and food for Sukkot. Todah Rabah!

We are looking forward to an exciting year in education, Rabbi Birnham and Caren Kessler, Chairperson of Adult Education, tell us. Some of the programs and classes outlined for the coming year are: Discussion based on the Cinematheque film, “The Quarrel,” Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes, Introduction to Judaism, Jewish Holiday Series, Jewish Understanding of God, Jews and Christians: Why They Parted, Jewish Humor Monthly, Shabbat Lunch With Special Speakers, Dead Sea Scrolls, Adult Hebrew, Study of Genesis, How to Present a D'Var Torah, Where Jews and Christians Differ, Jewish

Book Club, Sephardic Cooking Class, Lunchtime Weekly Torah Study, Women and Judaism, Kaballah-Jewish Mysticism-Part II, Jewish Biomedical Ethical Issues, Holocaust Studies, Death and Mourning: The Jewish Tradition, Lectures on Video by Great Teachers of Our Time, Second Annual Spring Retreat (Kallah), Shavuot All Night Study.

Congratulations and Mazel Tov are in order for Marina Rapaport on her recent graduation from Asheville Buncombe Community College. On August 27th, Marina received her degree as a radiological technician.

Mazel Tov to Geoff and Elissa Brown who have just increased their family to include a baby boy, Levi, born in October.

Congratulations to Hilda Ehrlich, whose grandson, Adam Morris, became a Bar Mitzvah. Adam is the son of Rita and Saul Morris.

A Big Mazel Tov to Andy Deutsch and his parents, Bob and Carol Deutsch, and sister, Robin, on his becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 15 and 16, which was followed by a Kiddush luncheon. The “Schul” was overflowing with an array of relatives from everywhere and many friends. Andy “done did himself proud.” Included in the services, much of which he led, were readings from the Torah. His Dad and sister, Robin, also led readings.

Rabbi Birnham participated in an Interfaith Healing Service for persons who have AIDS or are HIV positive. This service was held at All Souls Episcopal Church in Asheville on October 10th. It was sponsored by the HIV/AIDS Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, and included representation from the

following religious organizations: Baptist, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian-Universalist, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Metropolitan Community, and Episcopal.

A Sisterhood meeting on "Death and Dying," with a lecture by Rabbi Birkman, enhanced by a panel and discussion, was held on November 14th, following a Sunday afternoon tea.

Personals

Charlotte Financial Planning Firm Announces Expansion

(Charlotte, NC)-Oxman, Riggins & Ownbey, a Charlotte-based financial consulting firm, has expanded its operation into the Gastonia and Greenville SC markets.

The Charlotte firm has formed an alliance with R.S. Ownbey & Associates, a Gastonia firm specializing in business and estate planning, and The Showalter Group, a Greenville SC, life insurance agency. Each firm will maintain its separate identity.

"We are excited about our association with two firms with extensive experience in Gastonia and Greenville," said Allan S. Oxman. "Together, we will be able to provide a wider range of financial services and products as well as utilize the experience and expertise of additional financial planning professionals."

Oxman, Riggins & Ownbey is a member of First Financial Resources, a national group of financial planners.

Principals in the firm are Oxman, Randall E. Riggins, and Ron S. Ownbey.

Oxman, a graduate of Georgia State University, is a Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. He is past president of the Charlotte chapter of CLU and ChFC, a member of the Charlotte Estate Planning Council, the American Society of CLU and ChFC, and the Association of Advance Life Underwriting. Oxman represents clients through major life and health insurers and has specialized in Insurance Tax Planning since 1975. The Charlotte Association of Life Underwriters recently honored Oxman as Agent of the Year for 1992-93. He was also named a member of "Top of the Table," the designation of excellence awarded to only 539 life agents nationwide.

Riggins, a Charlotte native, was educated at the University of South Carolina and joined Oxman's firm in 1988. He became a partner in 1990. A member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, Riggins concentrates in the areas of employee benefits for privately-held corporations, business strategy using insurance products, and retirement and estate planning.

Ownbey holds both the CLU and ChFC designations and is a life member of the Million Dollar Roundtable, having qualified for 17 consecutive years. He is a member of the Life Underwriters Association and has completed courses to receive the Life Underwriters Fellowship designation, is a member and past president of the Western Piedmont Estate Planning Council, and a member of the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting.

Showalter, a Greenville resident since

1979, has been a leading producer for New York Life since he began his life insurance career over 32 years ago. Educated at Mars Hill College, Showalter holds the CLU and ChFC designations and has received the National Quality Award of the National Association of Life Underwriters 24 times. He is a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Roundtable, a member and past president of the Greater Greenville Estate Planning Council, and a member of the Association of Life Underwriters, Life Leaders of South Carolina and the American Society of CLU and ChFC.

R.S. Ownbey & Associates is located on South York Street in Gastonia; The Showalter Group is located at 210 Brendan Way in Greenville.

Jewish Wisdom

What does not grow, declines.
~ Hillel

There is no wealth like health.
~Wisdom of Sirach

The goal of good health is to enable a person to acquire wisdom.
~Maimonides

Silence is the only successful substitute for brains.
~Maurice Samuel

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.
~Albert Einstein

Annual Charlotte Jewish Women's Retreat

Ladies it's here! What You've all been waiting for! The Second Annual Charlotte Jewish Women's Retreat

The Female A-Gender. . .It's Time You Took a Break!

And, God created woman. . .because He couldn't be everywhere! That's right! We women of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Sisterhood, Synagogue and ORT have been working extremely long and hard to fulfill the legacy bequeathed to us by the Almighty. And it's time to be rewarded for our blood, sweat and tears!! It's time to take a break!

Leave the man, the kids, the stresses, the headaches and the dirty dishes behind and come to the second annual Charlotte Jewish Women's Retreat, taking place February 5-6, 1994, at the Charlotte Embassy Suites Hotel, 4800 South Tryon St.

The focus of this INTERGENERATIONAL Female

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by Linda Landau

Jackie Woodland has been named a recipient of the Seventh Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. Jackie's dedication to strengthening leadership development as well as her commitment to civic and cultural organizations is reflected by the years of service and degree of enthusiasm she has displayed. Jackie is past president of Raleigh Hadassah, a past president of Southern Seaboard region of Hadassah, a past president of Beth Meyer Sisterhood and is currently on the Past Presidents' Advisory Council of Hadassah. The announcement of this prestigious award

A-Gender will be on YOU! Each and every one of you who attend will partake of an extraordinary experience.

The program begins on February 5 (after Shabbos, of course) with a Manager's Cocktail Reception, dinner, Havdalah service, a night of "Jewish Shtick", followed by a pool and dessert party.

Sunday, February 6, begins with an early buffet breakfast. Included in the day's activities will be lunch and guest speakers who will address a full gamut of intergenerational issues.

This is sure to be a weekend that you won't want to miss! The women who attended last year are still talking about it!

Don't be left out-you'll be sorry!

The \$64 cost includes Saturday night lodging (3 in a room), Manager's Cocktail Reception, dinner, program,

was made locally at the October 26th Paid-Up-Membership Dinner.

The evening continued to honor Jewish women. Selma Schoen, resident comedienne, shared her humorous observations of a topic she is most familiar with, Jewish motherhood. Selma's anecdotes, told in English, Yiddish and Southern, and sometimes a combination of all three, tickled and delighted us.

The evening ended on a high note. Pianist Holly Zendels treated the audience to old favorites such as Tzena Tzena and had us all singing along.

Organizations

pool and dessert party, and Sunday Buffet breakfast, program & Lunch.

For those of you who might not be able to join us on Saturday night, but who would like to participate on Sunday, we have a special \$22 Sunday rate this year, which will include lunch and the Sunday portion of the program. The program will end at approximately 4:00 pm on Sunday.

Don't wait another minute in making your decision to come!

The ABSOLUTE deadline for registering will be January 15.

Send your checks payable to Crown City Chapter, WAORT in the amount of \$64 or \$22 to: Lorrie Klemons, 7520 Kinvara Ct., Charlotte, NC 28270. If possible, include the names of 2 friends you would like to room with. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN EARLY JANUARY!

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CAJE by Lenora Stein, Director NEWS

Seventh Street to Shalom Park

*A multimedia exhibit celebrating our Jewish heritage
December 6, 1993 ~ January 31, 1994
Carnegie Gallery ~ The Main Library
3rd floor*



Louis Silverstein, ca. 1900, Charlotte, NC. Son of Benjamin Silverstein, a founder of the first Jewish congregation in Charlotte in 1895, Agudath Achim, the forerunner of Temple Israel. Photo taken by H. Baumgarten, Charlotte's first commercial photographer and a founding trustee of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, the Hebrew Cemetery in 1870.

December 12-Jane Breskin Zalben
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January 20-Anne Roiphe
author of "If You Know Me and Loving Kindness"

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Seventh Street to Shalom Park *Celebrating our Jewish Heritage*

This exhibit features historical photographs from Charlotte's Jewish community collected during a joint project of the Library and the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society. More than 600 photographs loaned by individuals in the community were duplicated and added to the local history files of The Library, where they are now available for research.

The exhibit also includes a video presentation featuring clips from the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society's

oral history collection, a Historic Walking Tour of the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery and an interview with the late Harry Golden, Charlotte's famous Jewish author and commentator. Memorabilia illustrating the Jewish community's growth and development will also be displayed.

The exhibit will be open from Sunday, December 5, 1993 through Monday, January 31, 1994, during regular Library hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information about Seventh Street to Shalom Park, call The Library's Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room.

Programs at the Main Library

Saturday, December 11 3:00 p.m.
Children's Library

This Super Saturday program in the Children's Library at the Main Library will feature traditional Jewish toys. Children will have the opportunity to make a dreidel. Space is limited to 25 children, ages 5-12. Call the Children's Library, 336-2409, to register.

Sunday, December 12 2:30 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

Children's author Jane Breskin Zalben will speak about her work. Zalben has written and illustrated 28 books ranging from ABC and poetry books to five young adult novels. But it is her Jewish holiday picture books- featuring a warm and cuddly family of bears- which have built her reputation. Beni's First Chanukah (1988), a Sydney Taylor honor book, was followed by Happy Passover Rosie, Leo and Blossom's Sukkah and Goldie's Purim. Also on the program is a performance by the Anim Zemirot Children's Choir. The program is free, but seating is limited.

Thursday, January 20 7:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

Writer Anne Roiphe will speak about her work. Roiphe is the author of Generation Without Memory: A Jewish Journey in Christian America (1981), Seasons for Healing: Reflections on the Holocaust (1988), Lovingkindness (a novel, 1987) and The Pursuit of Happiness (a novel, 1991). She also wrote four novels under her former name of Anne Richardson: Digging Out (1967), Up the Sandbox (1970), Long Division (1972) and Torch Song (1977). Following the program, copies of Roiphe's work will be available for

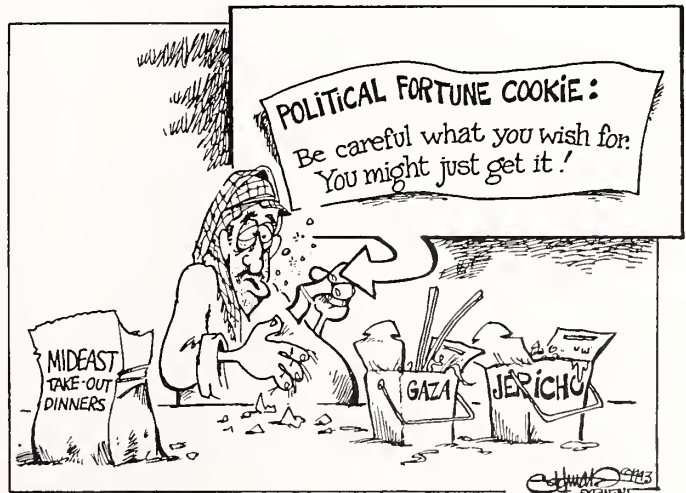
sale and autographing. The program is free, but seating is limited. For more information, call Library Adult Services, 336-6228.

Low-Cost Housing for Jewish Senior Citizens

A meeting was held in Charlotte in September of several members of the Charlotte Jewish community to discuss initiating an effort to construct low-cost housing for Jewish senior citizens.

The need for senior housing arises from our increasing life-span and also from the rapid influx of Jews to Charlotte-Mecklenburg, many of whom are of limited means. It can be expected that both of these factors will continue to increase the numbers in this group and the local Jewish community would be well advised to begin planning now to meet that growing need. It was recommended that the HUD 202 Program be investigated which has proved to be successful in many cities under B'nai B'rith.

Information on need and feasibility will be gathered and that information discussed at future meetings.



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| 2. Sources/background materials cited. | 6. Originality |
| 3. Judaic content. | 7. Can the project be replicated, adapted or duplicated. |
| 4. Student outcomes/product stated. | 8. CREATIVITY! |

All applicable worksheets, curricula, scripts, photos, examples, etc., related to the project should be submitted for consideration.

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Book Reviews & Media

The Collective Silence: German Identity and the Legacy of Shame

**Barbara Heimannsberg and
Christoph J. Schmidt, Editors**

Jossey-Bass 254 pp. \$27.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

It became apparent a long time ago that the ripples of the Holocaust and the Nazi regime would continue to spread throughout the future. We feel after-shocks like those following an earthquake.

Now a group of German psychotherapists' essays have been gathered by the editors of "The Collective Silence," disclosing the trauma, tragedy and guilt which remain. The book has been translated from the German by Gordon Wheeler, Ph.D. and Cynthia Oudejans Harris, M.D.

Some of the writers were adults during the years which left the legacy of shame; others were children of Germans who were perpetrators or bystanders. All of them have as their patients people affected by Nazism. Some have become patients themselves. Entire families were led to explore their past.

While it offers some comfort to learn that Germans are not completely free

from conscience, there is little recognition of guilt in the disclosures of this research. Some did express moral conflict, and many have asked parents and grandparents what their roles were during Hitler's Reich. Too many seem to have blocked out that portion of their lives, and many offer justifications, explanations or ignorance of what is happening.

There is still nostalgia for comradeship and loyalty, and there remains pride in German military mentality. The editors, in their introduction, refer to "the worlds of confusion, mystification and attempts to ease the burden."

There is a taboo in Germany on the expression of enthusiasm for Nazi feelings and obsessions. Hitler and his program have been officially repudiated, but the lack of voices today combine into a tremendous silence.

Silence was a virtue in the elite ranks of the military and SS, and it pervaded the German population. True, there was justified fear of reprisal, but obedience to authority is a traditional German virtue. For those who struggled with the ability to remain silent, there is a great difficulty in speaking now. These therapists have in some cases succeeded in healing by enabling the heirs of participants, as well as those who merely remained silent, to talk about the past.

Although "The Collective Silence" deals with personal problems, it is written with the hope of enlightening today's troubled world as to what can happen. It is necessary to remember that the Holocaust was not Germans killing Jews, who were "outsiders." It was Germans killing Germans. The same kind of slaughter goes on in many nations now. How can this be stopped, and will it ever stop?

This book is interesting, because it is only in the minds and souls of people that the problem can be solved, and these writers are experts in the field of mind and thought.

Fires in the Mirror

By Anna Deavere Smith

Anchor Books 139 pp. \$10.00
paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Anna Deavere Smith has captured remarkably the tensions between Blacks and Whites, especially in the Crown Heights riots in 1991. Originally a play, the book is dramatic. It was on TV's "American Playhouse" last spring, and it has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in drama.

Ms. Smith is an actress, as well as playwright, and she is both solo performer and writer of "Fires in the Mirror" on the New York stage.

The sequence of events in Crown Heights, which began in August 1991 is outlined chronologically. There follows a series of 26 interviews, just the words of the persons interviewed, some of whom are well known nationally. There are some excellent photographs.

There was much publicity about the incident which created the explosion of long simmering hostility in Crown Heights between the Blacks and the Lubavitch community. There is wealth amongst the latter, poverty amongst the Blacks.

The mirror held up to use by Ms. Smith shows the character of some Americans in an amazingly objective, unbiased manner. We are given a clear view of specific ethnic turmoil. It does not seem to be religious conflict. We look deeply into the speakers' souls, and it would be difficult to choose sides after reading all of the poetic outpourings.

Though it has been said often that in our diversity lies our safeguard, it is hard to conceive of a resolution to this turmoil.

This gifted writer is associate professor of drama at Stanford University.

"Philadelphia" is a play opening this season, and her new work, "Twilight: Los Angeles 1992," will be produced off-Broadway in spring 1994. She may be a great influence for understanding through her teaching and writing.

From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs

compiled by Amy L. Cohn
Scholastic Inc. 416 pp. \$29.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This is a beautiful book for Americans to hand down from generation to generation. It is for the young at heart, for all who love this country. It is illustrated by eleven Caldecott Medal and four Caldecott Honor Book artists, is compiled by Amy L. Cohn, a children's book editor, president of the Children's Literature Assembly and a popular lecturer. "From Sea to Shining Sea" is the product of extensive research.

Every American family has a piece of its stories, songs and its promise. It contains Indian (Native American) myth, stories of ethnic groups, geographic regions, legends, poems and tall tales.

The publisher's release calls this book "A Landmark Treasury," and that it is. It contains more than 250 pages of full color illustrations, and the pages are high quality gloss paper.

For oldsters, there are reminders of Babe Ruth and Mark Twain and wonderful poems of our youth by Longfellow (Paul Revere's Ride) and Emerson's Concord Hymn, reminiscent of our school days when we were offered large servings of patriotism.

There is much history of wars and the development of territory and industry. The story of immigration is told, with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. There is humor and the tragedy of slavery, and even the story of our shameful imprisonment of Japanese during World War II. No wonder "From Sea to Shining Sea" has been selected by Book-of-the-Month Club, Children's Book-of-the-Month Club, History Book Club and with enthusiasm by this reviewer.

It belongs on the table beside other important books in our lives.



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Mosaic Zodiac Uncovered in Byzantine Synagogue at Sepphoris

Jerusalem-A colorful mosaic synagogue floor depicting the zodiac was recently unearthed during the 1993 season of archaeological excavations at Sepphoris, an important Jewish, Roman and Early Christian city near Nazareth in the Galilee.

The excavations are being carried out by the Institute of Archaeology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem under the direction of Dr. Ehud Netzer and Zeev Weiss, with the sponsorship of the Government Tourist Corporation and the National Parks Authority and the assistance of the Galilee Foundation and the Israel Exploration Society.

The richly designed mosaic floor was uncovered in the first complete synagogue found at the site. It is laid out in the form of a single large carpet divided into rectangular panels. The zodiac, which occupies the center panel, contains the names of the months and of the astrological signs in Hebrew. The four seasons are pictured at the borders of the zodiac and have both Hebrew and Greek inscriptions and the portrait of a woman, the personification of autumn.

The panels to the north of the zodiac panel describe various Jewish festivals, including a basket of fruit decorated with two pigeons, which was the Temple offering for the festival of Shavuot (Pentecost).

A pair of menorot (candelabra) and a shofar (ram's horn) are displayed in the mosaic as well as by other Jewish symbols, including the four species-etrog (citron), lulav (palm frond), hadas (myrtle) and aravah (willow)-representing the festival of Succot (Tabernacles). Between the two candelabra is a separate panel portraying the facade of a holy ark. The section of the mosaic above the ark and the candelabra shows a pair of lions holding the head of a bull above a wreath with a Greek inscription, of which only part remains intact.

Sepphoris was primarily a Jewish city during the Roman period, and the Jewish constituted a majority even after the growth of the Christian



A silverplated Jewish Museum reproduction of an 18th century lamp Chanukah depicting the Jewish heroine, Judith. The Jewish Museum Design Shop, 1 East 92nd Street, from November 1 through December 17, 1993.

News & Notes

Hadassah Hospital's Menopause Clinic Provides Research, Treatment and Consultation



Dr. Drorit Hochner-Celnikier, founded the Hadassah Menopause Clinic which has provided treatment and advice to more than 2,000 Israeli women.

JERUSALEM—It was no easy task for Dr. Drorit Hochner-Celnikier to combine her demands as a mother of three and as a senior physician at Hadassah University Hospital, but on February 1, 1987, Dr. Hochner did the impossible. On that day she opened the Hadassah Menopause Clinic at Hadassah's Mt. Scopus campus.

To date, more than 2,000 Israeli women have turned to Hadassah's Menopause Clinic for treatment, advice,

consultation and research findings.

Under the guidance of Dr. Hochner, Hadassah's Menopause Clinic provides an interdisciplinary approach to treatment by cooperating with other Hadassah medical and social services departments. Of major concern to Dr. Hochner and the Menopause Clinic staff is the ability to provide women with highly individualized therapy.

First-time patients at Hadassah

Menopause Clinic complete two questionnaires. One is about dietary habits in order to determine calcium, iron, protein and lipid intake; the other is a psychological profile that gives insight into how each patient thinks about herself, her profession and her relationship with family, friends and society at large. Bone status, blood work-ups and mammographies complete the profile.

According to the Menopause Clinic's major findings, the main problem for women approaching menopause is whether to administer hormonal replacement therapy. For women who have undergone hysterectomies, or for women who are early menopause (45 or younger), the Clinic recommends hormone therapy because in addition to relieving climacteric symptoms, preventing post-menopausal osteoporosis, and replacing lost estrogen, it decreases the risk of heart disease.

For women with intact uteri, and who are over 45, two main issues are considered when prescribing treatment: the presence and severity of climacteric symptoms; and the risk of developing post-menopausal osteoporosis. Women with decreased bone density, with or without climacteric symptoms receive hormonal replacement therapy.

Presently, Dr. Hochner is working to broaden the Menopause Clinic to include in one facility interdisciplinary clinics for cardiology, psychology, osteology, nutrition and exercise.

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Kiruv Student Outreach Program from Yeshiva University in New York City to conduct programs at Duke University Dec. 2-5

Program Seeks to Develop and Enhance Jewish Identity Among College Students

Kiruv, the college student outreach program of Yeshiva University, will conduct programs on business and medical ethics, belief in God and Jewish continuity at Duke University Dec. 2-5.

Undergraduate and graduate students from Yeshiva University will conduct discussion groups, multimedia presentations and creative participatory programs designed to increase or enhance Jewish identity. The programs will take place at various undergraduate and graduate schools at Duke.

The Kiruv program is under the auspices of the Max Stern Division of Communal Services, part of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York City.

"Kiruv is an organization dedicated to the enrichment of the religious and cultural life of Jewish university

students throughout North America," said its director, Barry Bender. "For those students who are alienated, we help to foster a Jewish identity. For those who already have a positive identity, our programs help to enhance it."

That goal is achieved through programs which translate traditional Jewish concepts into relevant forums through topical subjects such as intermarriage, Judaism and ecology, business and medical ethics and women in Judaism. Each program is run in conjunction with the campus' B'nai B'rith Hillel and subject matter is tailored to the request of that college.

The students who conduct programs are selected based on their sensitivity and knowledge about all denominations of Judaism and their open-mindedness.

"We don't believe that Jewish understanding can be fostered through coercion, guilt or unfair pressure," noted Bender. "We are not preachers of doom for Judaism, but rather teachers of hope to the alienated Jewish students we inspire."

Kiruv is one of the largest Jewish college outreach programs in North America, according to Bender, conducting 130 programs at 62 college campuses last year. Begun in 1986 by members of the Jewish community to combat assimilation, Kiruv is funded through private contributions.

For more information on the Duke program, contact Michael Landy, Hillel director, at (919) 684-6422.

The Max Stern Division of Communal Services was established in 1945. It is the service arm of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, founded in 1896, which has grown to comprise 15 educational entities and

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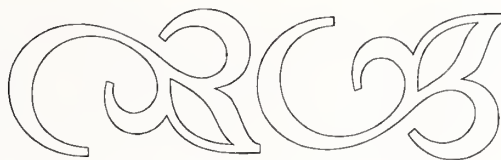
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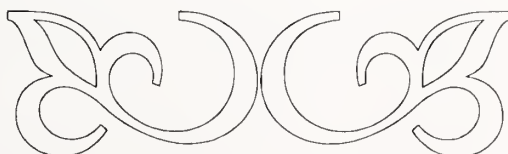
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Editorial

Second Thoughts on Seeking Converts

by *Jacob Stein*

At the recent convention of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations in San Francisco, the 4,000 delegates heard their president, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, suggest a \$5 million program to actively proselytize non-Jews.

"Judaism," he said, "has an enormous amount of wisdom and experience to offer our troubled world, and we Jews ought to be proud to proclaim it with pride."

The proposal was not well received in many circles. Reform rabbis quickly declared that proselytism is not the policy of the Reform movement. Leaders of Agudath Israel (Orthodox) and the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism rejected the proposal.

Jews are a 3,200-year-old people whose survival is the result of the ability to meet changing times. Conversion was one of the major survival tools invented and repeatedly used by Jews. We moved from a desert tribe to a nation state, from its breakup and the destruction of the Temple to the ghettos of Eastern Europe and the rebirth of the State of Israel. Quite a journey. We survived because we learned how to make the necessary adjustments for survival while maintaining the integrity of our core beliefs.

One can find much support in Jewish history for Rabbi Schindler's proposal. Abraham set out on his missionary journey to bring the message of one God to the world and secure converts to this faith. The prophet Isaiah wrote, ". . . and all nations shall flow unto [the Lord's house]. And many peoples. . . will walk in His paths."

During the period of the Hasmoneans (120-95 B.C.E.) the Jewish armies gave the conquered peoples the option of accepting Judaism or leaving their land. Not very gentle proselytizing.

Scholars of the period set the Jewish population in Palestine at the time of the Hasmoneans at 200,000, reaching 2,500,000 at the time of the destruction of the Second Temple (70 C.E.) by the Romans. Not even the most effective fertility pill could account for this as "natural growth." The conclusion is that it was the result of active proselytizing and conversion.

Jews were scattered. Many lived in Babylonia, where proselytizing possibilities were greater than ever. Hellenism and the Roman system broke down barriers between peoples, giving Judaism the climate to compete for the minds and heart of the people. While Jews and then Christians and Moslems required that conquered people accept the conqueror's faith or pay dearly, this was not the attitude of the Romans and Greeks. During the rabbinic period,

beginning about 200 B.C.E. until the rise of Islam, the goal was to bring as many people under the Shechinah—the divine presence—as possible, as Judaism was the one true religion.

In the early part of the fourth century, under the Roman Emperor Constantine, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. Jews were prohibited from proselytizing, to prevent them from influencing Christians. The Jewish community turned inward, introspective and isolated, striving only to survive.

Jews living under Islam endured humiliating dress codes and a sharply limited lifestyle. In Medina, the first site of Mohammed's power, the Prophet expected the large Jewish community to join him in his new religion. They failed to do so and the seeds of anti-Jewish sentiment were planted in Islam. Jews living under Islamic rule had very little opportunity to proselytize and convert.

After the Renaissance, nationalism began to replace religion as the driving force in organizing people. This change provided Jews the opportunity to more easily seek converts. At the same time, however, religion had become less vital to much of the populace.

Turning on the Electricity
The French Revolution had us put aside many of our habits and ways as the price of citizenship and participation in the affairs of the state. In America, our parents and grandparents and beyond brought with them skills to help build this new nation. We enjoy living freely and openly with all members of society, but we have yet to learn how to deal with the subsequent mingling of Jew and non-Jews when it reaches the point of intermarriage. We certainly can be more creative in dealing with this

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We live in an everchanging world with many complex issues. Over the last sixty years we have lived to see many of these changes. This year the American Jewish Times Outlook will take a closer look at those changes and how they have affected our lives.

I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your comments!

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problem than we have been to date.

On one level of response to Rabbi Schindler, I wonder whether we could better use our limited resources, funds and manpower to strengthen the pervasively thin commitment to Judaism among our people, rather than actively proselytize for new converts.

On the other hand, we should be inviting people to join us, planting the seed of Judaism so that we might develop a literate, informed community of significant size. If we are to be "a light unto the nations," as Rabbi Schindler says, now is the time to turn on the electricity.

As a final point, when Rabbi Schindler—a distinguished leader of the Jewish religious community—makes a suggestion, it merits our careful thought and response.

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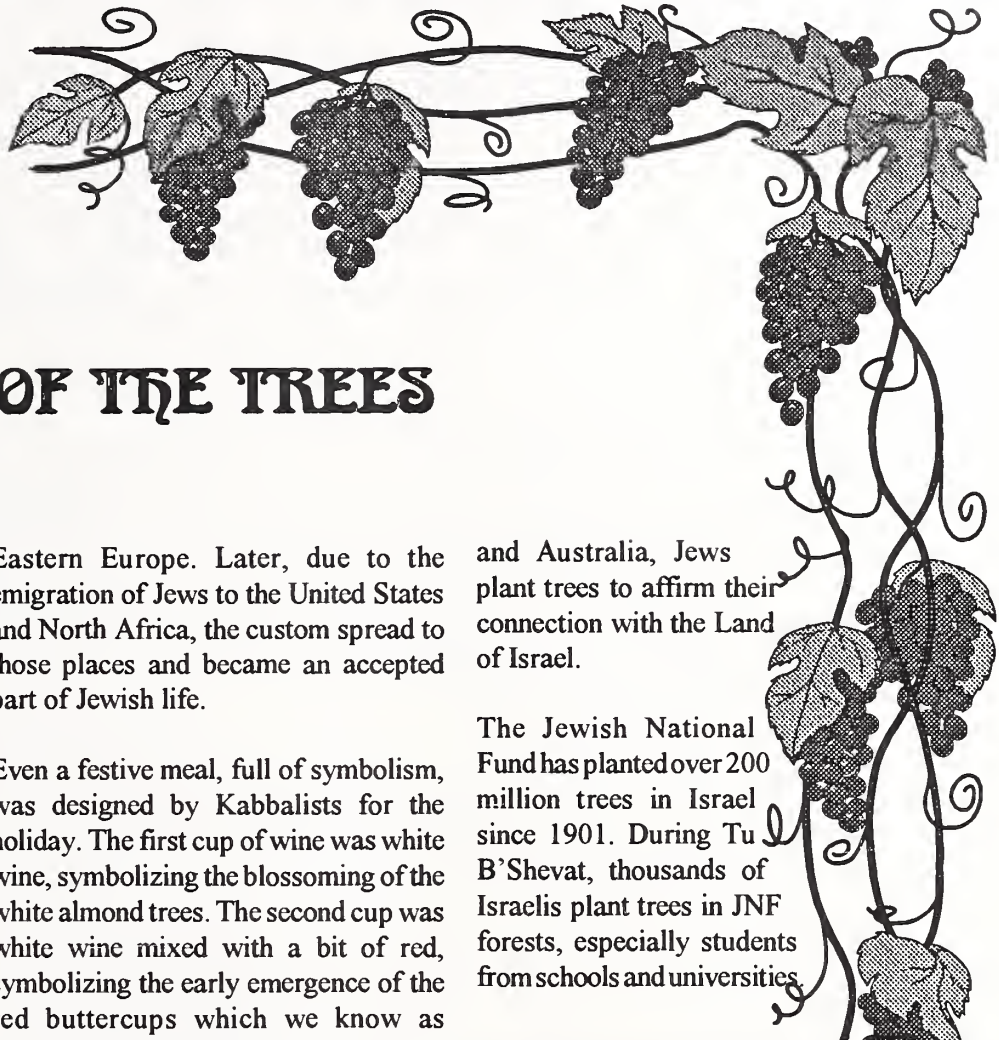
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THE HOLIDAY OF THE TREES

BY D'VORA BER SHAUL

Tu B'Shevat, which falls on January 27, 1994, is unique among the holidays celebrated by Jews in Israel and around the globe.

The date is not even mentioned in the Bible or the Talmud as a holiday. It was only a day used for figuring taxes: any tree that had fruit before that date was taxed in the same year, while any tree that gave fruit after was taxed the following year. That is why it is mentioned as the "new year of trees."

The celebration of Tu B'Shevat as a festive holiday began in the Diaspora. It came about as an expression of the longing for the Land of Israel and for the days when Israel was a nation. The eating of fruit on this day was a symbol of the eternal tie between the people of Israel and the land of their forefathers.

No certain date is known for the beginning of these celebrations, but it seems that the custom of celebrating this holiday began in Germany in the 14th or 15th century, because by the 16th century it was well-established and had spread to

Eastern Europe. Later, due to the emigration of Jews to the United States and North Africa, the custom spread to those places and became an accepted part of Jewish life.

Even a festive meal, full of symbolism, was designed by Kabbalists for the holiday. The first cup of wine was white wine, symbolizing the blossoming of the white almond trees. The second cup was white wine mixed with a bit of red, symbolizing the early emergence of the red buttercups which we know as *kalaniyot*. The third cup was half red and half white, symbolizing the mixture of rotem, tulips and more red buttercups. The last and fourth cup was almost all red with a bit of white, as the bright red poppies, replaced other wildflowers.

The custom of planting trees on Tu B'Shevat introduced by the early Zionist pioneers, who returned to the Land of Israel from Eastern Europe. Filled with fervor and excited over the chance to work the soil of this "new-old land," they declared the "new years of the trees" to be a day of reclaiming the land. To symbolize this reclamation, they planted trees. The custom spread, and today, in such far-flung places as North America, South America, South Africa

and Australia, Jews plant trees to affirm their connection with the Land of Israel.

The Jewish National Fund has planted over 200 million trees in Israel since 1901. During Tu B'Shevat, thousands of Israelis plant trees in JNF forests, especially students from schools and universities



Soviet family plants trees.

by Elizabeth Applebaum assistant editor
The Detroit Jewish News

Myth Information

Debunked strange notions people have about Judaism, Hebrew, and Israel.



During a recent visit to Israel's capital city, Tel Aviv, Robert Jones, who is half Jewish, stopped for lunch at a new deli that offered kosher-style food. He considered it for a moment, but then decided he was in the mood for some really kosher, or glatt kosher, edibles. He turned and left.

As he continued his journey, Mr. Jones stopped to buy Girl Scout cookies, impressing everyone with his mitzvah, or good deed. But of course, that's what the Old Testament directs him to do.

Finally, after what seemed hundreds of years as long as the Arab-Israeli conflict, in fact Mr. Jones found an acceptable

restaurant. Or so he thought. Just as he went to open the door, Mr. Jones saw the place offered caviar! Gasp! And to think he thought it was kosher!

*Tel Aviv, Israel's capital?
Somebody is half-Jewish?
A mitzvah is a good deed?*

Wrong, on all three counts.

These are just a few of the mistaken notions people hold about Judaism. Now, local experts debunk those myths and 11 more.



1. There is such a thing as "Kosher Style."

You've heard of being a little bit pregnant?

"Kosher style" is in the same league. Food is either kosher or it isn't, explains Rabbi Ron Glogower of the University of Michigan Hillel.

"Jewish dietary laws are quite specific," he says. "They describe not only what animals can be killed, but exactly how they have to be killed; then they must be cooked a certain way, with kosher utensils, and served a specific way (meat and dairy foods separate)."

Sometimes, restaurant owners call food "kosher style" because the meat they are serving is, in fact, kosher, Rabbi Glogower adds. "But then it's

prepared in an unkosher way served with milk or with non-kosher utensils. It could even be that the kosher corned beef was sliced using the same machine that just sliced a side of ham."

"It's basically a marketing ploy," Rabbi Glogower says of the "kosher style" pronouncements. (Maybe the same restaurants serve "vegetarian style" food: fresh vegetables, cooked in beef stock?)

2. Glatt kosher means "Super Kosher."

The word glatt is Yiddish for "smooth" (in Hebrew the word is chalach). It is used specifically to describe the condition of an animal's lungs after kosher slaughter, according to Rabbi Mordechai Wolmark, head of the Merkaz, the laymen's association of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis.

Meat designated "glatt kosher" came from an animal that had absolutely no lesions or adhesions (scabs) on its lungs when it was slaughtered.

Kashrut demands that animals be healthy before shchitah (kosher slaughter), but there are some small lung adhesions that are permissible to remove. As long as a heksher (kosher certification) comes from a reliable source, meat is considered 100 percent kosher regardless of whether it is glatt or not, Rabbi Wolmark says.

3. Orthodox Jews have marital relations between a sheet.

"How this got started I have no idea," says Rabbi Alon Tolwin, executive director of Aish HaTorah in Detroit. "Maybe because people saw tzitzit drying on laundry lines? . . ."

"In any case, there's absolutely no Halachic base to this idea whatsoever."

4. The Arab-Israeli conflict goes back hundreds of years.

There are plenty of problems with this crazy notion (even advanced by a certain U.S. president not so long ago), not the least of which is the fact that many of the Middle East countries didn't even exist until after World War I.

"Most of these countries are not like European nations that have histories as states," explains Les Goldstein, executive director of the Detroit office of Bar-Ilan University.

Iraq became an independent nation in 1932. Saudi Arabia was established in 1926. Jordan wasn't a country until 1946. Israel was created in 1948.

In addition, Mr. Goldstein notes, the Jewish presence in the Middle East was relatively small until 1881. Most of these Jewish communities lived quietly and peacefully until, as their numbers increased, they often were attacked by Arabs.

5. The word mitzvah means "good deed."

The word mitzvah comes from the Hebrew tziva meaning "command," explains Rabbi Zeev Shimansky, executive director of Yeshivat Akiva. Thus, mitzvah literally means, "commandment" from the Torah.

The colloquial understanding of mitzvah is that it is solely a good deed, and while doing a commandment is certainly a good deed, "that's not the only reason we do a mitzvah," Rabbi Shimansky explained. "We do a mitzvah because we are commanded by God to do so."

6. The word "goy" is a disparaging term.

The problem lies not in the translation but in the usage.

In Hebrew, the word goy means "gentile" or "nation" and nothing more, explains Gene Schramm, a linguistics professor at the University of Michigan. The famous verse from Isaiah, for example, *Lo yisa goy el goy charev*, translates "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation," which certainly has no negative intention.

Goy does contrast with the Hebrew *ahm*, or people, which is used to describe Jews, *ahm Yisrael*, the people of Israel. But *ahm* implies a specific political or theological allegiance, Dr. Schramm says. This would hardly be appropriate for describing anyone who isn't Jewish.

The fact that goy has come to have unfavorable connotation is based, instead, on the negative attitude some Jews have toward gentiles.

7. A person can be "half Jewish" or "part Jewish."

"When I heard someone described as 'half Jewish,' I always want to know which half is Jewish: the top half or the bottom half?" says Rabbi Martin Berman of Congregation Beth Achim. "This assumes that being Jewish is additive: If one half of your genetic material comes from a Jewish parent, you are 'half Jewish.'" "

In fact, he says, "either you are Jewish or you are not. Jewish tradition defines Jewish status on the basis of parentage. If your mother is Jewish, you are Jewish. If your mother is not Jewish, you are not Jewish." The Reform movement now recognizes children of Jewish fathers who are raised as Jews.

One also can join the Jewish people through conversion, Rabbi Berman notes, which renders a person "100 percent Jewish, even without a drop of Jewish genetic material."

8. Caviar is treife.

Despite its high price and fancy name, caviar is really nothing more than fish eggs (but would you want to eat something called simply "fish eggs"?) or "roe," in the language of great chefs.

As long as it comes from a kosher fish and has been prepared under proper supervision, there's no reason caviar cannot be kosher, says Albert Rosenberg's Farmington Meadows Kosher Catering.

The problem probably stems from the fact that most of the caviar sold today is from sturgeon, which is indeed a *treife* fish. But many kosher and non-kosher, cuisine experts have found that roe from salmon produces an equally tasty (and almost as expensive) caviar.

9. Judaism embraces the idea of heaven and hell.

Judaism does believe in an afterlife, *olam habah*, where the righteous of all nations will go. And it does support the notion that those who do not merit a place in *olam habah* will be punished.

But there are not pits of hell with little devils running about and where the wicked suffer eternal damnation; there are no glorious golden-blue clouds welcoming souls into a heaven filled with cherubs wearing robes of dazzling white. Both Islam and Christianity support such concepts, but classical rabbinic opinion is divided as to what happens after death and exactly what *olam habah* will be like.

In Judaism, Rabbi Shaiall Zachariash of Shomrey Emunah explains, heaven and hell can loosely be translated as gan eden and gehennim. Among the 13 principles of faith codified by Maimonides is that "God rewards with good those who observe his commandments and punishes those who violate his commandments. The reward or punishment can take place either here in this world or the hereafter."

10. Jewish slaves built the pyramids of ancient Egypt.

Rabbi Joseph Gutmann, former art history professor at Wayne State University, explains:

The Exodus occurred around 1260 BCE. The great pyramids were built between 2700 BCE and 2400 BCE, when Jews were not even in Egypt.

The Torah does say that Jews built the royal cities of Pithom and Ramses, but make no mention of the pyramids.

11. The service in Solomon's Temple was accompanied by an organ.

Jewish Scripture says that the Temple service was indeed accompanied by music. The Levites played a variety of string, wind and percussion instruments. But the organ was not among them.

The modern pipe organ is a descendant of the hydraulis invented by Ctesibios of Alexandria around 250 BCE. This crude instrument was developed by the late Greeks, Romans and Byzantines who introduced it in the Middle East.

The legend that an organ was used in the Second Temple seems to have come into Jewish thought in the early Middle Ages, when Talmudic commentators confused the hydraulis with magrefa, a tool used to clean the

altar.

12. Old Testament is an appropriate term for the Torah.

"As soon as you say 'old,' it implies something newer," explains Rabbi Norman Roman of Temple Kol Ami. "As Jews, we believe that the Torah is the word of God and God's teaching, and it hasn't been replaced or succeeded or improved on by any later testament."

"Old Testament" is a Christian term, used to differentiate between the Torah and the New Testament, which contains the life and teachings of Jesus and his disciples.

"Since we don't accept that, it's completely inappropriate for Jews to use the words 'Old Testament,'" Rabbi Roman says.

13. Super-religious Jews are called Chasidic.

Chasidism is a movement, not a level of religious observance, founded in the 18th century and based on the teachings of the Baal Shem Tov and his successors.

It was established in eastern Europe, where many Jews led difficult lives of poverty and torture at the hands of the Cossacks and peasants. Few had time to study, yet Jewish leaders promoted Judaism as a religion of and for intellectuals. It was only through serious learning, they said, that one could really be close to God.

The Baal Shem Tov taught that one also could reach God through prayer and faith, through "purity of intentions and joy in the service of God," explains Rabbi David Kagan of the Lubavitch Education Center. The Baal Shem Tov stressed ahavat Yisrael, loving one's fellow Jew, and serving God with

delight.

Chasidism also emphasized the mystical aspects of Judaism and asserted that God could be found anywhere, not simply in Jewish houses of learning. "It elevated the simple person," Rabbi Kagan says.

Chasidic and non-Chasidic Orthodox Jews hold virtually all the same principles in terms of religious observance and differ only in matters of ritual observance.

14. Tel Aviv is the capital of Israel.

Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and always has been, says Zionist Organization of America Executive Director Ezekiel Leikin. "Anyone who thinks otherwise is absolutely wrong."

Since its conquest by King David, described in Samuel II, Jerusalem has been regarded by Jews as the principal city of the Land of Israel and the spiritual heart of the Jewish people.

Tel Aviv was established in 1909 by Jews from Jaffa.

Maybe the confusion comes from the fact that a lot of countries including the United States have made a point of putting their embassies in Tel Aviv.

On December 13, 1949, the modern State of Israel proclaimed Jerusalem its capital. The act angered the Arabs, the Catholic Church and others who had wished for Jerusalem to be under international, rather than Jewish, control. For political and religious reasons, most of the countries with which Israel established diplomatic relations placed their embassies in Tel Aviv.

Gee, wouldn't it be fun if we could all tell other countries what their

capital cities are, instead of letting them decide for themselves? Who votes by Bay City as capital of the United States?

Eli Evans



Abba Eban has said of Eli Evans: "The Jews of the South have found their poet laureate." With that in mind, the Jewish Community Center and the Museum of the New South, with funding provided by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, are proud to present an evening with this renowned scholar and North Carolina native son. Join us at the Center on Sunday, February 13th, at 7:30 to hear his unique insights into presidential politics, civil rights, the Jewish world, and Southern life.

The evening will also give you the opportunity to learn about Mr. Evan's newest book, *e Lonely Days Were Sundays: Reflections of a Jewish Southerner*. The title is based on a comment that was made in his mother's diary about how different his family felt on Sundays in Durham, as they watched their Christian friends and neighbors going to church.

Mr. Evans previous books, *e Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South* and *P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate* have been very well received by both scholars and the general public. You will have the chance to discuss these books, as well as his newest one, at a reception and book signing immediately following his lecture.

Since graduating from the University of North Carolina and Yale Law School, Mr. Evans has led an exciting and varied life. He was a speech writer for President Lyndon Johnson, was involved in civil rights working for the Carnegie Corporation helping increase the number of black lawyers in the South, and is now the president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation in New York City.

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Once upon a time in the little country of Virishka there came a decree from the King. Posted on the doors of the citizens' homes and on each window of the stores in the villages was a small piece of official parchment.

"Your King officially declares that due to lack of interest, passion has been declared dead. There will be no funeral, and no mention of the emotion from this day forth. The word is hereby banned from usage and will not exist in any dictionary."

The people of Virishka were not overly disturbed since they had in recent decades only heard of passion, having neither felt it nor understood what it had been. In fact, the death of passion went by almost without notice.

Is passion dying? When asked why his novel, "Bridges of Madison County," was so successful, Robert James Waller is quoted in the USA TODAY as saying, "Maybe I came down on the side of passion in a world of cynicism."

Passion is described by Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionary as "strong feelings

or emotions as an obstacle to civilized conduct." The word comes from the Latin, *pati*, meaning, "to suffer or endure." Only as a fourth definition possibility is passion mentioned relating to sexual feelings. No mention of the word as a desirable quality is found.

I speak not of romantic passion. I



Sol Schulman at his store of 61 years.

speak of passion for what we do in life as our work. I speak of the sly, insidious evaporation of passion in our day to day routines, our month to month and year to year chosen professions, in our former dreams of what we would do when we grew up.

Go into any mall retail store and take a good look into the eyes of those who work there. In many cases the clerks

will be lying over sales racks trying, without success, to give a facsimile of a human being who cares for what he or she does. This disappearance of passion is not limited to entry level retail jobs. Listen over lunch to professionals who talk only of their golf game or when they will retire, even if that date is a few decades away. Psychologists who have rightfully talked us into the idea of having balance in our lives may have succeeded beyond their dreams. Work is now equated with bondage.

Fortunately, passion may be on shaky ground, but is still with us. Grab an Istanbul bean salad with me at Ike's International Sandwich Shop in Asheville. Sitting with me is Mort Freeman of Brooklyn, NY. He has come to Asheville to serve as Beth Israel Synagogue's High

Holy Days cantor.

When a friend of mine suggested I interview Mort Freeman, I wondered what a music illiterate like me could talk about with a man who obviously had the gift of God for melodious chants. Listening to Freeman during Rosh Hashonah carried me on a magic carpet back to Biblical times and wrapped me in an ancestral coat of

secure warmth. Yet talking to Freeman comes easy. It always does with a master of what he does, with a person who has a passion for his craft. Freeman is a master's master.

Freeman's cantorial background goes back generations. He tells me his eyes still tear up any time he thinks of his father's talmudic chants. Freeman's love of music is not narrow; he loves being a cantor, but also loves what he calls "Americana." From the music of Pete Seeger and Kenny Rogers to the American Yiddish Theater and former stints at Sammy's Romanian Club in New York City, Freeman describes with love what he sees as a spiritual thread of music that unites us all. The "Catskills by The Sea" shows he does in the winter at Florida condos combine songs from the gamut.

"Listen to this," Freeman says. He looks over his shoulder to see if singing quietly right at our booth will disturb Ike's other customers. He sings a little bit of Burl Ives' rendition of "Wayfarer," then a bit of a Talmudic chant from the section of the "Prophets," and finally a bit of a Negro spiritual, "I Dream of a City Called Heaven." Even I can hear all three have the same melody. Freeman talks of the difference between someone's having a good voice and someone passionate about singing. I look into Freeman's eyes and see what he speaks of. I see the passion for singing, the passion in Freeman's life.

Passion doesn't always come packaged as Hollywood might tell us. It may exist in everyday basic living. Though he looks twenty years younger, Sol Schulman will soon be eighty-two.

Every day he goes to work at this store which has been in the same location in Sylva, NC for sixty-one years. He never believed in branch stores, still uses a manual cash register. Schulman

has rarely, if ever, gone out for lunch, and he apologizes for missing a day here and there over the last six decades for minor inconveniences such as surgery. Instead of choosing a Florida condo, he recently decided to become a politician, and was elected to city council. He was top vote-getter. They did have a recount; he got six votes more than the first time they counted.

Sol Schulman also happens to be my father. He says his store is turning into an old folks' hangout. When I go to visit, there is always one of his buddies sitting in a chair in the shoe department talking about when they and Dad were young. Don't let this talk fool you. My father can still sell you a woolen topcoat in the July heat quicker than anyone half his age with an MBA. He doesn't go to work because he has to; he goes to work because of his passion for what he does.

"It's like Monopoly," he tells me. "It's not the valuable property you collect or the houses you build on your property. It's the challenge of the game."

"But Dad," I say, "you can't tell me you love your work when some lady brings back an evening dress with perspiration stains for a refund."

"Did I say life was always a mahiya? Sometimes you do just get up in the morning, puts your pants on and go to work. If the passion is there, it comes

back," he says.

I wish someone would have told that to Michael Jordan before he quit, excuse me, retired. Jordan had many reasons for quitting, all symptoms. The real reason was he lost his passion somewhere along the way.

Writers are passionate people, but there are many days when they want to give up. Not all editors are as nice as Geri Zhiss and Ruth Goldberg. When I feel passion waning, I try to think of what I saw in Mort Freeman's eyes as he talked about singing. I think of Sol Schulman and his band of "alte cockers." I think of what Erma Bombeck said when asked why she continued to write her weekly column while in ill health and after making tons of money. She looked at the superstar interviewer with a look that indicated that the question was totally irrelevant. "Because that's what I do," she said simply.

Little Virishka existed for a few decades but eventually faded from existence. Archaeologists found stacks of fossilized decrees on parchment buried in the ruins of the country. Evidently, the last King had seen the destruction caused by the absence of passion and had issued a new decree bringing passion back. He did not succeed. The King could not find anyone to get up and put their pants on, anyone to post the decrees.



"The hummingbirds have departed, and flocks of robins heading south pause to eat the red berries on my honeysuckle bushes, thereby getting tipsy and flying crooked. A doe and her faun crossed my river the other day. Patches of gold are appearing on the green of the cottonwoods, and I miss you."

Mary, wife of Ernest Hemingway, wrote the above sentiments to Jetti Schmerz, who had moved from New York City to Florida when she and her husband Felix retired in 1978. Jetti sees her relationship with Mary Hemingway to have been "a bright thread through my life" for 23 years.

For the past year, Jetti Schmerz has been living in Charlotte at Carriage Club. She came to Charlotte to be near to Noemi and Allen Margolis, her daughter and son-in-law, after her husband moved into The Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, NC. She brought with her the mementos of a colorful, rewarding lifetime, which she relates with clarity and intelligence, portraying a measure of modesty.

Jetti has no regrets, and would not do anything differently, if she could relive her life. This interesting life started in Vienna, and was to continue for many years in scattered places, until now. She married Felix Schmerz, a graduate of the Art School of the State of Austria, an interior architect.

In 1932, the young couple attended a Zionist Conference in Basle, Switzerland. There they met Chaim Weizmann, who persuaded them to visit Palestine. So strongly did he feel the Schmerzes needed to make that pilgrimage, that he managed to secure for them a visa, since theirs would not allow them to enter what was then the British protectorate.

Continuing on their originally planned itinerary, Jetti and Felix proceeded to other cities, and finally shipped to Beirut, at that time the "Paris of the Middle East." The border guard verified their legitimacy by telephone, allowing them to travel by limousine to Haifa. When they arrived at the hotel, they heard voices saying "Maoz Tzur," and found a group gathered around a



AN INTERVIEW WITH JETTI SCHMERZ BY ESTELLE HOFFMAN

lighted Menorah. It was Chanukah, and Jetti said, "This is where I belong."

There they remained until 1956. During their sojourn there, Felix designed the interior of the Constituent Assembly on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv, and he pursued his profession successfully.

During the years leading to and during the creation of the State of Israel, Jetti's training and talent in costume design contributed to the cultural life of the Jewish national home. Within the area of the arts, as well as in Israeli society, Jetti associated with numerous personalities and became a friend of many.

Among them was Batia Lishansky,

sister-in-law of Itzhak ben Zvi, second president of the newly formed State of Israel. Batia Lishansky and her work are the subject of a book about her, containing photographs of her sculpture and painting. On display in Israel is her statue in commemoration of the five first fallen victims in Israel's War of Independence. The book is a prized possession of Jetti Schmerz.

Through her design of costumes for the Israel Opera Company, Jetti became friendly with Edis de Phillipe, who founded the Opera there. In later years, Jetti was to obtain from a star who sang at the Metropolitan Opera in New York her entire life's wardrobe to ship to Edis de Phillipe in Israel. Edis was a native of the United States,

and during a visit to New York, Jetty brought together in her home two of her dearest friends Edis de Phillipe and Mary Hemingway. Although her acquaintance with the international opera star did not extend beyond her one meeting, Jetty obtained the prized collection of costumes for the sum of \$100. The star must have been well impressed with the pretty face and fine character which Jetty presented then and now. That contribution was valued at \$30,000.

Jetty and Felix never lost their feeling for Israel since their move to New York in 1956 where members of her family lived. They brought with them their small daughter Noemi, with whom they have returned to visit Israel several times.

In New York, Jetty began a new and wonderful life as an American. After studies at the New York School of Art, she became an accomplished interior designer. In her new profession, she worked sometimes in cooperation with her husband, and as she puts it, sometimes in competition with him, but always without friction.

The great rewards for her career were the outstanding people for whom she worked and those with whom she came into contact through her relationship with the former.

Jetty cherished beautiful, autographed photos of Princess Jeanne of Romania, who lectured for the United Nations. This aristocratic lady devoted her time to international society. She was a renowned economist and business executive, serving as an officer in international financial organizations. She wrote surveys and studies for 30 countries and worked to improve relations between nations, giving financial and technical advice to developing countries.

Princess Jeanne was chairman of "City of Peace," an international university in Jerusalem. Jetty deemed herself greatly honored to be chosen to design the New York City home of Her Royal Highness, whom Jetty addressed as Princess Jeanne, as suggested by the celebrated notable.

Through her friendship with Mary Hemingway, many famous and great people came into the life of Jetty Schmerz. One was Senator Frank Church, who told her he would call upon her for assistance in the decor of the White House, if he made it that far. Unfortunately, he died too soon to become a candidate for the office of President of the United States.

Another notable star who touched her life was Lotte Lenya, singer, wife of playwright Kurt Weil, famous for his "Threepenny Opera" and other theatrical works.

Jetty worked as interior designer for Pat Newcomb, who handled public relations for both John and Robert Kennedy. There was also Marilyn Monroe, whose beauty remains in Jetty's memory.

There was Dr. K. Maramorosch, biologist who traveled the world in his plants research. The Rockefeller Foundation sponsored his travels, during which he found a wall mirror in Turkey. Jetty showed us his letter written to her and sent from there, with description and drawing of the mirror, asking her whether he should buy it for his home.

From South Africa, Dr. Ivor Fix came to New York and earned fame as a radiologist. He engaged Jetty to be interior designer for his six-room apartment, and they remained friends for the rest of his life. It was he who built Mt. Sinai Medical Center's

radiation/oncology department in Miami, FL. It seems that once one became acquainted with Jetty, there followed a mutually rewarding friendship.

The Spiegels, of the mail order house of Spiegel, were clients and remained friends. Such friends included Jetty in their social lives, and she still thrills at the recollection of invitations from worldly and sophisticated people, as she never forgot that she was "a little Jewish woman from Israel." Perhaps, Jetty, that comes under the "Only in America" heading, of which we should be ever mindful.

Most deeply imbedded in Jetty's affection is Mary Hemingway, to whose memory she repeatedly returns. After retirement and move to Florida, it was Mary's home in which she stayed when she visited New York and it is the heavy volume of Mary's own book, *How it Was*, the record of life with Ernest Hemingway, which is most prized of her souvenirs.

What surfaces over and over again in Jetty's recollections as she tells the story of her life is her wonder that her life became the sparkling romance it has been. Well aware of Jewish history, she marvels at her escape from the horrors which befell Jews and almost everyone else in Europe. Beyond that good fortune, fate bestowed upon her the gift of cherished friends, of the experience of travels to destinations of her own choice. She feels blessed in having had the possibility to enjoy freedom, in contrast to the necessity of making decisions in order merely to survive.

Now she lives among us in Charlotte. Never could she have guessed, during her exciting and busy years, that she would one day come to reside tranquilly in this pleasant southern community.



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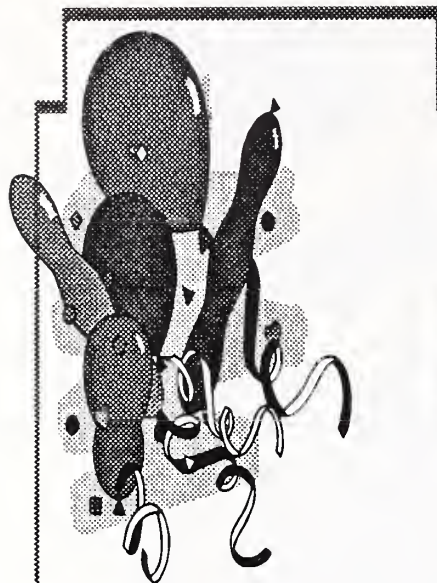
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Ceramics Class Sparks Creativity



Happy Birthday

JANUARY

- Eleanor Altshuller
- Helen Bloch
- Mary Ellen Capper
- Ethel Dickson
- Rae Glickman
- Soloman Greenberg
- Anna Levine
- Henry Maienthau
- Dorothy Rodriguez
- Leila Tedford
- Pearl Yachnin

FEBRUARY

- Virginia Brown
- Ida Feinberg
- Miriam Gingold
- Marguerite Hughes
- Eileen Jacobs
- Bertha Marrus
- Lilly Marx
- Josephine Miller
- Ralpa Mitchell
- Alise Panders
- Ila Poplin
- Salomon Sabbah

The Ceramics Class at BJH has had residents all fired up for the past six months. Although it has actually been the kiln which has been fired up to bake the ceramic ware produced by the residents, the class participants have truly been excited about their new activity.

Sally Terreni, activity therapist and former art teacher, has been teaching a class in hand-built clay objects to residents of Fair Oaks and the Nursing Home. Gail Ruthfield, Fair Oaks activity therapist, assists her. Each Monday the class meets with eager participants ready to get their hands dirty rolling and building and smoothing the unformed clay into a desired shape, then painting and glazing the formed pieces to produce a finished product.

The ceramic students have been delighted with developing a new skill and nurturing their creative spirit. They are proud of the artistic works they have created: vases, pitchers, coil and pinch pots, and rightly so. Just as important has been the therapeutic value of this program, which provides exercise for fingers stiffened with arthritis, socialization for the withdrawn as well as the outgoing person, plus the satisfaction inherent in the act of creating. Creativity truly nurtures the spirit, offering pleasure, hope, and healing. As the kiln gets fired up, so do our residents' imaginations; creative energy provides the spark for good things to happen.



Sally Terreni instructs Eva Kaplan in the Ceramics Class.



Rae Glickman works intently on building her vase.

BJH
News Editor

Sue Clein

BJH is Happy to Announce Its Selections for Employee of the Month



Glenna Oney
Dietary
September, 1993

Glenna Oney's outgoing personality and cheerful attitude are immediately evident when she talks about how much working at BJH means to her. Glenna joined the Dietary Department three years ago in December, 1990. Since then she has worked serving residents in the Fair Oaks dining room, employees in the staff dining room, and has trained on many of the jobs in the kitchen. Glenna says she has enjoyed every position, especially getting to know many employees while working in the staff dining room, but her favorite assignment is working in the Fair Oaks dining room. "I feel like the residents are part of my family, like a grandmother; they are special," says Glenna. "This isn't like a job to me. I feel like I've been able to do something to make their lives brighter."

Glenna grew up in Yadkinville, went to Forbush High School and worked as a manager and cook for 16 years at a Yadkinville restaurant. She says she really enjoys her work at BJH

and feels honored to be chosen employee of the month, as she thinks there are a lot of deserving people.

A devoted North Carolina State fan, Glenna says in her spare time she likes to watch sports and car racing, go swimming and bowling and spend her days off with her mother. BJH is pleased to congratulate Glenna Oney, a dedicated employee.



Virginia Martin
Nursing Assistant
October, 1993

When Virginia Martin came to BJH in May 1990, she was beginning a second career, one which she has come to love. Virginia Martin grew up in Stokes County, graduated from King High School and worked for AT&T for 13 years. Rather than relocate when AT&T moved its facility, she decided it was a good time to choose a new occupation. Looking for a new interest and wanting to work with the elderly, she chose nursing assistant training.

Virginia Martin has always worked on the B-2 wing and says "it is

home" for her, she finds it so rewarding. "I like being with the residents, helping people who can't look after themselves; I can give them something by touching and talking to them. I also enjoy the good people I work with on B-2."

Virginia lives in Davie County with her husband Donney. They have a son, a daughter, and one granddaughter. Virginia says she enjoys cooking, cross stitching, and collecting and making porcelain dolls in her spare time which is also filled with doing for others. BJH is pleased to congratulate Virginia Martin, an employee we can be proud of.



Barbara Salmons
Housekeeping
November, 1993

"I was very excited, it couldn't have come at a better time," said Barbara Salmons in describing her feelings when chosen Employee of the Month for November. Barbara began working at BJH in July, 1992, after 23 years experience working in rest

homes. "I never thought I would be chosen at BJH. I like working here better than anywhere I've worked; the benefits are better and I hope to continue here until I retire." Barbara says she really enjoys being around older people and is glad to have the time to talk with residents while she is cleaning on A-Wing.

Barbara has lived in Yadkin County her entire life. She and her husband Claude have been married 38 years, they have four sons and three grandchildren, all of whom live in Yadkin County.

In her spare time Barbara says she enjoys camping with the family and listening to country music.

BJH congratulates Barbara Salmons, we are proud to have her on our staff.



SuAnn Mayhue

**SuAnn Mayhue
Social Services
December, 1993**

BJH welcomed SuAnn Mayhue to the Social Services Department just a little less than a year ago in March, 1993. SuAnn says she was surprised and thrilled and feels honored to be chosen Employee of the Month for December. SuAnn serves as the social worker for the B-1 unit and assists Janet Kindred with admissions. "I love my work and believe I have the best job here," says SuAnn. She describes the time she spends with residents and staff on B-1 as the favorite part of her work. However, being very proud of the Home, she also enjoys working with the Admissions process and having the opportunity to show the Home to prospective applicants and families.

SuAnn was born in Winston-Salem, attended Parkland High School and graduated from Salem College with a B.A. degree in Psychology and Sociology. Prior to coming to BJH, she worked 2 1/2 years at the Alzheimers Center in Winston-Salem, working with the activity program. SuAnn has lived in Clemmons for the past nine years and has two daughters, Allana, a junior at Duke University, and Allison, a freshman at North Carolina State University. SuAnn says

she enjoys spending her spare time reading and with family and church activities.

BJH congratulates SuAnn Mayhue, a deserving recipient of this honor.

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

Gussie Honig
Miami Beach, FL
Raisa Bochkis
Greensboro, NC
Korrie Lyons
Winston-Salem, NC

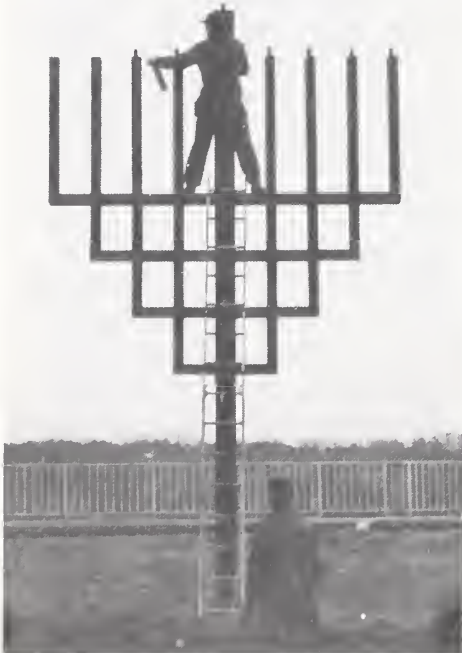


Fair Oaks residents Nelly Schwarz and Syd Kastel enjoy one of the special festivities in the Commons Auditorium.

IN MEMORY
We mourn the loss of:

Mildred Kalet
Ralph Tesh

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Tad McClamrock, Director of Maintenance, lights the beautiful Menorah sculpture in the BJH courtyard on the sixth night of Chanukah.



Greensboro volunteers serve refreshments at the monthly birthday party; pictured are Stella Levin (left) and Josie Swirin.



Else Guthmann receives greetings and an assist off the bus by Greensboro volunteers Bill Swirin, Polly Strasser, and Evelyn Robinson.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February.

January

17 Years

Carolyn Bright, Nursing Asst., B-1

16 Years

Betty Gentry, RN, B-2

15 Years

Sue Pierce, Nursing Asst., Fair Oaks

6 Years

Doris Stroud, Administration

Karen Wyatt, Medical Records

5 Years

Larry Williams, Nursing Asst., B-2

Debbie Szewczyk, RN, B-1

4 Years

Betty Stevenson, Nursing Asst., Fair Oaks

Donna Sims, RN, A-Wing

Mike Smith, Dietary

Donna Stillie, Nursing Asst., B-2

2 Years

Peggy Bridges, Staff Development

Vicky Lennox, Dietary

Benita McCorkle, Nursing Asst., B-2

1 Year

Janice Parker, Nursing Asst., B-1

Jeff Tinsley, Dietary

Suzanna James, Dietary

Christina Houchins, Dietary

Millie Pierce, RN, B-2

Linda Johnston, Nursing Asst., Fair Oaks

Robert Haggins, Housekeeping

February

16 Years

Ruth Howell, Dietary

13 Years

Joan Lennon, RN, B-1

Catherine Smith, Craft Shop

7 Years

June Ireland, Nursing Asst., B-1

5 Years

Geri Brown, Dietary

Pam Kesler, Unit Manager, A-Wing

4 Years

Judy Morris, RN, B-1

3 Years

Hester Sizemore, Nursing Asst., B-2

2 Years

Mike King, Dietary

Faye Simmons, Housekeeping

1 Year

Priscilla Clegg, LPN, B-2

Ruby Spann, Nursing Asst., Fair Oaks

Sue's News

What do Volunteers Do?

I am often asked "What do volunteers do at the Home?" My answer is that volunteers do many things, but whatever they do, two things are certain. They feel good about what they do and they make a difference in the lives of both those who live and those who work at BJH.

In December the Home was brightened by volunteers who brought light and joy to the Home, every day, in different ways. Marla Woods, a violin student from the North Carolina School of the Arts, along with fellow students, pianist Peter Savitsky and French horn player H len'a Giammarco, highlighted the week of Chanukah with a stirring concert of Jewish music on December 9. Both volunteers and staff brought the gift of light to dark December evenings when they kindled the Chanukah menorah, sang songs and shared holiday greetings with residents. Our thanks to this year's candle lighters: Volunteers Rabbi Tom Liebschutz, Leah and Barry Strulson, Andrew Ettin, Leigh and Kacie Miller representing the Winston-Salem BBYO, and to staff who assisted: Gail Ruthfield, Bruce Schlosberg, and Tad McClamrock.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new volunteers to BJH. We close 1993 with a welcome to the new volunteers who have joined in the past few months. We look forward to the continued involvement and growth of the volunteer program in 1994.

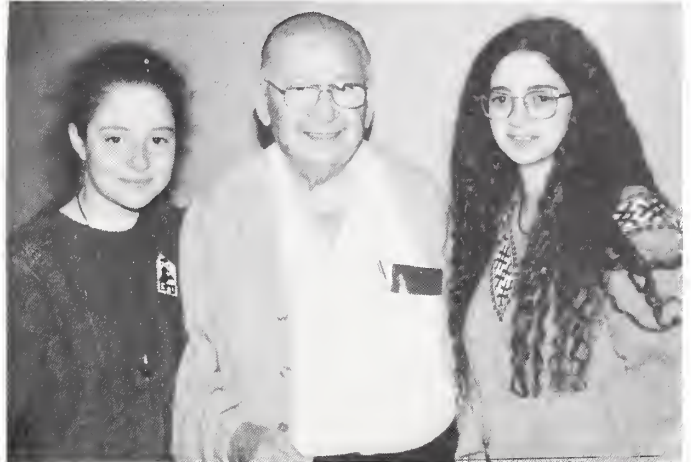
Welcome to new volunteers:

Rita Wittenberg, Gift Shop
Gladys Foster, News Currents
Peggy Weisner, Bingo
Harold Simons, General Store
Joseph Manno, Menu Aid, one-to-one visits
Evelyn Rodberg, Gift Shop/Craft Shop
Stacy Doline, Shopping trip
Allison Renn, Sunday concert transportation
Andrea Kabat, Dixie Classic Fair Outing
Edith Cohen, Starmount Luncheon

Hanukkah is brightened by Volunteers



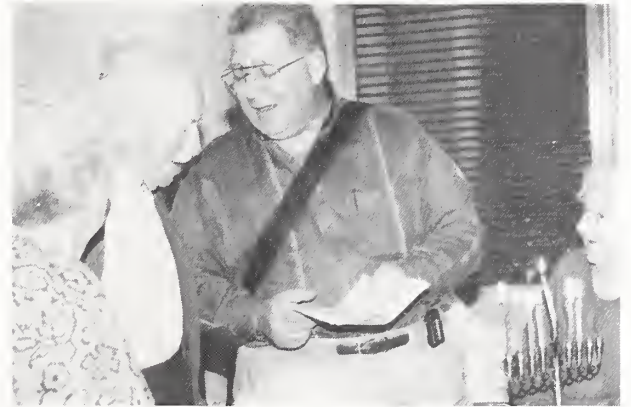
Rose Nove watches Andrew Ettin light the Menorah.



Kacie and Leigh Miller visit with their grandfather Matt Miller following the candle lighting ceremony.



Peter Savitsky, Helena Giammarco, and Marla Woods entertain residents at the Chanukah party.



Herman Nove and Khaya Groyser listen to Barry Strulson sing the blessings.

***What can you do as a volunteer in '94?
Whatever your talents, you can put them to use helping others!***

Volunteer Opportunities at BJH

- ♥ Once a week Selling merchandise in the Gift Shop
- ♥ Once a month Assisting with a Birthday party
 Transporting residents to Sunday Concerts
 Accompanying residents on Hanes Mall shopping trips
 Calling bingo
- ♥ Once a year Entertaining for a program or a birthday party
- ♥ As often as you like: be a friendly visitor

Call Sue Clein for information: 910-766-6401



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro present a beautiful program of song and movement at the November birthday party.

A View of Good Times at BJH



Left: Bessie Schwartz enjoys a shopping trip to Hanes Mall with volunteer Millie Slatkoff.



Right: Dottie Solomon presents a piano concert at the December birthday party.



Barbara Colchamiro cuts the cake at the birthday party.



Marla and Sherry Woods chat with Irene Mendelson following the Chanukah concert.



Volunteer Stella Levin greets her long time friend, Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman, at the birthday party.



Fair Oaks residents Bea and Bernie Goodman enjoy a birthday party celebration.

Calendar Highlights January

- 2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood - Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 4 Homewide Birthday party, Greensboro volunteers, 1:30 p.m.,
Commons Auditorium
- 7 Catholic Mass, Holy Family Church, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 11 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Music with Steve Huyser, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 18 Leave for Greensboro, Sunset Cafe Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 26 Music with Steve Huyser, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 26 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium

Calendar Highlights February

- 1 Monthly Birthday party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m.,
Commons Auditorium
- 3 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Catholic Mass, Holy Family Church, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 8 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 10 Calvary Day School Visit, 10:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 14 Valentine's Day Party, Individual Units, 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Sunset Cafe Luncheon, Leave for Greensboro, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Junior League Stirring Performers, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Music with Steve Huyser, Upper Commons, 2:00 p.m.
- 21 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Music with Steve Huyser, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 23 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 24 Reading of the Megillah, Eve of Purim, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 25 Purim Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 25 Purim Celebration: Theme: "Masquerade Party," Music by the Dixieland Band
"New Orleans Jazz," 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 26 Temple Israel, Charlotte, Men's Club and Youth Group Shabbat, Synagogue 10 a.m.



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

Tzedakah... A good feeling

When we were searching for a name of a program to raise funds for indigent care, the choice was easy. The word tzedakah immediately came to mind. To some, the word means charity. To many, tzedakah connotes a sense of commitment, obligation, or commandment. This was the definition which we were seeking.

We are establishing a Tzedakah Fund for any number of reasons. We believe that every Jew is responsible one for the other. We believe it is important to honor thy mother and father. We believe that you don't ask anybody to leave the Home, once they have run out of money.

As a Jewish nursing home, it is our obligation to provide the same quality of care to the indigent as well as those who are capable of paying their way. Currently, 50% of our residents are indigent and receive either Medicaid or State Assistance. Since reimbursement from the Federal and State Government is far less than our operating cost, we incur a deficit.

The total cost of this unreimbursed care is offset by fees from our full

Who We Are -- What We Are

As I traverse the Carolinas to tell the story of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, I am constantly hearing comments such as "I didn't know that about the Home." Because we have received such comments, I feel it would be helpful if we printed a capsulized, up-to-date description of who we are and what we are.

Continuum of Care - 3 levels

Assisted Living: Fair Oaks, 56 Units, opened 1987
Intermediate Care: A-Wing, 42 Units, opened in 1967
Skilled Care: B-1 and B-2, 92 units, opened in 1977

Quality of Care - Over 200 employees for 180 residents

65% nursing staff, 4 social workers, 6 recreation specialists, full-time doctor, in-house pharmacist and dietician, religious services for Jewish and non-Jewish residents

Population - 60% Jewish, 40% non-Jewish

75% of residents are from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Charlotte

Indigent Care

50% of residents receive Medicaid/State Assistance - Estimated deficit in 1993 is \$400,000
66% of indigent are Jewish, 34% are non-Jewish
\$175,000 from Jewish Federations towards deficit

pay residents, income from revenue producing departments, and judicious control of expenses. The bottom line is that we must go to the outside world to cover our remaining deficit of approximately \$400,000. At the

end of the year, we intend to sponsor a Tzedakah Fund Campaign in each of our communities. However, contributions are welcome throughout the year.

The Fair Oaks Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

This list includes names of contributors for September 23, 1993, to December 3, 1993. We want to know if there are any errors or omissions. Please call the Development Office at (910) 766-6401 if you have any corrections or questions.

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Blumenthal Jewish Home

Annual Report

1992-93

President's Statement

Lewis Eisenstadt

delivered at the Annual Membership meeting, October 31, 1993

I am pleased to report on the status of your Home at the conclusion of our fiscal year ending September 30, 1993.

·Our authorized component of nursing home and personal care beds is operating at close to full utilization.

·Subject to final audit, we anticipate completing the fiscal year operation in the black as a result of prudent management, favorable interest rates on our debt service, a full census, and your generous contributions.

·For the third consecutive year, we have been found to be deficiency free in an annual survey by the North Carolina Division of Facility Services.

·The year saw expansion of the Home's mission to provide services to the elderly throughout our widespread and diverse area of service. The Dor L'Dor (Generation to Generation) program of support groups in the various communities is now a fixture in Greenville and Columbia, South Carolina, and has been extended into the Durham/Chapel Hill, Raleigh,

Greensboro, and Charlotte areas. In addition, the bylaws have been amended to provide for three Regional Boards serving, respectively, the Research Triangle and points east; the Triad area; and the south and west including Charlotte, South Carolina, and western North Carolina.

The Search Committee, in selecting a new executive vice president, has received numerous inquiries and is in the process of compiling a short list of candidates to be interviewed in depth. In the meantime, the Home's operations are under the able leadership of Lynda Edmondson who is serving in the dual role of administrator and acting executive director.

The Capital Campaign to retire the debt on the Fair Oaks expansion is in its final drive, and we are planning a celebration in February or March to honor Mr. Herman Blumenthal for his efforts on this behalf.

I wish to thank the staff, the Board, and the more than 130 volunteers for



Lewis Eisenstadt

their time and efforts in making the past year a success. We anticipate even greater challenges in the upcoming year caused by increased acuity level of our residents, ever-shrinking government resources, and uncertainty of pending health care legislation. Your continued support is appreciated.



CAJWM president, Irving Brenner, presents a check to Lewis Eisenstadt at the Annual Meeting.

Blumenthal Jewish Home Operating Report

ESTIMATED

FISCAL YEAR 1992-1993

FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992

\$ 6,212,985	\$ 5,893,545	
*Oper. Expenses	(6,191,466)	(5,941,223)
Bond Interest	(95,025)	(149,640)
Operating Deficit		
Before Depreciation	(73,506)	(197,318)
*Cap. Expenditures	(212,752)	(108,916)
Oper. Deficit Before Non-Oper. Revenue	<u>(286,258)</u>	<u>(306,234)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue:		
Federation Contributions	175,460	201,960
Annual Memberships	37,090	31,185
CAJWM & Sisterhood Donations	19,250	12,700
Gift Shop/Home Store	15,630	13,500
Other Donations	30,740	23,695
Other Non-Operating Revenue	8,490	11,530
Total Non- Operating Revenue	<u>286,660</u>	<u>294,570</u>
Excess Revenue Over Expense	<u>\$ 402</u>	
Excess Expense Over Revenue		<u>\$ (11,664)</u>



The display of work produced by residents in the craft shop drew the attention of visitors at the Annual Meeting.



Esther Frank presents the Home with a check for \$8,000 from the CAJWM raffle.

Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Membership Meeting of Blumenthal Jewish Home October 31, 1993

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 31, 1993.

President Lewis Eisenstadt called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He extended a warm welcome to all and thanked Wayne Dieser, Director of Dining Services, and his entire staff for a delicious brunch. He also thanked staff members from all the other departments in the Home for their hard work in preparing for today's meeting. Mr. Eisenstadt introduced and acknowledged Elbert Levy, the Home's first Executive Director. He also introduced Geri Zhiss, the new editor of the Times Outlook, and he recognized and thanked the many volunteers who have given their time during the past year to serve our residents. A booklet entitled "Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting" was given to everyone present with report summaries by various officers, staff members and committee chairs (a copy of which is attached to the minutes maintained at the Home as enclosure #1). Sam Jacobson gave the invocation.

President Eisenstadt presented his Annual Report.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 25, 1992, were distributed in the "Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting" booklet and unanimously approved by the membership.

Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, summarized the activities of his department and talked

about the future of fund raising at the Home. Mr. Schlosberg said that the Home will be challenged by various funding problems and opportunities over the next few years including the need for money for an ever-growing indigent population, more nursing care for residents who live longer and longer, losses from possible resident reclassifications by the State, and potential BJH satellite facilities. In order to accomplish fund raising goals, the Home must forge a new relationship with the Jewish communities by reaching out to the federations and the people year-round. It is only through involvement and promotion of understanding that we will be able to increase our allocations from the federations and our contributions from the people whom we one day hope to serve.

Lynda Edmondson, Administrator and Acting Director, reported that significant improvements have been made during the past year both in the Home's services and physical plant. She told the membership that our cognitively-impaired residents are safer because an alarm system has been installed to alert staff when they wander from their unit. The acquisition of cable television has given all residents access to clear reception. Staff productivity has increased because the computer system has been upgraded. And, in addition to having installed automatic doors at the entrances to A-wing and Fair Oaks, there is now a new therapeutic spa tub on the Fair Oaks unit and new patient room furniture on the two skilled units.



Arlene van de Rijn, Administrative Assistant, asks for approval of the minutes.

Most importantly, however, is the fact that the Home continues to provide quality care for the elderly because of dedicated, talented staff members. Ms. Edmondson asked all employees present at today's meeting to stand and be recognized. She concluded by thanking members of the Board and all Board committees for their willingness to serve which has been central to the success of the Home.

Irving Brenner, President of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, presented President Lewis Eisenstadt with a check for \$7,500 which was raised through the association's annual membership dues. Mr. Brenner reported that CAJWM had 1,300 members last year. Speaking on behalf of CAJWM's Remembrance Fund, Sandra Deckelbaum announced that \$6,000 in proceeds had been given to the Home earlier in the year.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store gift of \$9,000 to President Lewis Eisenstadt.

Ellis Berlin, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the names of the other members of the committee: Audrey Madans, Al Herman, and Sandra Deckelbaum. The following slate of officers was presented to serve for 1993-94:

President	Lewis Eisenstadt	Greenville, SC
President Elect	Audrey Madans	Charlotte, NC
1st Vice President	Al Herman	Greensboro, NC
2nd Vice President	Sandra Deckelbaum	Raleigh, NC
Secretary	Eric Handler	Greensboro, NC
Treasurer	Albert Jacobson	Greensboro, NC

The following were nominated for three-year terms as members of the Board of Trustees:

Lewis Eisenstadt	Greenville, SC
Eric Handler	Greensboro, NC

There being no nominations from the floor, the membership accepted the above nominees by acclamation.

Retiring Board members Marcia Epstein, Joan Falk, Gusti Frankel, Elizabeth Gervais-Gruen, Joel Goldman, Jerry Procton and Marvin Zerden were thanked for their contributions to the Home. In addition, retiring Presidential Appointee Jonathan Julian was thanked for his service.

Viva Klezmer! presented musical entertainment which featured Jewish folk music.

Esther and Arthur Frank distributed door prizes and five \$1,000 checks to the CAJWM raffle winners. Ms. Frank announced that this year's raffle had netted \$8,000 for the Home.

In closing, President Lewis Eisenstadt thanked everyone for their support and interest. He then gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned with the election by the Board of Trustees of officers and Board members, the approval of presidential appointees to the Executive Committee, and the vote on proposed Bylaws amendments to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Handler, Secretary



Ellis Berlin presents retiring board member Marvin Zerden with a gift from the Home.



President elect, Audrey Madans, joins Viva Klezmer on one of the pieces played at the Annual Meeting.

Temple News

The Times Outlook welcomes Beth David Synagogue to our list of corresponding Temples. If your Temple or Synagogue would like to write for the Times Outlook please contact: Temple News at (704) 372-3296 or write to: Times Outlook, P.O. Box 33218, Charlotte, NC 28233-3218.

Beth David Synagogue Greensboro, NC By Sam Moffitt

Beth David Synagogue ended 1993 with great events, increased participation, fresh new faces, and expansion. Now, we are accelerating at full speed into 1994 with a bustle of activity!

Of note in the new year: January 9, the Men's Club and Sisterhood will host a minyan and brunch with our new, local Guilford County School Superintendent, Jerry Weist. On April 9, the Men's Club will also host a special Shabbat during which the men will conduct all parts of the service. Later in the spring, the Sisterhood will host their own Shabbat during which the women will conduct all parts of the service, including the Torah reading and Haftorah. Continuing through February on Wednesday evenings, are beginner and intermediate adult Hebrew classes with Yudit Natkin. (For further information contact Michael Raileanu: 294-0006.) Rabbi Havivi and Rabbi Harkavy will join together again this spring to teach "Basic Judaism for Jews, non-Jews, and for prospective Gerim." These classes will be held for about fifteen

weeks, every Thursday night, beginning at the end of January. Rounding out upcoming events will be Young Judea, Hebrew High School, and BBYO Shabbats (dates to be announced.)

Since this is our first entry into the pages of The Times Outlook, let me bring you up to date on end of the year events for 1993. More families than ever, thirty in all, participated in building sukkot this fall, and an exhibit of these is on display. During the month of November, we hosted a guest lecturer, Rabbi Jonathan Pearlman, who spoke about challenges and opportunities facing the MASORTI (Conservative movement) in Israel. Also in November, Rabbi Havivi led an adult education course on Davenology: how it works, what it means, what to do.

On December 14th, Beth David was pleased to again host the one of a kind event: the B'nai Shalom Day School Chanukah Extravaganza, "Rubin Hood and a Few Good Mems." This original play, by school director Susan Cook, is the only Hebrew language dramatic presentation in the State of North Carolina. The community enjoyed this major cultural event and seeing the youngsters of B'nai Shalom demonstrate their knowledge of Hebrew and enjoyment of theater.

We also welcomed a new face into our midst in 1993: Michael Raileanu, our new Educational and Program Director. Mr. Raileanu is infusing Beth David Religious School with contagious enthusiasm. He has devised new and fun activities for our children to promote synagogue attendance including "Bowl with the Rabbi" and, as a bonus for frequent attendees, "Hockey with the Rabbi." Mr. Raileanu is anxious to get all of us involved and has instituted Family Education Days and a "Learn Hebrew

in a Day Marathon." With Mr. Raileanu in the driver's seat, Beth David Religious School is certainly moving full speed ahead!

And last but not least, our library has expanded to include a full video library as well as an influx of current literature pertaining to Judaism. As we move into 1994, Beth David looks forward to great things!

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC By Lynne Cojac

Temple Beth El's Saturday morning Shabbat services are now being held at eleven am weekly. Please join Rabbi Bennett for adult education Torah study each week at 9:30 and stay for worship at 11:00.

Rabbi Bennett's Pathways Series on adult education was a hit on Tuesday mornings in November and December. More new and exciting programs in adult education have been planned for February through April. Please call the Temple office at 366-1948 for time, dates and further information.

Beat the winter doldrums and visit us at Temple Beth El. February may be the shortest month in the calendar, but the possibilities are endless.

Temple Beth El members who have joined the congregation in the past year will be honored along with Rabbi Jim Bennett when he is officially installed as Temple Beth El's rabbi at a special service on February 4th at 8 pm. Please join us for this important occasion and Oneg Shabbat in their honor.

Sisterhood's February meeting will take place at noon on February 10th. Guest speaker, our own Milt Fytelson, will talk about Twentieth Century

Discoveries to Sisterhood members and our luncheon guest from the Chai Group.

A meaningful service on February 11th at 8 pm is being conducted by Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT for ORT Sabbath at Temple Beth El.

On February 18th at 7:30 pm, Charlotte Mecklenburg School Superintendent John Murphy will address the theme of building bridges between the Jewish community and the education world as our guest speaker for Teacher Shabbat. Students are encouraged to invite their teachers to this service aimed at educating teachers about Judaism, the Jewish values of education and the pride of being Jewish.

Rabbi Bennett will officiate at the wedding of Susan Miller and Marcel Stark on Saturday February 19th in the Blumenthal Sanctuary.



Sisterhood's Art Auction is being held on February 19th in Silverman Social Hall. Please join us for preview at 6:30, followed by auction at 7:30. Your donation of \$5/person includes champagne punch, hors d'oeuvres, coffee and cake. Don't miss this opportunity to socialize with friends, appreciate fine art and benefit our Religious School at the same time!

Special guest Mickey Conley from Jerry V. and the Mick Show on WAQ's all sports radio will talk about (what else?) sports at the Brotherhood Bagel Brunch at 10 am on Sunday February 20th.

The Purim Family Service will be held on the 25th at 7:30.

February's Tot Shabbat at 9 am on February 26th will be a Purim Party and Costume Contest.

The annual community-wide Purim Carnival, sponsored by Temple Israel, Temple Beth El and the JCC will be on February 27th this year from 12-3 pm at the JCC. Admission is free and lunch will be available for purchase. Volunteers are urgently needed. Please call the JCC at 366-5007 to help make this a fabulous experience for everyone.

Seventy-five Temple Beth El college and graduate students received Chanukah packages in December. Members of the College Connection Committee assembled a menorah, candles, a dreidl, gelt, an original Chanukah poem and an invitation for each student to the gathering with Temple Israel (Charlotte) students during the school break.

Sisterhood's Chanukah Dinner was well-attended by Temple members, guests and non-member students who attend college in or near Charlotte. Sisterhood's December Meeting on Women's Self-Defense was specially planned to coincide with the school calendar.

Matthew Minchew will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on the eighth of January. Matt is the son of proud parents Ed and Jo Minchew and grandson of Nat Tobin.

A Family Service and Shabbat Dinner will take place on January 14.

January's Tot Shabbat will take place on January 15 at 9:30 a.m.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will be sponsoring Shabbat

speaker Dr. Ruven Hazan on January 21 at Temple Beth El at 8 p.m. and Saturday morning, January 22, at Temple Israel, Charlotte.

Tickets for the January 27 performance by Ben Vereen at Spirit Square are still available through Sisterhood. Please call the Temple office at 366-1948 to take advantage of Sisterhood's choice block of fifty seats.

Temple Beth Ha-Tephila Asheville, NC

By Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

The group met at the Karpens' on Dec. 4 to discuss Religious Liberties, a subject examined in chapter 5 of "Tough Choices" by Vorspan and Saperstein, which was used as background material. Focus shifted to the matter of Christian religious symbols and observances in the schools, and the question of what, if anything, should be done about them. Allen and Ruth Sher were hosts of the preceding coffee hour, which was followed as usual by a brief worship service.

The Sisterhood

Irene Braun, Sisterhood president, welcomed new members Suzanne Corets and Helen Broida.

At a paid-up luncheon in Unger Hall on January 10, Sisterhood members honored eighteen 1992-93 new members. In-house catering and entertainment by Sisterhood member Shirley Cohn added up to a delicious enjoyable interlude. A non-perishable food item for the Hospitality House food basket was requested as the price of admission; Hospitality House supplies food to the needy.

The Brotherhood

Brotherhood president Les Schachter

thanked Allen Sher for his "outstanding job with Harry Golden's early years," and said he plans to call Allen back again to speak on Harry Golden in North Carolina.

"Ask the Rabbi" starts again

This popular program began again on January 14, and will continue on the second Shabbat of each month.

Young Judea

According to information supplied by Ruth Gaynes, one of the advisors of the group, members from Asheville met friends from across the Southeast at the YJ Wintere Convention December 17-19. The Shalom School 3-6 grades and 7-8 grades traveled by JCC van to Hicory Knob State Park in south Carolina. The theme of this convetion was "the Peace Process." Ms. Gaines said, "Through games, stories, drama, and discussions, each age group learned about the need for peace in the Middle East and various approaches to attaining peace. In addition, 8th grade students participated in a leadership training activity. Throughout the year, and especially at these regional conventions, and especially at these reaional convetions, Young Judea promotes friendship, positive Jewish values and identity, and understanding of life in modern Israel."

Shabbat Seder

Good food and good company are powerful magnets. Prior to services on Friday, Dec. 12, another successful Shabbat Seder was held in Unger Hall, proving again that getting together with each other is important to our congregants. The seder was arranged by Ellen Gilreath and renda Lebensburger.

The Rabbi as Poet

Revealing another facet of his talent for communication, the Rabbi wrote a poem about his yougest so Noah's,

and therefore his owon, sleepless night after Noah's visit to the zoo. Noah is two years old. The poem was published in the "Jewish Home Educator's Network" magazine for November 1993.

Mommy and Me Hannukkah

Susan Ratner, the Temple's Rebbitzin and guiding spirit of this highly-thought-of program, invited everyone to come and celebrate Hannukkah on December 14. Those who attended brought lunch, and enjoyed lighting the Menorah, singing Hannukkah songs, dancing, making Hanukkah ornaments, and making latkes.

In the News

To quote from a December 7 article in The Asheville Citizen-Times by Nancy Marlowe, associate editor of the paper, "Hyman Dave, who has retired three times, has been called back to manage the Asheville Downtowun Club...The hospitality industry is a second career for Dave, who was in the ssteel business for 40 years. He retired in 1976 as president of Dave Stwel Co. He is working full time, "from 8:30 in the morning to 7, 8 or 9 o'clock at night. I had to give up my golf game."

Social Action Committe

The chair of the newly formed committe is Ken Betsalel. Other members are Allen Sher and Joe Karpen.

The Rabbi's Holocaust Course

Rabbi Ratner will teach a cours on the Holocaust this coming spring at UN-A, on Thursday nights, \ from 5:30 to 8 pm. Th course disscription follows: "A discussion-oriented course which explores the philosophical, religious, and historical problems arising from the Nazi destruction of European Jewry during World War II." Authors' works to

bw studied include those by Weisel, Weisenthal, Ozick, Primo Levi and more. There will be survivors as speakers, and videos.

Adult Education

The Rabbi is holding a series of classes, an Introduction to Judaism and the other Hebrew. The last, a combined session, will be held May 15. A picnic will be held on May 22, at which all adult students are welcome.

Home is Where the Strenth is

Mary Ann Jabin contributed an article, Traditions of Light, to a local publication call ed MotherTongue. In it, she described her reaction, and her three-year-old son Isaac's, to the the unexpected appearance of Santa Claus during storytime at their local library. She was surprised to find her son seated on Santa's lap saying, "Oh, no! We don't celebrate Christmas at all. We are Jewish and celebrate Hanukkah, but I can still have one of your presents." Issac was able to take care of himself, and Santa was left bewildered and smiling, unsure of how to proceed. Family values and traditions to our children inabled them to handle many seemingly difficult situations o thier own.

Religious School Consecration and Children's Defense Fund Shabbat On Friday evening, Nov. 12, the congregation celebrated the Consecration of the new Religious School children, who joined the Rabbi on the Bima along with their parents for the special ceremony. The service also addressed the needs of those children in our society who, to quote Rabbi Ratner, "as defenseless victims, need our concern and help."

The Rabbi at UNC-A

From the Temple Bulletin: "Rabbi Ratner will be offering a course on

the Holocaust. . .this coming Spring at UNC-A To register, call UNC-A, Registrar's Office, 251-6575; for more information, contact the Rabbi or the UNC-A registrar at 251-6481.

Lunch with the Rabbi

On Nov. 15, after a brown-bag lunch, the Rabbi led a discussion concerning Jews for Jesus, and the place of proselytizing in the Jewish community.

Young Judea News

Rabbi Ratner's eldest son Josh welcomed the members, and said "This year we will learn of the yearning for, and the founding of, Israel! Our journey through history will also coincide with more great conventions and activities. New members from grades 3 through 6 are always welcome!" The most recent Young Judea event took place at the Temple on November 14.

The Religious School

Jean Hansman, Principal of the Religious School, asked anyone interested in joining the School's Parents' and Teachers' Organization to call her at 298-9562, or Brenda Lebensburger at 687-1141. Jean said, "We are planning to be very active this year and would like to include all new and returning families in our activities."

The Confirmation Class

Prospective confirmands met on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14. New participants, age 13 and up, are welcome any time, says Debi Drecksler, teacher of the class. . .

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The Shot Seen Round the City

Joe Sullivan, a long-time Temple member, has been blind since birth, but that has never stopped him. Early in December the local TV personality Maggie Lauterer, who covers senior affairs, featured Joe and some of his physically handicapped buddies playing golf and having a grand time. His enormous shot down the middle of the fairway could put plenty of sighted golfers to shame.

New Members

The congregation warmly welcomes David and Allison Berkey and their children Andrea, Jonah, and Emma; Junius and Pat Grimes and their daughter Anna; Murray and Gloria Miller, and Bernard and Mary

Gradman

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Ratner said, in the Temple bulletin, "Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila is proud of our members David Berkey, Shirley Cohen, and Debi Drecksler for their Great Performances in "The Immigrant." The play was performed at the Asheville Community Theater on Nov. 6. Proceeds benefited Congregations Beth Israel, Beth ha-Tephila and the Asheville Community Center.

Hannukah Party and New Member Event

A happy crowd gathered at the Temple on Friday evening, Dec. 10, to celebrate Hannukah and to honor new families to the congregation. The evening was a great success.

From the President's Desk

"A giant Thank You to the following for all their efforts on Sunday, November 21st, in helping to clean up the Washington Street side of our property. We made a good start on a project that was greatly needed. More work is required, and hopefully we can schedule another clean-up soon.

Thanks again to Allison Berkey, Andrea Berkey, Emma Berkey, John Berdie, Kerry Friedman, Sarah Friedman, Rebecca Friedman, Bob Gumbiner, Leah Karpen, Morris Karpen, Barry Katell, Scott Lebensburger, Arnold Sgan, Max Tikhonov and Frank Gilreath.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, NC

By Lillian R. Wellisch

On November 14, Beth Israel Sisterhood sponsored their fall program on "Some Questions About Death." The program answered questions like "Who do I call?" and "How do of

mourn Jewishly?"

Mary Tabashneck, Torah Chairman for Sisterhood, gave her report. "Members of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (of which Beth Israel Sisterhood is a member) have contributed to the Torah Fund for the past five decades," she said. She further stated, "They have completed many special projects. The most recent is the Residence Hall" (of the Theological Seminary). She went on to emphasize that, "the theme (of Women's League) this year is dealing with the construction of the Sanctuary-'A Willing Heart.' " A pin, which symbolizes the willing heart, the building of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue at the Jewish Theological Seminary, is available to benefactors. She commends all Sisterhood contributors and benefactors who have supported the growth of the Seminary and particularly recognizes the following benefactors for this year: Sara Birnham, Ellen Carr, Ruth Baer Cooley, Carol Deutsch, Arlene Doloboff, Norma Feingold, Michele Heller, Barbara Laibson, Mildred Lurey, Deborah Neimkin, Mary Tabashneck, and Lillian Wellisch.

In Adult Education, Caren Kessler, Chairperson, announces the following ongoing programs: "In six sessions, study the Creation Story, the Garden Story, Cain and Abel, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. Your teacher will be retired Bible and Theology professor, Walter Ziffer." She further spoke of other exciting classes: our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, already in progress with Rabbi Birnham and Geoff Brown co-teaching the group as it studies and learns on its way to its "graduation" next May on the Shabbat before Shavuot.

Beginning on December 2, Dr. Rick Chess will lead a series of discussions

focused on Jewish poets and their poetry. It is a six-month course looking mostly at modern and contemporary Jewish writers.

Caren further continues with announcing programs: "Want to learn Hebrew? Let us know. We are in the process of planning a class. Walter Ziffer will be the teacher. Come study the early chapters of Genesis, learn Hebrew, and more!!"

Beth Israel is growing by leaps and bounds! This month, we take pride in welcoming our newest members: Tom and Marti Greener, Craig and Edie Simon, Eric and Susan Levy, Thom and Lori Miller, and Malcolm and Jill Sherman.

Each month Rabbi encourages all who celebrated an anniversary to join him on the Bima during the last Friday night of each month and receive a special blessing.

"X-try-X-try-Read all about it in 'The Shofar' " (the monthly Beth Israel Bulletin). Beth Israel welcomes our new editor, Alan Silverman, who really displays our "activities" in a very involving, charming, and colorful way. Alan and his wife, Lorraine, toured Israel in late December for the first time. We're looking forward to their return and their interesting thoughts about their visit.

There will be a new monthly column that will be a regular feature of "The Shofar," called "Inside the Torah." It will offer readers a brief overview of each weekly Torah portion for the month. Not only will we get to see our people's history, present, and even future, but it will provide food for thought when we naturally are meant to reflect on our own lives.

It's official! Harold Kushner, author

of the critically acclaimed book, "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People," will be speaking at Beth Israel on May 10th. We are fortunate in having him visit us and share his philosophy with us. Normally, I do not repeat events once they have been mentioned and happened. But there are times which bear repetition or further depth of information and, I am sure, this particular visit will be one of those times.

In Bet Sefer news, members of the Hey Class (6th and 7th graders) are collecting canned food and clothing for distribution to Asheville's Hospitality House, homeless shelter. Caren Kessler's Daled Class is also busy with a Bake Sale.

A very festive, special Chanukah Dinner was held for members at the Synagogue on December 10th.

Move over Beth Israel congregants, Beth Israel grows and grows and grows. We welcome our newest families: Kenneth and Ellen Kaplan, Ellen and Joel Cohen, Toby and Ron Cohen, Gary and Natalie Kramer, and Roy and Norma Schwarz.

The Adult Education Committee would like to extend its thanks to Dr. Ron Manheimer for all his work in organizing the recent panel discussion of the reader's theater play, "The Immigrant." Thanks also to our panelists: Walter Ziffer, Hilde Hoffman, and Marina Fridyland. Thanks also to Sue Greenberg for her beautiful photo collage of last year's retreat. It's on display in the social hall outside the kitchen.

A Seudat Shlisheet, the traditional "Third Meal" of Shabbat, a time for study and reflection and "bidding a sweet goodbye to the Shabbat Queen," was held on December 18th. Beth Israel congregants will gather on the

third Saturday of each month thereafter to share in the simple joy of Shabbat. There will be a light meal and some discussion, followed by a havdalah service. Each month, a different topic for discussion will be featured. December's topic was the "Psalms." All who were there shared in a very intimate "Beth Israel Family" experience.

Michele Heller, President of Sisterhood, announces the following Sisterhood activities for December and January: December 12, Chanukah Peace Walk; December 13, Sisterhood Membership Meeting Committee for new members; January 9, Sisterhood's "Paid Up Membership" Function; January 28 and 29, Sisterhood Shabbat.

Also in December, Rabbi Birnham added to the "mystery" of Chanukah with a tantalizing program on the actual events that led to the creation of Chanukah. This study was only for adults and mature children.

Other Rabbi sponsored programs for December included, on December 12, "How to Avoid Making Chanukah Another Christmas," and on December 16, Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi, topic: "The Jewish Afterlife."

We read from the "Shofar:" "Beth Israel is blessed with such a diversity of unique and beautiful talent. All we have to do is search it out. Fortunately, you never have to look far. The following poem was written by Dr. Rick Chess, Professor of Literature at UNCA. Rick's poetry has appeared in such critically acclaimed journals as THE SUN, TIKKUN, and others.

'Noah's Death Mask,' is, in a way, the story of rebirth. It contrasts the differences between what was and what is. In the end, it forces the reader to

gather himself or herself and seek out this fresh, new world bursting with life. The Shofar is pleased to bring you this reprint of 'Noah's Death Mask.' We hope to bring you more poetry from Rick as well as the hidden talents of Beth Israel's other gold mines.

NOAH'S DEATH MASK
By: Dr. Rick Chess

Once this mask hid a face.
Now it is a face, a tranquil expression
of one who has lived four thousand
years listening to rain.
So much loneliness converges on the
nose, its nostrils flare,
wide to inhale
the last dust of the first kingdom, the
blood-sweet scent of a world
that will not accompany him through
water.
The cheeks, puffed like twin burial
mounds
in a landscape that greens and reddens
beyond them,
nudge the ears as if to say,
Listen, the rain has stopped."

On Jewish Poetry, we are also informed, "Did you know that some of the most beautiful verses ever written were penned in Hebrew and Yiddish? Beginning December 2nd, Dr. Rick Chess will open our eyes and souls to this compelling poetry in his class: Jewish Poetry. The group will meet Ken Kaplan, who moved to Asheville from South Bend, Indiana, with their children, Matt (10) and Laura (6), have this to say: "Being Jewish means a sense of community. We have lived in a number of cities, but always feel a little more at ease among Jews. We share a similar past, confronted similar obstacles, and in many ways, we have similar dreams.

Many people have no concept of our religion which makes us unique. Speaking Yiddish, celebrating

Passover, even eating bagels makes us culturally different, and, yes, proud.

Most of all, being Jewish means having faith that all things work out for the best as our decisions and actions are morally justified."

CAJE NEWS
by Lenora Stein, Director

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ORGANIZATIONS

Hadassah Southern Seaboard Region

Winter Board Meeting will take place on Sunday February 20, 1994, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Research Triangle Park, NC.

The regular business session will include the following:
 Information about the Young Leaders Institute, March 6-7
 Agenda of the Region Spring Conference, May 1-2
 Report of the National Board Meeting in Israel, Jan. 23-Feb. 13

Also present for Membership Workshops will be three National Board Members.

All interested Hadassah members, please contact your local Chapter.

Hillel Activities at Clemson University Clemson, SC

by *Dr. Richard Klein*

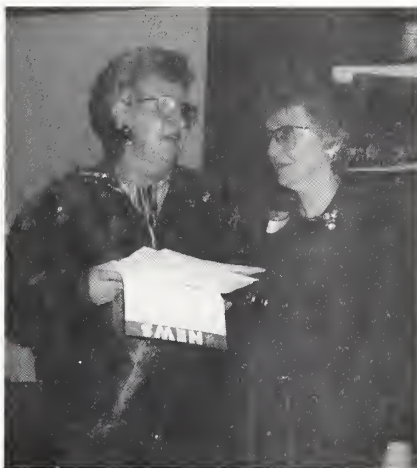
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization initiated its activities for the Fall 1993 semester with a Welcome Back Sunday Bagel Brunch on August 29th. It was held at the residence of Joyce and Richard Klein. Nineteen students attended this event and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Officers for the 1993-1994 academic year were elected, and plans were made for future events.

On Tuesday evening, September 28th,

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by *Linda Landau*



President Evelyn Levin presents Jackie Woolland with the Seventh Annual Hadassah National Leadership award.

Cheers to the women of Raleigh Hadassah, and the men who worked alongside them, in the 18th year of Gift Wrap at Crabtree Valley Mall.

This year, in addition to our usual service for a fee, proceeds of which benefit Hadassah Medical Organization, we handled complimentary gift wrap. The mall management, in an effort to compete with the other two major malls, required Hadassah to take charge of its free gift wrapping service. Literally thousands of beribboned gifts, both free and for a fee, left the mall, wrapped by the hands of Hadassah. Our volunteers have met this year's challenge with determination, fortitude and smiles.

Our thanks to the Millbrook High School Band Boosters who rose to the occasion once again, as they took charge each Shabbat.



B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization students and faculty advisor Dr. Richard Klein at the Klein residence, October 28, 1993. Photo by Mrs. Joyce Klein.

Congregations in Greenville and Anderson.

The next activity was a Movie Night and it was held on Thursday evening, October 28th. The video, "School Ties," was shown, and the event took place at the home

of Joyce and Richard Klein. Thirteen students came to see this movie about anti-Semitism in a preparatory school in New England. Popcorn, pizza and soda was served. However, the most important element of this evening was the viewing and discussion of anti-Semitism.

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The final activity of the Fall semester was a Pool (Billiard) Party held on November 17th at a local billiard parlor. Eight students attended this event and demonstrated their billiard capabilities.

The officers for the Clemson Hillel for the Fall 1993 semester were: President-Tamar Berkowitz (Stoughton, Massachusetts), Co-President-Simon Leiderman (Medellin, Columbia, South America), Vice President-Computer Operations-Steve Afrin (Hanahan, South Carolina), Vice President-Communications-Stephanie Lutz (Owings Mills, Maryland), Vice President-Programs-Faith Schwebel (Maitland, Florida), Vice President-Graduate Students-Beryl Bernstein (Tempe, Arizona), Secretary-Larry Feldman (Belvedere, South Carolina), and Treasurer-Shawn Chandler (Holbrook, New York). ▣



**HADASSAH
CHARLOTTE, NC
BY HELENE JUDD**

Hadassah is very pleased to present a 3 day seminar presenting Professor Hannah Ben Bassat who will be speaking on diverse topics she has been involved with in Israel.

Professor Ben Bassat is currently head of Laboratory Experimental Surgery at the Hadassah University Hospital. She is also a member of the Academic Committee of the Trauma Research Center and is actively involved in the American Burn Association.

On February 28, Professor Ben Bassat will be speaking at the home of Ellen Dubin at 7:30. Ellen's address is 3608 Castellaine Drive in Charlotte.

On March 1, Professor Ben Bassat will be at the home of Berta Kaplan at 3622 Knappdale Lane. Her topic

tonight will be of interest to both men and women and we hope to see as many couples as possible. This evening will be a membership dessert for Hadassah members and their husbands.

On March 2, Professor Ben Bassat will discuss details on experimental surgery. For further information as to where this will take place please call Randy De Phillip at 541-5861 or Roz Cooper at 366-7007.

***Jewish Federation of
Greater Charlotte/
United Jewish Appeal
Shabbat***

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte in conjunction with Temple Beth El and Temple Israel will be hosting a Federation/USA Shabbat weekend January 21 and 22, 1994. Norman Levin is the event Chairman at Temple Beth El and Paul Edelstein and Sol Levine are the event co-chairman at Temple Israel. The entire community is invited to worship together and hear our featured speaker, Dr. Reuven Hazan. His topic will be "Israel and the Peace Process; The changing dynamic in the Middle East."

Dr. Hazan is currently on the faculty of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Hazan received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University. Prior to joining the staff of Hebrew University, Hazan was Parliamentary Assistant to Abba Eban. Additionally he served in the Israeli Foreign Office and was stationed at the office of the Consulate General of Israel in New York.

**SENIOR CITIZEN
COMMUNITY**

One is reminded on a daily basis, through both the printed and visual medias, that Charlotte is rapidly growing into a city rivaling such metropolitan areas as Atlanta, St. Louis and Denver in population, size and sociological demands.

One need only drive several miles on any major thoroughfare during rush hour to appreciate the accuracy of such claims.

And, as a city in its entirety grows, so do the individual ethnic components of its total population. The Charlotte Jewish community is no exception. Compare the 1993 Hadassah Directory to those of several years ago. Study the increase of congregations in all three of our temples. Also, review the growth of our Charlotte Jewish senior citizens community over the past five years.

All the statistics point to a rapidly expanding Jewish population in our area, and with the expansion comes increased needs of all segments of our community.

Though these needs originate from many segments of the Jewish population, particular attention should be given to the aged people among us.

There is a growing awareness that the needs of the elderly in Charlotte must be met. To face this issue, a committee has recently been appointed under the joint auspices of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Jewish Family Services.

The Committee, to be known as the Charlotte Mecklenburg Needs Assessment of The Aging Committee, had its initial meeting November 4.

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Personals

Gene & Arlene Goldstein of Asheville at signing of Middle East Peace Accord

September 13, 1993 was a day of deep emotions for millions of Jews and non-Jews worldwide. As Gene and Arlene Goldstein of Asheville watched the signing of the Middle East Peace Accord, they knew they had to do something personally. Longtime lyric writers, the Goldsteins set to work to produce what would eventually become

"Peace Now and Forevermore."

Teaming with Ami Feldman, a former Israeli and now resident of Orlando, FL, a beautiful song of peace was created. Jim Dornan of Congressman Charles Taylor's office put the Goldsteins in touch with Claude Furman, head of public relations for the Israeli government at its Embassy in Washington, D.C. Furman was very impressed with the song which Feldman had recorded, and he is currently submitting it to the proper Israeli officials to consider producing. The Goldsteins have two objectives with their song. First, to encourage the acceptance of the accord by both sides, and secondly, to see that a majority of any royalties goes back to the Israeli government to help implement the accord, so peace and forevermore can be a reality.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Kaufman of Charlotte, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyson Brooke Kaufman of New York City to Eric Charles Lerner, son of Mrs. Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner, of Charlotte. Ms. Kaufman, a graduate of the University of Texas, is Director of Special Events for the Princess Grace Foundation USA. Mr. Lerner, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance, is President/CEO of Action Plus Sportswear. A March 5th wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Charlotte.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Honors Datnoff Brothers

On October 18, 1993, The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., meeting in biennial session, elected Philip Datnoff of Hickory NC and Arthur R. Datnoff, of Columbia SC, to receive the highly cherished honors of "Knight Commander of the Court of Honor," and "Inspector General Honorary of the Thirty-third Degree," respectively.

Philip was nominated by Illustrious H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 330, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, while Arthur was nominated

by Illustrious H. Wallace Reid, 330, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in South Carolina.

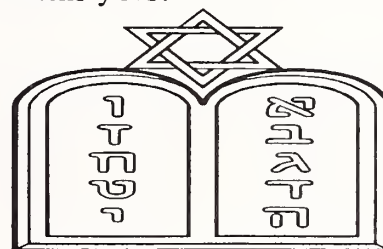
The conferral of the rank and dignity of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Scottish Rite was done at the Scottish Rite Temple in Wilmington NC on Saturday, November 20, 1993, where Arthur was among eleven from South Carolina and forty from North Carolina so honored.

The investiture of those receiving the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor was conducted at the Scottish Rite Temple in Charlotte NC, on Saturday, December 4, 1993, where Philip was among 84 from North Carolina to be so honored.

All upon whom the Supreme Council bestows these honors, receive them not only because of their past service,

but because of the way they are expected to act as men and Masons in the future. Each Inspector General Honorary and each K.C.C.H. is presumed to be more than just an ordinary citizen, respected in his community and by his Masonic Brothers-the kind of man who will bring credit to the Fraternity.

Both Brothers are Past Masters of their respective Lodges, Arthur of Acacia Lodge No. 94, in Columbia SC; Philip of Hickory Lodge No. 343 in Hickory NC.





Mark Resnick

Local Teen Experiences Israel on Innovative High-Tech Study Tour

While every student returns to school in the fall with tales of his or her summer "adventures," one local teen from Charlotte, North Carolina, had a very special story to tell. For four weeks Mark Resnik, together with his older brother Greg, encountered the history and heritage of an ancient world while experiencing some of the most advanced technology yet to be conceived, as a participant in a High-Tech Study Tour in Karmiel, Israel. The tour, a joint project of Women's American ORT, American ORT and the American Zionist Youth Foundation, brought together eight American students, with nine of their Israeli peers, for this unique learning experience.

For Mark, a 16-year-old eleventh grader at Providence Senior High School, the four weeks in Israel was highlighted by "a night camped out with Bedouins under the stars, trips to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and great hiking."

"The Israeli teenagers," he added, "had lots of the same hobbies we did and they all spoke English very well. The entire group hit it off right away."

The High-Tech Study Tour was housed at the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology in Karmiel, located in the hills of Israel's beautiful Galilee region. ORT Braude, which opened in 1989, offers an advanced curriculum geared to the needs of modern business and industry, and enrolls 1,200 students from Israel and throughout the world during the academic year.

For Mark and the other American students, the overwhelming high points of the summer were the classes in robotics and the ancient archaeological and historic sites the group visited.

"The classes were all very interesting," Mark commented, "but robotics was special. We were able to program and use the robots to build and take down pyramids, and do other tasks."

Studies during the four weeks encompassed computers, electronics, robotics, biotechnology, and industrial management. Hands on experience in ORT Braude's high-tech laboratories was complemented by visits to Israel families, evenings of folk dancing and camp fires, and outings to a broad range of educational, cultural and religious sites in all the major cities and areas of the country.

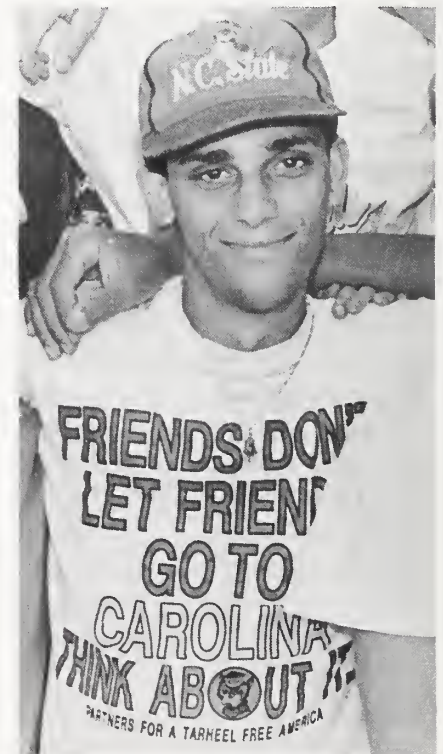
"I'm interested in becoming an architect," Mark commented, "so I really enjoyed spending so much time with science and math."

Women's American ORT, an organization of membership chapters across the United States, supports vocational and technical training for Jews around the world, particularly in

the United States, South America, France, India, Morocco and Israel. It is the largest affiliate organization of the World ORT Union and the major source of financial support to its central budget.

More than 252,000 students presently are enrolled in ORT's 800 schools and projects which include comprehensive and vocational high schools, colleges, apprenticeship programs and teacher-training institutes. The ORT program encompasses 52 countries and is the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

In addition to its central mission, Women's American ORT works actively in the United States to improve public education, to promote literacy, to combat anti-Semitism and to support women's rights.



Greg Resnick

B The Arts Book Reviews & Media

On the Set at Schindler's List. Leopold (Paul) Page, center, shows an album of photos taken when he worked for Oskar Schindler during the German occupation of Poland to (standing, from left) Steven Spielberg, director of the Holocaust film; Ralph Fiennes, who plays the role of the Nazi commander Amon Goeth, and other cast members including (seated, to Page's right) Liam Neeson, who plays Schindler in the film.



SPECIAL SECTION ON SCHINDLER'S LIST

A SURVIVOR LOOKS AT 'SCHINDLER'S LIST'

BY BENJAMIN MEED

I have seen many Holocaust films over the years. Never have I seen one that told its story and developed its characters with such power as Schindler's List. And never was there one that ended on so inspirational a note.

The film is an intense and vivid depiction of the Holocaust and an amazing story of how one man can make a difference—in this case, a man named Oskar Schindler, who helped save the lives of more than a thousand

Jews working in his factories. I have spoken to many of the survivors who knew Schindler in Poland, and whom he protected from the Nazis; all of them told me of their feeling for him and their gratitude to him.

To me, Schindler's List is a genuine achievement because it will give to tens of millions around the world their first and perhaps only idea of what the Nazi Holocaust meant—the cruelty and madness of the Germans, the awful separation of husband from wife and

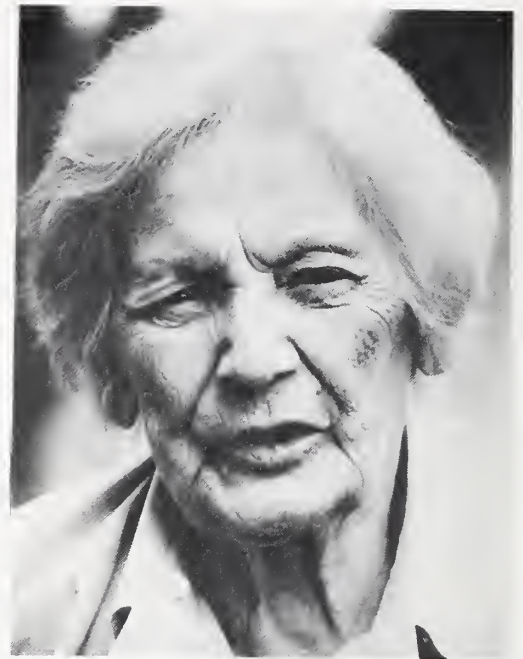
mother from child, the courage of the Jewish victims, and the decency of one man who saved one thousand.

There are many lessons to be drawn from this film, which is based on the book by Thomas Keneally. To me, its greatest impact lies in its demonstration of how fierce and ferocious, how pitiless and savage, the Nazis were, and in its portrait of how, amidst the inhumanity, Jews lived, struggled and helped each other.

Those who protected Jews, as Oskar Schindler did, were few and far between; yet he was not alone—as is evident at the Avenue of the Just at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, where trees

have been planted for those designated as "Righteous Among the Nations," including Oskar and Emilie Schindler.

THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILE



Emilie Schindler

I am not a movie reviewer, so I will not touch on the superb acting, the brilliant black-and-white photography, the music (played by Yitzhak Perlman), or the sweep and impact of this film, which runs for more than three hours. When Schindler's List ended, the members of the audience I was part of sat silently through the credits, unable or unwilling to tear themselves away from this riveting story of the Jews of Krakow, most of it photographed in Krakow itself.

Clearly, Schindler's List is more than just another film. As Time Magazine wrote, "the movie arrives at a time when it is very obviously needed. . . The task of remembering, of testifying, must pass to members of Spielberg's generation and others still younger."

In this task of remembering, there are many contradictions. The success of the new Holocaust Museum in Washington, so well received by the public, is a tribute to the people who designed and built it, and to those who run it. It truly has exceeded our highest expectations. Yet at the same time, a poll reveals that nearly one of four young Americans have either not heard of the Holocaust or are uncertain of what the term means. And of course there are still the deniers, the pseudo-scholars and anti-Semites who claim that the Holocaust never happened.

No one can believe that claim after seeing Schindler's List. For that alone, Steven Spielberg-the director who made this film as a contribution to his people-is owed a debt of gratitude by every survivor, by every person. He has graphically depicted the depths to which humanity can sink, reminding us again that every one of us must be

Mrs. Schindler was Destitute in Argentina Until B'nai B'rith Members Found This Righteous Gentile

Washington, DC - For the past 20 years, members of B'nai B'rith in Argentina have been quietly caring for a righteous gentile, Emilie Schindler, escorting her on errands, attending to her medical needs and visiting her in the suburban home B'nai B'rith members purchased for her in 1965.

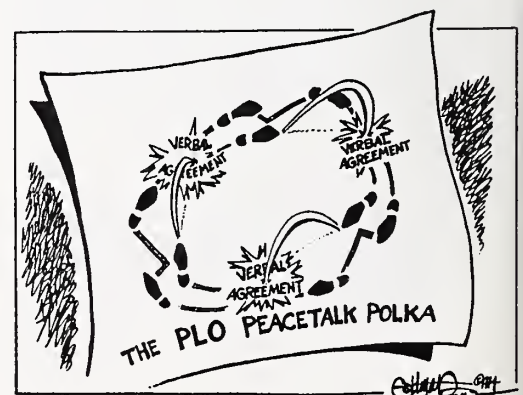
The couple saved 1,200 Jews from the Nazi death camps by persuading German officials to hold deportation of a list of Jews, claiming they were indispensable to their Polish factory. Emilie risked here life to purchase food and medicine from the black market to feed the emaciated Jews working in the German Catholic couple's munitions plant. "She looked after and pampered many living skeletons weighing 77 pounds each," said Moshe Beisky, a former Israeli Supreme Court Judge saved by the Schindlers.

ever vigilant, ever watchful, so that these things shall not and must not happen again.

But Schindler's List is more than a film about the Holocaust. It is a film about humanity, about the human family of which we are all members. It will sear its way into our soul. And you will never forget it.

When the Buenos Aires Tradition Lodge 1778 first heard about Emilie, she was widowed, destitute and living alone. Now lodge members visit frequently and help her with her housework, gardening and errands. "These lodge members, mostly from Europe, decided it was their duty to feed and care for these Jews during World War II," said Kent E. Schiner, international president of B'nai B'rith.

In September, Israel's ambassador to Argentina presented Schindler, no 85, with a medal in the name of Israel's Yad Vashem Institute for her courageous war-time acts.



HONORABLE MENSCHEN AWARD

Los Angeles, California, January 4, 1994-Movie director Steven Spielberg and Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu have been named recipients of the 1993 Honorable Menschen Award. The annual awards are presented by the Los Angeles based Jewish Identity Workshops organization for outstanding contributions to Jewish life.

Spielberg is being honored for his movie *Schindler's List* and Netanyahu for his book *A Place Among the Nations*.

J.I.W, whose advisory board is made up of academicians, psychologists and social workers, conducts consciousness-raising workshops for Jewish participants in order to increase pride in Jewish identity.

Lorelei Greenberg, president of the organization, said that J.I.W. works toward making people aware of the damage that is done as a result of Jewish self-denigration. She pointed to the fact that although Jews have consistently been represented in large numbers in the sciences, arts, teaching, social work and other helping professions, more often than not they are portrayed in the media as materialistic, insensitive and comic.

"Unfortunately", she added, "it is often Jewish producers, directors and authors who are propagating these images of their own people in movies, television, plays and novels. That these negative stereotypes increase anti-Semitism goes without saying. In addition, our young people are growing up with these degrading caricatures and this has a seriously debilitating effect on their self-esteem."

Steven Spielberg's movie, *Schindler's List*, documents the plight of the Jews and the unspeakable horrors they suffered during the Holocaust. The movie serves as a reminder of the importance of speaking out strongly against any form of bigotry, prejudice and destructive self-hatred.

Benjamin's Netanyahu's book, *A Place Among the Nations*, gives a history of Israel. It dispels myths and lies perpetrated about Jews and Israel which, if not refuted, have serious implications for the future of the Jewish people.

Former recipients of the Honorable Menschen Award have been Nobel prize winner Elie Wiesel, Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer and movie producers Sherry Lansing and Stanley Jaffe.

MCA Records to Release Original Soundtrack Album to Steven Spielberg's '*Schindler's List*,' Featuring Score by Academy Award-Winning Composer John Williams and Violin Solos by Itzhak Perlman
Release Date: December 7

University City, CA-December 15, 1993-MCA Records announces the release of the original motion picture soundtrack to Universal Pictures' *Schindler's List*, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring an international cast led by Liam Neeson, Embeth Davidtz and Academy Award-winner Ben Kingsley. *Schindler's List*, based on a true story, focuses on the life of Oskar Schindler, a Nazi war profiteer who, at great personal risk, saved the lives of more than 1,000 Jews during the German occupation of Poland during World War II.

The Schindler's List score was composed, conducted and produced by Oscar-winning composer John Williams. *Schindler's List* is the 13th film on which Spielberg and Williams have collaborated, including their most recent, the phenomenally successful *Jurassic Park*.

The *Schindler's List* score was performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and features solos by internationally renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, and clarinet solos by Giora Feidman. The soundtrack album also includes newly-recorded versions of the folk songs "OYF'N Pripetshok (At the Fireplace)," an old Yiddish song that was sung by the Jews in the ghetto; and "Yeroushalaim Chel Zahav (Jerusalem of Gold)," which was written in May, 1967 to commemorate Israeli Independence Day and became a song of victory during and after the Six-Day War in June, 1967.

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Spielberg calls the making of Schindler's List "the most deeply moving filmmaking experience of my life." Of the film's score, he says, "John Williams has composed original and stunningly classical music for Schindler's List in a collection of themes and orchestral remembrances that will haunt you. This is certainly an album to be attended with closed eyes and unsequestered hearts."

The Schindler's List soundtrack includes the songs "Theme From Schindler's List," "Jewish Town (Krakow Ghetto-Winter '41)," "Immolation (With Our Lives, We Give Life)," "Remembrances," "Schindler's Workforce," "OYF'N Pripetshok and Nacht Aktion" (featuring the Li-Ron Herzeliya Children's Choir), "I Could Have Done More," "Auschwitz-Birkenau," "Stolen Memories," "Making the List," "Give Me Your Names," "Yeroushalaim Chel Zahav (Jerusalem of Gold)" (written by Henry Lefkowitz and Stanley Lionel and performed by the Ramat Gan Chamber Choir), "Remembrances" (with Itzhak Perlman) and "Theme From Schindler's List (Reprise)."

Schindler's List

by Thomas Keneally

Simon & Schuster

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Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

His wife said that he had done nothing "astounding" before the war and had done nothing exceptional since. She endured his marital infidelities patiently. Oskar Schindler drank too much and was a member of the Nazi party. He was a war profiteer and so skilled a liar that he outwitted some of the shrewdest criminals in Hitler's regime.

Schindler's List is a stunning novel, crammed full of true details of the horrors of the Holocaust. Thomas Keneally, the author, attests to the accuracy of his account, and he states his sources. His book has become an international bestseller, and is now a film by Steven Spielberg. Awards for Schindler's List are numerous, but the difficulty lies in any attempt to review or summarize this stupendous work.

The bare facts are that Oskar Schindler was in appearance the typical Aryan seen in movies, embodying the evil that is detestable to moral people. A Sudeten German, Schindler was to operate throughout World War II in Poland, and in Moravia during the last few months of the war. His factory manufactured enamelware, the Deutsche Emil Fabrik. It was one of many plants which employed prisoners, mainly Jewish, whom he requisitioned from the prison camps. There were 1700 large and small camps in Poland!

Somehow, he managed not only to save the lives of more than were saved by any other individual during the period of German occupation of Poland, but to feed them a diet of 2,000 calories per day, more than the daily diet of almost any European of the period. The term, "By hook or by crook," comes to mind, although Keneally offers his story as an account of virtue. No reader will deny it.

Schindler had to be one of the best actors of all time. Although he was utterly revolted by the characters with whom he associated in order to pursue his adopted role, and the tension of his performance was extreme, he never flinched in his portrayal of the calm and ruthless executor of the program of the Fuhrer. He deluded superiors whom he detested into believing he was fond of them. Bribes of luxury

items he secured on the black market or from Jews who had managed to hide them were helpful in convincing those whose favors he needed that he was their ally.

He lived in constant danger of betrayal and was arrested and detained several times. On each occasion, he managed to notify his secretary by coded message of his whereabouts, and she contacted high officials who ordered his release. He was unsurpassed as a con artist, but without the gifts of food, liquor, jewelry, radios, gold and numerous amounts of German marks, he would not have succeeded.

There were other German personnel who worked in, but not for the system, and Oskar Schindler was assisted by some of them in the passion which consumed him during the six years of savagery. The occupation of saving Jewish lives was truly a passion, and there were Nazi officials who recognized it, calling it "a Jewish virus." They believed he contracted the disease just as one is afflicted by influenza.

Emilie, the long suffering wife of Oskar, obviously was also a victim of the same virus. They were Roman Catholics by birth, but not observant in their religion. It was construed as symbolic that a bleeding heart picture of Jesus was hung in their apartment in Brinnlitz, where they lived during their Moravian months.

When it became apparent that the Germans had lost the war, as the Russian troops approached ever nearer, there was a frantic dismantling of concentration camps in the hope of destroying the evidence of Nazi atrocities. Then, instead of efforts to prolong their lives within Auschwitz and the hundreds of small holding camps in Poland, it became urgent to

arrange the removal of the prisoners before the total obliteration of the sites and their occupants.

This self-appointed savior devised a plan to move his enamelworks to Moravia, in what had been Czechoslovakia, and to expand it to include a munitions factory. In that way, he could request additional workers to be added to those already in his labor camp. The names requisitioned from Auschwitz/Birkenau, the women's suburb of the notorious Polish extermination site, became what is known as Schindler's List.

It was an outrageous plot, and became a miracle. Auschwitz had steadily grown, due to efficient technology. The story of this phenomenon which Oskar succeeded in organizing is in itself a suspense tale amidst the account of his many exploits. He wrestled with the functionaries and procured 300 women who had been in Birkenau for weeks, besides some of the children interned there.

His arguments for securing those on this list, allowing no substitutions, seem to border on the ridiculous. He claimed that the slender fingers of some children were necessary to buff

the insides of antitank shells. When something was apparently far beyond reason, he could turn the idea into a joke and the questioner or inspector would join in the laughter.

Succeed he did, and proceeded in great haste to construct his new establishment with the help of those prisoners who were able to work. Many were not, having endured starvation and sickness. Sickness was an almost insurmountable problem. All of the inmates were infested with lice, and that meant typhoid fever. The novelty of hot water showers were introduced to combat that illness, but there was rampant dysentery, scarlet fever and a variety of diseases to which the starved and freezing bodies were vulnerable.

Oskar's wife Emilie prepared nutritious soups, porridge and bread in her own kitchen and assumed the task of restoring to life those victims who were on the verge of death. Apparently, she had succumbed to the "Jewish virus."

This minutely detailed history is completely intriguing. Thomas Keneally, novelist, playwright and producer, is an Australian. He has performed a great deed in bringing to the attention of the entire world the

record of one part of the Holocaust. He calls it a story of virtue, but it is also one of courage and determination to do good in the midst of boundless evil. Deniers of the fact of the Holocaust will have difficulty in explaining away the testimony which Keneally brings to light in Schindler's List.

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The first undertaking has been the preparation of a survey to determine the needs of the Jewish elderly in this area. The survey will be conducted through the Jewish community shortly after January 1, and will cover requirements for the elderly in the four categories of Housing, Transportation, Health Care and Programming.

The purpose of the survey will be to examine the needs of the aged in regards to the above category and determine what courses of action should be taken to meet those needs. The committee is being chaired by Mr. Robert Able, and he can be reached at 375-9006. He would welcome any input that members of our community might wish to make concerning such a survey.



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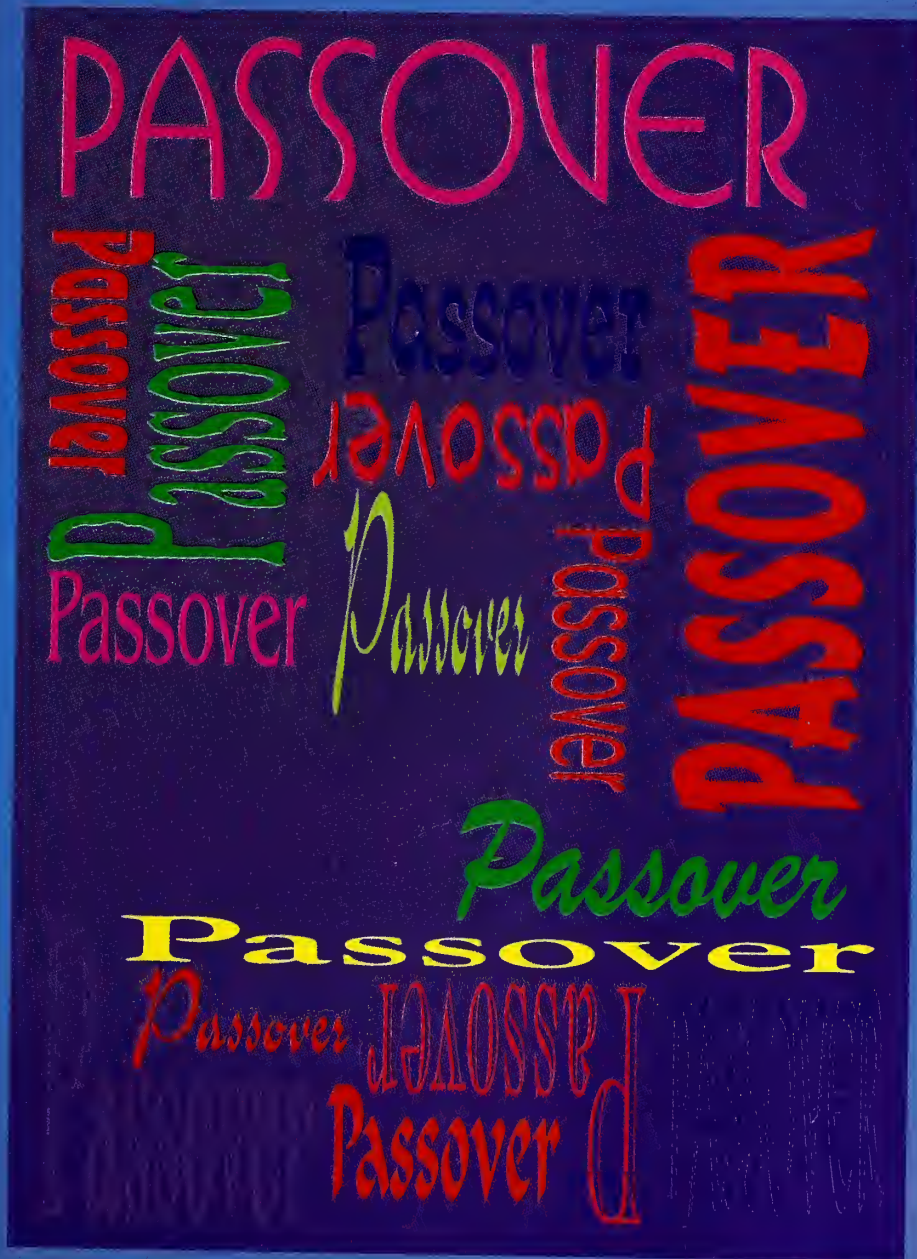
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Excerpts from remarks by Khalid Abdul Mohammad, Nation of Islam National Spokesman, at Kean College, NJ, 11/29/93:

Brothers and sisters—the so-called Jews, and I must say so-called Jew, because you're not the true Jew. You and Johnny-come-lately-Jew, who just crawled out of the caves and hills of Europe just a little over 4,000 years ago. You're not from the original people. You are a European strain of people who crawled around on your all fours in the caves and hills of Europe, eatin' Juniper roots and eatin' each other.

Who are the slumlords in the black community? The so-called Jew... Who is it sucking our blood in the black community? A white imposter Arab and a white imposter Jew. Right in the black community, sucking our blood on a daily and consistent basis. They sell us pork and they don't even eat it themselves. A meat case full of rotten pork meat, and the imposter Arab and the imposter white Jew, neither of them eat it themselves. A wall full of liquor keeping our people drunk and out of their head, and filled with the swill of the swine, affecting their minds. They're the blood suckers of the black nation and the black community. Professor Griff was right, when he spoke here... and when he spoke in the general vicinity of Jersey and New York, and when he spoke at Columbia Jew-niversity (sic) over in Jew (sic) York City. He was right.

The DeBeers mines, Oppenheimer, our people, our brothers and sisters in

South Africa, hundred of them lose their lives. Sometimes thousands in those mines. Miles underground, mining diamonds for white Jews. That's why you call yourself Mr. Reubenstein, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Silverstein. Because you been stealing rubies and gold and silver all over the earth. That's why we can't even wear a ring or a bracelet or a necklace without calling it Jew-elry. We say it real quick and call it jewelry, but it's not jewelry, it's Jew-elry, 'cause you're the rogue that's stealing all over the face of the planet earth.

You see everybody always talk about Hitler exterminating 6 million Jews. That's right. But don't nobody ever ask what did they do the Hitler? What did they do to them folks? They went in there, in Germany, the way they do everywhere they go, and they supplanted, they usurped, they turned around and a German, in his own country, would almost have to go to a Jew to get money. They had undermined the very fabric of the society. Now he was an arrogant no-good devil bastard, Hitler, no question about it. He was wickedly great. Yes, he was. He used his greatness for evil and wickedness. But they are wickedly great too, brother. Everywhere they go, and they always do it and hide their head.

We don't owe the white man nothin' in South Africa. He's killed millions of

our women, our children, our babies, our elders. We don't owe him nothing in South Africa. If we want to be merciful at all, when we gain enough power from God Almighty to take our freedom and independence from him, we give him 24 hours to get out of town, by sundown. That's all. If he won't get out of town by sundown, we kill everything white that ain't right (inaudible) in South Africa. We kill the women, we kill the children, we kill the babies. We kill the blind, we kill the crippled, (inaudible), we kill 'em all. We kill the faggot, we kill the lesbian, we kill them all. You say why kill the babies. Why kill the women? They, they... because they lay on their back, they are the military or the army's manufacturing center. They lay on their back and reinforcement roll out from between their legs. So we kill the women too. You'll kill the elders too? Kill the old ones too. Goddamit, if they in a wheelchair, push 'em off a cliff in Cape Town. Push 'em off a cliff in Cape Town, or Johannesburg, or (inaudible), or Port Sheppston or Darbin, how the hell you think they got old. They old oppressing black people. I said kill the blind, kill the crippled, kill the crazy, Goddamit, and when you get through killing 'em all, go to the goddam graveyard and dig up the grave and kill 'em, goddam, again. 'Cause they didn't die hard enough. They didn't die hard enough. And if you've killed 'em all and you don't have the strength to dig 'em up,

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EDITOR'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your kind words and continual contributions to the Times Outlook. For those of you who are sending articles to the magazine, please be sure to adhere to our time element. Our deadline is always the 1st of the previous months issue.

May you and your family have a warm loving Passover Holiday!

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then take your gun and shoot in the goddam grave. Kill'em again. Kill'em again, 'cause they didn't die hard enough.

We found out that the Federal Reserve ain't really owned by the Federal Government. . . But it ain't owned by the Federal Government. The Federal Reserve is owned by, you just touched on it a little while ago. (Jews.) It's owned by the Jews.

Brother, I don't care who sits in the seat at the White House. You can believe that the Jews control that seat that they sit in from behind the scenes. They control the finance, and not only that, they influence the policy-making.

No white Jews ever in bondage in Egypt for 400 years. You're not the chosen people of God. Stop telling

that lie. Let's go a little further with this. Many of you put out the textbooks. Many of you control the libraries. Libraries. NBC, ABC, CBS, you don't see nothin', or make sure we don't see. Warner Brothers, Paramount, huh? Hollywood, period.

But [they] also are most influential in newspaper, magazine, print media and electronic media.

These people have had a secret relationship with us. They have our entertainers in their hop pocket. In the palm of their hand, I should say. They have our athletes in the palm of their hand.

Many of our politicians are in the palm of the white man's hand, but in particular, in the palm of the Jewish white man's hand.

The Jews have told us, the so-called Jews have told us, ve (sic) ve, ve suffer like you. Ve, ve, ve, ve marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ve, ve, ve were in Selma, Alabama. Ve, ve were in Montgomery, Alabama. Ve, ve were on the front line of the civil rights marches. Ve have always supported you. But let's take a look at it. The Jews, the so-called Jews, what they have actually done, brothers and sisters, is used us as cannon fodder.

Go the Vatican in Rome, when the old, no-good Pope, you know that cracker. Somebody need to raise that dress up and see what's really under there.

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MISHA SHMERKIN

Misha (Michael) Shmerkin

is a 23-year-old figure skater who will be representing Israel at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. He will be the first athlete ever to compete for Israel in the Winter Games.

Misha was born in Odessa in the former Soviet Union. He began skating at the age of four. At 13, he moved to a special boarding school for gifted athletes. In 1985, when he was 15, he was the youth champion of the Soviet Union and finished fifth at the Youth World Championship held in the United States. By 1989, still only 19, he became champion of the Ukraine in the senior division.

His rise to the top of the Soviet figure skating world slowed over the next couple of years. Misha's mother (Alexandra) felt that he was being neglected by Russian sports authorities because he was Jewish. Alexandra says that the Russian and Ukrainian authorities at first encouraged Misha and helped him in training. But, after the age of 18, when Misha was ready to move up to more important international events, he was shuffled aside and only allowed to appear in non-competitive international shows and events.

Due in part to the lack of training opportunities for Misha and his athletic sister Hannah (now 16 and the Israeli age group tennis

champion) because of their religion, Alexandra and the family decided to emigrate to Israel. Misha feels his career has gotten back on track since then—even



Misha Shmerkin, a 23-year-old champion figure skater from Odessa, will represent Israel in its first appearance at Winter Olympic Games.

though he didn't expect to still skate after emigration—and is very happy with his skating progress and his life in Israel.

He trains most of the year in Israel at the Canada Centre, a recreational facility—which includes an ice rink, albeit a small one—close to the Lebanese border. In addition to training there, Misha also coaches young Israeli figure skaters who are encouraged by his successes.

Misha also returns to the former Soviet Union occasionally for coaching. Apparently, now that he is no longer

representing the country, he has more access to high level coaching. (He's paying for the coaching now too, rather than being part of the Soviet system, which is most likely the best explanation of this). He'll be in Israel until he leaves for the Olympics.

When Misha and his family left the Soviet Union for Israel, their trip and the costs of supporting the family and getting them settled and absorbed into society was undertaken by UJA's Operation Exodus campaign via the Jewish Agency.

Operation Exodus has moved almost 500,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel since 1990 when the doors first opened up so that Jews could leave if they wanted to. If you talk with Misha, he may not know UJA's name, nor even the name Operation Exodus. He does know that it is Jews from around the world that paid for his family to move and get them settled in their new life until they could make it on their own.

While Misha is the first athlete to represent Israel in the Winter Olympics, he is not

the first Russian immigrant to represent them. There were 11 different olim who competed for Israel in the Barcelona summer games.

The influx of the top caliber athletes is very welcomed in Israel. Many people in the country's sports authority feel the addition of the Russian athletes, and the younger children who immigrated but have some of the Russian athletic training behind them, will help to elevate the level of Israeli competition in a much shorter time than one would have otherwise seen.

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ASSOVER

Female Voices From the Exodus Story

by Rabbi Elyse M. Goldstein

The Haggada, rightly giving all credit for the Exodus to God, does not mention any human names, even Moses: so we should not be dismayed at the absence of female names. Yet there is so much to be learned from the amazing stories of those women who participated in and even shaped the Exodus that today, in study, we can hear their voices literally calling out to us and infusing the Passover story with deeper meaning. "Israel was redeemed (from Egypt) because of righteous women." (Exodus Rabbah) Not one, but six women figure prominently: Shifra and Puah, Yocheved, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter, and Zipporah.

Shifra and Puah, the midwives who risked their lives and refused to kill baby boys even upon Pharaoh's decree, speak to us of civil disobedience in an age when "I was only following orders" is the rule. They speak to us of extraordinary courage, without tangible reward. Were they Egyptian? If so, why should they care enough to save Jewish babies? Why stick out their necks? I think of the gentile heroes of the Holocaust. Were they Jewish? If so, they risked even more, so I think of the Jewish nurses, doctors and midwives of Auschwitz who hid the babies, or even performed abortions when it would save the lives of the mothers. Some of them went on to live and deliver hundreds of healthy Jewish babies in Israel and America after their own Exodus.

Yocheved, the mother of Moses, the

woman who produced the leader of the Jewish people, is not treated as a superhuman "Mary" figure. She doesn't want to be: her name suggests that "God gets the honor" (Ya-kavod). She is the role model for her son, whom the Torah says is "the most humble of men." He learned it from mama. I think of how we malign self-sacrificing Jewish mothers and then I think of Yocheved.

And Miriam the prophetess, Moses' sister, speaks to us of patience and cleverness in the face of adversity. Stationed from afar, she waits and watches Moses in the bulrushes, until finally Pharaoh's daughter sees him and takes pity on him. Though Pharaoh's daughter is not named in the Torah, the Rabbis suggested she is called Bitya, a play on Batya, daughter of God. Like Shifra and Puah, she is truly a child of God. Miriam then "suggests" (causes it to happen, really, by being sure to be in the right place at the right time) that Moses be "adopted" by Pharaoh's daughter, but only after he has been nursed by a woman of his own people. Clever Miriam! She returns the child to his own home to be reunited with his mother. Later, Moses understands that he is a Hebrew even after being raised in the Egyptian court because of this first, primal memory.

Miriam is persistent, even stubborn. Today, some might label her "pushy." Thank goodness for pushy women! When Pharaoh decreed all the boys to be thrown into the Nile, Jewish husbands

divorced their wives in utter frustration. "Why bother with marital relations," they thought, "when, they are in vain?" "Your decree is worse than Pharaoh's!" Miriam cried to Amram, her father. "He decreed death only to boys! But your decree of divorce affects the possible birth of girls, as well." Amram harkened, and all the men returned to their wives (Sotah 12). And after the Red Sea splits, it is Miriam who leads the women in a song of gratitude. I think of her as the first woman Cantor!

Israel's physical survival was ensured by these women. But they also ensured its spiritual survival. Before Moses could approach Pharaoh to plead for the Hebrews, there was one more act, which apparently he had neglected, that had to be performed. It was his Midianite wife Zipporah who herself circumcised their son in the desert and, some suggest, cast the foreskin in anger at Moses' feet to chastise him for failing in that duty. I think, not without irony, of all the non-Jewish wives I know who take on the Jewish upbringing of the children as their responsibility; and of their justifiable anger at their Jewish husbands who do not take this responsibility.

And then I think of my grandmother and my mother (and your grandmother and mother, also, maybe?) in the kitchen for most of the recitation of the Haggada, fretting over matzo balls, scurrying with saltwater bowls, unable to hear these glorious tales even if they were told out loud! Maybe this year we will get them to recline too, as free women, to participate as actively in the Exodus as their foremothers did when the story was first unfolding.

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Every year during the eight days of Passover, Jewish families gather at the seder dinner to recall and commemorate the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. **New Kosher Cuisine for All Seasons** has offered us some very interesting new dishes to delight all and savor some wonderful tastes! Enjoy!

Easy Gefilte Fish

- Fish head, skin, bones
- 6 onions, sliced
- 3-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 quarts plus 2 cups water

To make the broth, combine head, skin and bones in a very large (at least 8 quarts) pot with sliced onions, salt, pepper, and water. Bring to a boil, then simmer while preparing the fish.

Chop onions finely in a food processor, then add the rest of the ingredients, except the carrots and lettuce, and process for about 30 seconds. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Fish balls:

- 1-1/2 large onions
- 3-1/2 pounds fish meat
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup ice water
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 4-1/2 teaspoons matzoh meal
- 3-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 2 large carrots, julienne
- Red or green leaf lettuce for garnish

Moisten hands with water, shape the mixture into balls or ovals, and gently drop into the simmering stock on top of all the stock ingredients. Partially cover

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and simmer over low heat for 1 hour. Remove cover and cook for 30 minutes more. Occasionally spoon broth over top balls if they get dry.

Let the fish balls cool in the pot, then carefully remove to a storage container. Strain broth. Save 1 cup in a small saucepan, and pour the rest over the fish. Heat the broth in the saucepan to simmer, add carrots, and cook until carrots are just tender, about 10 minutes. Add carrots to storage container, and refrigerate.

Serve fish, strewn with carrots, at room temperature, arranged on lettuce.

Yields about 42 palm-sized pieces or 55 small balls

Variation: For 4 pounds of meat, adjust these amounts as follows: Fish ball ingredients: 2 large onions, 5 large eggs, 3-3/4 teaspoons salt, 5-1/2 tablespoons matzoh meal, same amounts ice water, sugar, and pepper.

Abigail's Eggplant Salad from Israel

1 medium eggplant
Salt, to taste
Vegetable oil for frying
Juice of 2 lemons
5 cloves garlic, chopped or crushed
1 teaspoon vinegar of your choice
2 teaspoons fresh dill, chopped, or more to taste

Cut eggplant into 1/2-inch thick slices, place in a colander and sprinkle with salt. Let stand in the sink or over a plate for 20 to 30

minutes.

Wipe slices well, and fry in oil until tender but not mushy. Place fried eggplant in dish.

Combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl and pour over slices.

Refrigerate and serve as a cold side dish or salad.

Serves 4

Simple Vegetable Soup

1 onion
6 carrots
2 large potatoes
2 large celery roots or parsnips
2 celery stalks
4 tablespoons pareve margarine
4 cups water
2 cups vegetable bouillon
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste

Chop the onion into fairly small pieces and the rest of the vegetables into hearty, bite-sized ones.

Melt the margarine in a large soup pot and cook the onion over low heat until transparent, about 10 minutes. Add the other chopped vegetables and continue cooking for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the water and bouillon, cover partially, and simmer for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. (This soup can be cooled to this point and stored, covered, in the refrigerator for a few days.) Just before serving, season to taste and add a pinch of parsley to each bowl.

Serves 4-6.

Greek Potato Moussaka

This casserole tastes best made ahead and reheated.

1 clove garlic, halved
2 tablespoons olive oil, or more if needed
1 pound lean ground beef or ground turkey
1 bay leaf, crumbled into small pieces
1 teaspoon dried sage
Salt and pepper, to taste (optional)
6 cups thinly sliced, peeled potatoes
1 cup onions, sliced
1 15-ounce can tomato sauce
Paprika, to taste

In a large skillet, brown half the garlic clove in the oil over medium heat. Then remove clove. In the same pan, brown the beef or turkey slowly, for about 15 minutes, with bay leaf and sage, adding salt and pepper if desired. Remove meat with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Brown the other half of garlic clove in meat drippings, adding oil if needed, then remove garlic. Add potatoes and onions to pan and cook, stirring often, for 10 to 15 minutes, until potatoes start to look translucent. (Potatoes and onions may be cooked in two batches, depending on the pan size.)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a 4 or 5 quart casserole, layer the ingredients as follows: one-third of the potato mixture, half

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The Caucasian Exodus

by Simon Griver

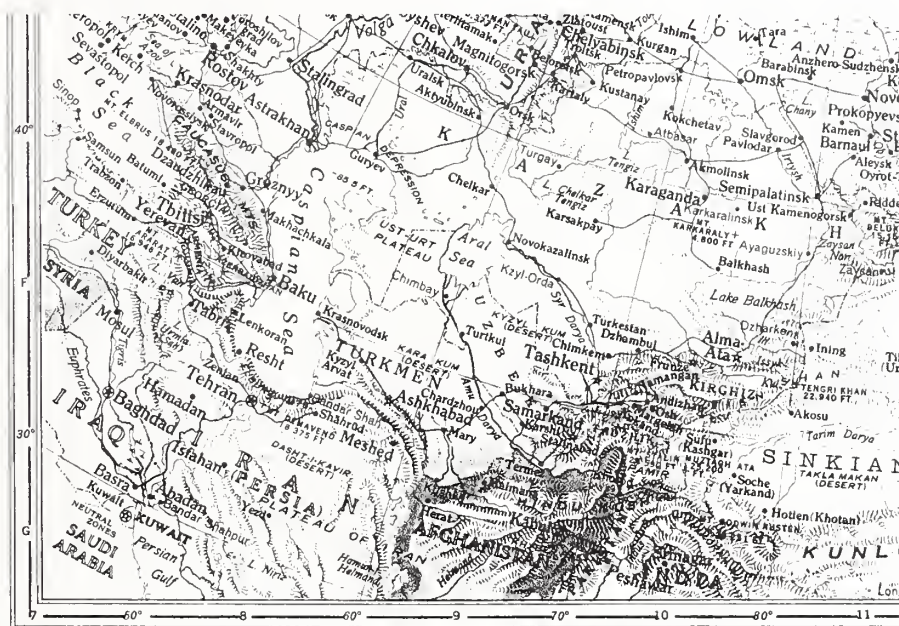
(WZPS) THE CAUCASUS (FORMER SOVIET UNION)-Marina Erlichman has returned "home" for the wedding of a friend. The 23-year-old immigrant to Israel in 1992 and on her first visit back spoke with me during my own brief visit to the region about the fate of the crumbling city she once loved.

"Gorbachev may have created a more liberal climate," says Erlichman, "but he destroyed this once beautiful city. Now it's falling apart and there's no future here for anybody. The war with Armenia overshadows everything."

War, economic instability and political upheaval have gripped the entire Caucasian Mountains regions (between southern Russia, Turkey and Iran), in the post-Soviet era. Azerbaijan is fighting a losing war with Armenia. Georgia lost Abkhazia to rebel separatists and is immersed in a civil war. In Russian Dagestan ethnic divisions have caused rising violence, and crime is soaring everywhere as chaos reigns.

The Jews of the Caucasian Mountains are leaving en masse. Some reach America, Europe or even other parts of the former USSR. But most are making Aliyah. More than 40,000 since 1990.

Of the 80,000 Jews in Azerbaijan in 1989, only 30,000 remain, and the weekly flight to Israel carries an average of 80 new immigrants. Twenty percent of Georgia's 20,000 Jews have made Aliyah this past year, when large scale Aliyah first began, and 10,000 of Dagestan's 40,000 Jews have



The Caucasian Mountain Regions (between Southern Russia, Turkey and Iran.)

immigrated to Israel since 1989.

"The disintegration here is worse than in Yugoslavia," claims Lova Baradani, the chief Jewish Agency emissary for Azerbaijan and the Caucasus. "The Azerbaijan war with Armenia is a brutal conflict. There are massacres and ethnic cleansing every bit as cruel as in Bosnia. But the area is inaccessible to the international press, so the bloodshed goes unreported."

A Baku high school prominently displays a tribute to its fallen graduates. Among the martyrs is Albert Agarunov (1969-1991), one of six Jews killed in the war between Moslem Azerbaijan and Christian Armenia. In the high school where he was educated for a life he would never live, the Jewish Agency rents rooms for its educational activities.

Seventeen year-old Adik Chaimov and his 16-year-old sister Rosa, are among

1,300 Jews in Baku currently learning Hebrew in Ulpanim (Hebrew classes). "We intend moving to Israel with our parents within the next four months," explains Adik. "As Jews we have always wanted to return to our ancestral homeland."

The Jews in Baku do not speak candidly about their true feelings and motivations. Adik is clearly timing his emigration to avoid being drafted into the Azerbaijani army. Dozens of Jewish families have sent their teenage sons to Youth Aliyah villages in Israel. Their parents claim that an Israeli education is better than an Azerbaijani schooling. Maybe. But the war is always politely avoided as an issue.

"We aren't cowards," insists Erlichman. "My 16-year-old brother Dmitri is eager to become a paratrooper in the IDF. We just feel that this is not our war."

Erlichman, typical of the highly

secular assimilated Ashkenazi Jews in Baku, admits that she has never set foot inside a synagogue in her life. Her father, an engineer in the Ukraine, was attracted to the region by the flourishing oil industry.

But more than half of Azerbaijan's community comprises Sephardi mountain Jews. Like Georgian Jewry, many suggest that after the Babylonian exile they found their way to the Caucasus via Persia. Others claim they were locals who converted to Judaism in the Middle Ages, while most romantically suggest that they are the lost tribe of Benjamin.

"Even during Stalin's time we remained traditional," says Tolik Ravinov, a 52-year-old taxi driver from Baku about to immigrate to Israel. "I was given a Brit and a Barmitzvah in secret. The synagogue always remained open but if you wanted a good job you wouldn't be seen there regularly."

A week before his Aliyah, Ravinov returned to Kube, the village where his parents were born. Located several hours drive to the north of the Azerbaijani capital, Kube has 5,000 Jews living together in "shtetl"-like conditions. Maybe the Yiddish term "Shtetl" is inappropriate. For here the elderly Jews do not speak Yiddish but the Persian Tat dialect, while the youngsters speak only Russian.

How times have changed in the former Soviet Union. As Vladimir Godnik, the Russian immigrant photographer who accompanied me on my trip, snaps the Jewish quarter from afar, he is pounced upon by policemen. But an accompanying Jewish Agency official flashes his accreditation and the police smile and shake our hands.

In the quarter, I met with a Jewish community leader, Zecharia Ben

Elchana, who tells me that he has three children living in Kiryat Yam near Haifa. Four more want to make Aliyah. "When the last of them emigrate," he says, "my wife and I will follow them."

"Will the Jewish community in Kube survive?" I ask him. "Only He knows," responds Ben Elchana looking up to the heavens.

In the Jewish cemetery overlooking Kube, Ravinov visits the grave of a cousin who recently died. "It is the end of an era," he laments. "In 20 years time my kinsmen will either be living in Israel or buried up here."

Menachem Elazar, the representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) for the Caucasus region, has an office in the Georgian capital of Tblisi, where sniping in the streets is now commonplace. "Only the other night I was leaving a friend's house after dinner," he recounts. "Suddenly we heard machine-gun fire nearby. We all dived to the ground. This is a routine occurrence. It's no wonder all the Jews are leaving."

The story is the same on the Russian side of the Caucasian Mountains in Dagestan. Ethnic fighting between Turks, Persians, Mongols, Tatars and Russians, has also contributed to the situation. "We have been inundated with applications for Aliyah," reports Baruch Abramovicz, the Jewish Agency emissary in Derbent, the largest Jewish community in the region.

"Crime is terrible and many Jews are wealthy. That makes them targets," observes Robert Tivyair, chairman of the local Jewish Youth Organization. "With each ethnic group pushing for its own interests, the Jews are losing out."

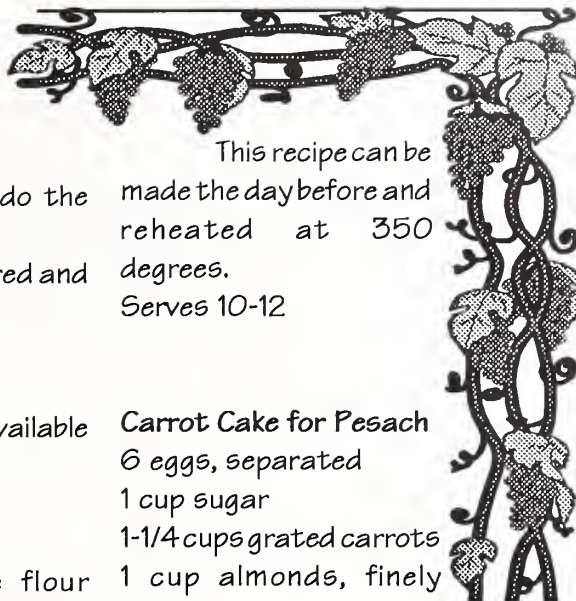
Although everyone I spoke to insisted that there was never any anti-Semitism in this region, there is a swastika daubed outside the Jewish Agency office in Baku. The Jewish community has also not ventured to ask the authorities to return the concert hall that used to be the city's central synagogue. Tivyair himself is leaving with his wife and two daughters and will soon be joining his sister in the Negev development town of Ofakim.

Yakob Yakobov, a pensioner, who, like Erlichman, has returned to Derbent for a visit, told me about life in Israel. "We have no complaints," he says. "We've been here two years. My son has a job repairing window blinds. He works hard and long hours and earns \$1,400 per month. That gives us a far better life than we had here in Derbent."

But life isn't always a bed of roses. After 17 months in Israel, neither of Erlichman's parents has found work. But she—a graduate in Persia and Turkish studies from the University of Baku—has found a job as a clerk in a security firm. Already fluent in Hebrew, she is optimistic about the future.

The Jews I encountered still living in the Caucasus, expressed no optimism about the future there. All anticipated that the situation would only degenerate. Israel seemed the most welcoming alternative, especially to Jews who remained loyal to their heritage despite the oppressiveness of communism.

"I believed in communism with all my heart," says 66-year-old Haim Agarunov, who once headed Azerbaijani State Television. "Now one son has gone to Israel and my two daughters are making Aliyah. The Zionist dream has vanquished communist idealism."



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the beef or turkey, one-half the tomato sauce, one-third potatoes, remaining beef or turkey, potatoes, and tomato sauce. Sprinkle paprika on top and bake, covered, for 1 hour, or until potatoes are cooked.

Serves 6

Passover Spinach Muffins

2 medium onions, chopped
 1/2 cup celery, chopped
 1-1/2 cups grated carrots
 6 tablespoons pareve margarine or 3-4 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 10-ounce box frozen spinach, defrosted and drained well
 3 eggs, beaten, or 3 egg whites and 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 3/4 cup matzoh meal
 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 12-cup muffin tin.

In a skillet over medium heat, saute onions, celery and carrots in pareve margarine until almost tender. Add spinach during last two minutes of cooking.

Transfer to a bowl, add eggs, matzoh meal, and seasonings. Spoon into the muffin tin. Bake for 45 minutes. If planning to reheat before serving, decrease baking time by 5 minutes. Yields 12 muffins

Grandma's Apple Kugel

Grandma Ethel's five grandchildren adore this quick and easy recipe, as do the rest of the gang.

3 pounds apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/4-inch slices
 3 eggs

1/2 cup vegetable oil
 3/4 cup sugar or sucanat (available at natural food stores)
 1/2 cup orange juice
 Pinch of salt

1 cup unbleached white flour (substitute 1/4 cup potato starch and 1/2 cup cake meal for Pesach)
 1/2 cup crushed, pareve graham crackers (ground nuts for Pesach)
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9 x 13-inch pan.

Place apples in a large bowl. In another bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Add oil, sugar, juice, salt, and flour to the eggs, then add the mixture to the apples, and toss until everything is combined. Spread evenly in the pan.

In a small bowl, combine graham crackers and cinnamon, and sprinkle over apple mixture. Bake for one hour or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

This recipe can be made the day before and reheated at 350 degrees.
 Serves 10-12

Carrot Cake for Pesach

6 eggs, separated
 1 cup sugar
 1-1/4 cups grated carrots
 1 cup almonds, finely ground
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 8 x 12-inch glass baking dish or a 9-inch springform pan. In a large bowl, beat egg whites with 1/2 cup sugar until peaks form, but do not overbeat. In a separate bowl, beat yolks with the remaining sugar. Add the carrots, almonds, lemon juice, and cinnamon. Mix well. Fold in egg whites. Pour into baking dish. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, until lightly browned and a tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

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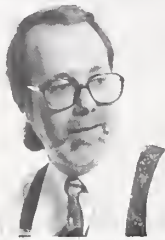


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"I'm going to kill me a Jew peddler." Strong words. What's worse. . . they came true.

When Lorraine Oudin of Charlotte called me with the mystery of Abram Surasky, it took only minutes to sense the power of this family story, for it is I and it is you that this story, now almost a century old, is really about.

In the early 1900's Abram Surasky left Poland for America and became a Southern peddler. While stopping at a farm in Aiken, South Carolina to water his horse, the Surasky family history took a major detour. The farm owner held a gun to Surasky and told him to prepare to die. "Please don't kill me, I have two young daughters," Surasky was to have said. His words could not stop those ill-fated bullets, nor the axe that bludgeoned the wronged peddler.

Through researched court records it was found that the farmer was tried but acquitted the verdict. A black worker on the farm was said to have overheard the farmer and his wife contriving an alibi, but the worker's

testimony was not believed. In later years the farmer was convicted of another violent crime. The problem of repeat offenders isn't new.



Surasky Family Portrait

Leba Surasky's sister headed for America with Abram's two daughters in order to marry her brother-in-law. She arrived in Racine, Wisconsin only to find out that Abram had been murdered before she had been able to reach him. Since Abram Surasky's brother, Samuel Surasky and his wife, Mary, had no children of their own, they unofficially adopted Dorothy

and Mildred, the two little girls Abram had spoken about as he was about to die.

Years passed and Abram's two daughters grew up. Dorothy and Mildred Surasky would eventually marry and between them have six children. Samuel Surasky was everything the grandchildren could wish for in a fine grandfather. Since they were never told of the tragic history of Abram, they never thought that Samuel was anything else to them but grandfather.

Over fifty years ago, Lorraine Oudin, one of the six grandchildren, observed a charcoal portrait of a distinguished looking gentlemen tucked away in a small closet. She

was told he was a family member but not that he was her grandfather. In her teens, Lorraine would later hear her Mother telling a neighbor of the murder. She didn't know all the



Abram Surasky

facts, but she knew enough to know that Samuel Surasky was really her great uncle and that she had a grandfather she had never known. The story was not actively pursued for many more years, but stayed with Lorraine and the other grandchildren like true history always does, clinging, begging to be listened to.

About two years ago, Stacey Cohen, daughter of Morganton Mayor Melvin Cohen, granddaughter of Dorothy Surasky, and great granddaughter of Abram, became involved in a high school family tree project. Stacey, now at Chapel Hill, began to research the mystery now nine decades old. Lorraine Oudin and her cousin, Stephen Surasky, great nephew of Abram and a prominent Aiken attorney, dug at unfolding the mystery, too. Abram's unmarked grave was located in the peaceful Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia. He had died in July 29, 1903. It would be this past November 13, 1993, that over thirty five descendants of Abram Surasky would gather at the Wilcox Inn in Aiken to share family time and put closure to this story. The next day a gravestone was erected on Abram's quiet grave. Over ninety years later they had come back to prove that it is never too late to show love, to show that blood is indeed thicker than water, and that family is and ever will be.

There is not a missing grandfather in everyone's history, but we all have history missing from our lives. My daughter, Stephanie, now a budding teen, hates history. Though history is my passion, I don't get real upset. I know that when the timing is right, history will matter,



and she will awaken to its haunting, sweet call. She'll discover that every piece of Earth we step upon today came from somewhere, has been somewhere, has meant something and so do we. Some of you longtime followers of my writings may remember the column I did on my own grandmother, Anna Schulman. A woman swiped out of her family's history one cold March day in 1919 on a New York street. As her seven year old son, my father, was walking home from school with his brother, they watched a straitjacket being tied to their mother's chest. She would never return to them. Just like Abram, as was common in those days, tragic stories were not discussed. The result being that many times grandchildren and great grandchildren became cheated out of knowing, even posthumously, from whence they came.

The irony is that Anna never really left. Neither did Abram. Her injustice, his injustice, and the injustices of others cannot go to the grave with physical demise. It remains in the blood and souls of future generations even if they never know or care to know. It shows up in those minor headaches which we relegate too often to the obvious, a hard day at the office or a daily commute. It lives quietly in our painful knees and behind those expensive visits to the doctor who reroutes veins to our hearts.

It only asks for us to not leave them behind, that they are part of us just as much as our elbow...and surely more. If we are anything, we are a collage of our parents and their

parents, and so it goes.

There is one and only one thing to do about this. Like Melvin, Stacey, Stephen, Lorraine, and the rest of

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The American Jewish
Times Outlook
Anniversary

Then & Now

by Estelle Hoffman

It was 1935 when the **Times Outlook** was first published. It was **The American Jewish Times** in the beginning. And what times those were!

Our written language was more flowery then. In reading early articles we find the style almost pretentious. But no matter, what imposing contributors were included in those early issues! There was "If I Were a Jew," by Dr. John Haynes Holmes. There were Stephen S. Wise, Pierre van Paassen, Jacob Wasserman, Hilaire Belloc, Dorothy Thompson.

The threat of Nazism was new. In the September 1934 issue, "The Mills of God" appeared, an article by Pierre van Paassen about the question of whether "The Evil Influences Threatening the World" would "lead to inevitable disaster." In the same issue was a fervent message by Col. Samuel Bardin Church, President of Carnegie Institute, expressing outrage at "the inhuman persecution of the Jews by the Hitler government in Germany."

In spite of foreboding, none foresaw the terror that was to follow and

American participation in World War II. After the passing of those years, great changes occurred in our society, and our publication sought to maintain the pace within our pages.

It is a different world now and the United States and its Jewish population are different. There is the existence of the State of Israel, and we report our interests there. There is the new willingness to claim our identity, along with other ethnic groups in our country, and our spokesmen are many and they are courageous. We are represented in every segment of society and few seek to hide behind Americanized names or denial of heritage.

The mailing list of **The Times Outlook** carries many names of people who are not Jewish, but who are interested in what we have to say. The Blumenthal Jewish Home, whose news we print, has residents who are Christian and they and their families read **The Times Outlook**.

Our contributors do not rank among the world-famous now, but all of our readers are encouraged to

communicate with us, with your ideas and suggestions, as well as to send us material. Members of the communities within our area (the Carolinas and adjacent states) are acquainted with each other and welcome the items in our Community News department. It has become your magazine. That is what we wish it to be.

Estelle Hoffman,
Associate Editor

(cont. from pg. 13 - Schulman)

Abram's DNA, you and I must go back. No matter how scary it is, or how beautiful or terrible the experience, we must make the journey. It may be the only brave thing we ever do or one of many brave acts, but going back is the only way we go forward.

Anna, I hear your screams, I taste the salt of your tears, I AM coming to find you because in the end you and I are the same.

MARCH 1994

Blumenthal Jewish Home

Chai-lights

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Seth Levy

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce that Seth Levy, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Home. Seth Levy brings to the home leadership experience in nursing home care along with active involvement in Jewish communal life. Since 1985, Mr. Levy has served as the Executive Director of the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Care Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to that, he was associated with the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home and the Dr. Philip Sher Jewish Home for the Aged in Omaha, Nebraska. In addition, Seth Levy has been active in both professional and community organizations.

Seth Levy is originally from New York State and holds a B.S. degree in Human Development and a Master's in Social Work with a certificate in Gerontology from Syracuse University. Seth Levy joined the Blumenthal Jewish Home in mid-February and is now living in Winston-Salem. He is happy to be located in the Southeast and closer to his family.

Seth says that he is excited about being at BJH and is looking forward to working with the staff and the Board

of Trustees. He is pleased to be serving the Blumenthal Jewish Home, a home dedicated to providing quality care for the Jewish elderly, and is looking forward to getting to know the Carolinas and the family members, friends, and supporters of the Home.



Blumenthal Jewish Home Passover Seders

Saturday, March 26 & Sunday, March 27

Fair Oaks Commons

6 pm

Adults: \$12.00 per Seder

Children: \$6.00 per Seder

RSVP by March 11th!!



George Carp and Irene Mendelson join in the New Year's Eve celebration.

Saying goodbye to 1993 was easy at the Blumenthal Jewish Home New Year's Eve party on December 31. Residents and staff enjoyed the spirited occasion as they tapped toes and listened to the big band sound of the "Society Swing Band." A highlight of the celebration was watching the smooth dancing of Catherine and Bob Smith and friends; these two graceful dance teams are always a treat to see. Good music and good friends rang in the new year at BJH on a bright note.

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, was celebrated at BJH on Thursday, January 27. A new tradition began with a tree planting ceremony



Fair Oaks residents Sylvia Margolis and Gussie Honig don't mind getting a "green thumb" at the Tu B'Shevat tree planting ceremony.



Syd Kastel is pleased with the tree she planted and dedicated.



Saying Goodbye to 1993

held in the Commons. Residents were delighted to be planting the first trees in the new BJH Tu B'Shevat garden. Small pine seedlings were planted in starter pots by the residents, to be replanted outdoors in the Spring. Many of the trees were planted in honor or memory of a loved one. The celebration was completed with the serving of fruits and nuts, traditional to the holiday.

Rabbi James Bennett of Temple Beth El in Charlotte was recently welcomed to the Rabbi's Hour programming at the Home. Rabbi



Celebrating the New Year was nothing new to the residents at BJH. Pictured on the first row are: Rose and Herman Nove and sisters Ella Gunzberger and Rose Schulherr.

Bennett visited the Home in December, met the residents, and conducted a delightful Rabbi's Hour. With the addition of Rabbi Bennett, who will be alternating monthly visits with Rabbi Scott White of Charlotte, BJH residents will have the opportunity to attend five Rabbi's Hour programs monthly. Thanks to our other participating Rabbis: Rabbis Eli Havivi and Rick Harkavy, Greensboro, Tom Liebschutz, Winston-Salem, and Robert Sandman, High Point, BJH residents receive the benefit of Rabbinical inspiration weekly.



Rabbi Bennett sings familiar Jewish melodies during Rabbi's Hour at BJH.

BJH

News Editor

Sue Clein

Staff Notes



Employees Recognized for Years of Service

A common thread that seems to run through interviews with employees who have been chosen Employee of the Month is the sense of family and of community which is expressed. They praise the support of their team members and speak of the friendship and friendliness of fellow employees. Blumenthal Jewish Home staff not only make BJH a good place to live, they also make it a good place to work. BJH is proud of the high retention rate of its employees and appreciates not only their commitment to providing excellent service to the residents but also to establishing a caring community work environment.



Ruth Howell receives a hug from Lynda Edmondson upon receiving her 15 year pin at the Holiday party.

At the annual employee holiday party, held this year on December 17, 1993, members of the BJH staff were recognized for their years of service and awarded pins for 5, 10, and 15 years of service to the Home. Receiving 15 year pins were Betty Gentry and

Ruth Howell; 10 year pins were Anne Clampitt, Vikki Donley, and Phillip Money. Cindy Brewer, Ann Canter, Leona Cook, Keith Elliott, Janice Evans, Lorraine Hetrick, Maggie James, Camilla Loftin, Cindy Monroe, Pat Oberle, Gail Ruthfield, Lois Slater, Doris Stroud, and Karen Wyatt received 5 year pins.

Long term employees who have been awarded pins in prior years for 20 and 25 years are Linda Pinnix with 23 years, Lorina

Durham, 24 years, and Izora Moore, 28 years.

The entire BJH staff enjoyed the holiday party chaired by Bonnie Ayers, Director of Personnel, and the creative entertainment presented by fellow employees. Our hats are off to the terrific performers from the Departments of Maintenance, Recreation, Dietary, and

Development who entertained with music, song, dance, and a whole lot of fun. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud of its employees and the commitment they have to the Home and to each other.

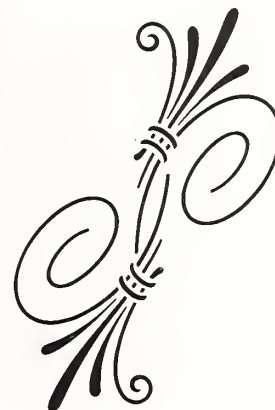


Janice Grimmert of the Dietary Department treated the crowd to a beautiful solo.





Employees, present at the party, who received 5 year pins are, left to right: Karen Wyatt, Doris Stroud, Ann Canter, Keith Elliot, Lorraine Hetrick, Maggie James, Cindy Monroe, Gail Ruthfield, and Lois Slater.



The multi-talented maintenance department surprised staff with their talented and original song routine. Left to Right: Tad McClamrock, Jesse Clawson, Harry Cooley, Keith Elliot, and Randell Ketchie.



The activity department entertained staff with their rendition of a new Chanukah song at the Holiday party. Left to Right: Gail Ruthfield, Alvonnia Walker, Sally Terreni, and Fredia Roach.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March.

7 Years

Jean Moore, RN, B-2

6 Years

Leona Cook, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Maggie James, Accounting

4 Years

Estella Carnes, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Dianne Smith, Nsg. Asst., B-2

3 Years

Wanda King, Laundry

2 Years

Linda Dowell, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

1 Year

Suzanne Bennett, RN, A-Wing

Debbie Booker, Nsg. Asst., B-1

SuAnn Mayhue, Social Services

Brenda Walters, Nsg. Asst., B-2

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

- 1 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 2 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 8 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 10 Midwestern Theatrical Production, "Best of Broadway," Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 13 Brenner Concert, Centinal Squares, "Square Dancing," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Music Hour with Steve Huyser, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Bennett, Commons Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.
- 26 First Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Passover Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 27 Second Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Seymour Brown. Seymour was the President of Goldsboro Iron and Metal Company and a great friend of the Home.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Miles Gaither Bryant
Lois Cook
Lela Edmonds
Lilly Marx
Virginia Popper
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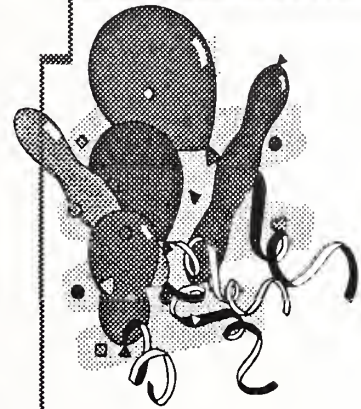


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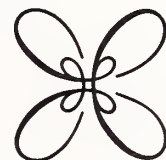
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Blumies Hours
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Thursday 10 am til' 1:30pm*



Happy Birthday

MARCH

**Rose Berzin
Karl Cahn
Herbert Doty
Ruby Freedle
Robert Little
Elsie McCarthy
Nona Meigs
Columbus Morris
Gladys Poindexter
Rose Schulherr
Mary Smith
Anne Stockert
Esther Wampler**



Sue's News

9 TO 5'ERS VOLUNTEER AFTER WORK



Mike Pollak, a physician, is more than a 9 to 5'er. He can be found along with his wife, Kimrey, calling bingo at BJH monthly.

in which they live, a love of older people, an interest in learning about the elderly, a connection to their roots or, just as one volunteer said, "I would miss seeing my friends if I wasn't able to come each week."

BJH residents would not be able to enjoy evening activities such as weekly bingo games were it not for the professionals who share their after work hours. Kelly Erickson, an eighth grade science teacher, Frances Bain, a secretary at Womble Carlyle Law Firm, Mike Pollak, a physician who volunteers with his wife Kimrey, Don Freedman, a marketing consultant, David Rosen, photographer, and Peggy Weisner, owner of Western Temporary Services, all share a common dedication to volunteering and a commitment to the residents of BJH.

Volunteering used to be primarily within the scope of women who did not hold jobs outside the home and of retired individuals. This is no longer the case and volunteers are now being recognized as a tremendous national resource. Volunteering has touched people of all walks of life with both students and professionals joining the ranks of volunteers. Non-profit institutions such as the Blumenthal Jewish Home count on volunteers to

assist with daily operations and to provide additional supportive programming.

The BJH volunteer corp is filled with many volunteers who are able to fit their volunteer time into the daily 9 to 5 schedule but there are also a number of persons who choose to volunteer after completing their own 9 to 5 work day. They volunteer for many reasons: a desire to give back to the community

Many volunteers in professions with flexible hours, such as sales, real estate, consulting, and the arts often commit time during their daily schedules to assist with daytime activities at the Home. At weekend programs such as Sunday Sweets and Concerts, volunteer hostesses and concert performers are positions often filled by professionals on their day off.

The volunteer services department

includes more than 100 volunteers who work in many different areas of the home. We try to match volunteers' interests, talents, and time with the Home's needs. If you think you don't have time to be a volunteer, think again. You can be a volunteer from 9 to 5 or after. Call the Volunteer Services department for information.



Frances Bain, volunteer bingo caller since February 1992, says that she finds visiting BJH each week so rewarding. "I love the residents and they love me," says Fran.



Jean Lund's favorite volunteer job is answering the phones on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Jean's volunteering gives the office staff a holiday.



Ann Nelson on the monthly shopping trip to the Hanes Mall with volunteer Joanne Graham.



Lily Marx enjoys her shopping outing with volunteer Joanne Raschke.



Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson assists Flo Sag at the Starmount Country Club luncheon.



What's Developing

by **Bruce Schlosberg**
Director of Development

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TZEDAKAH

Michael and Jill Spielman of Greensboro had their B'nai Mitzvah last Labor Day weekend. Like many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, they received many nice gifts including money. Michael and Jill have decided to contribute a portion of their gifts to different organizations. Michael has made a contribution to the Blumenthal Home and Hadassah. Jill gave her gift to the B'nai Shalom Day School and Centrale, an old-age home in Belgium. Thank you both for your Tzedakah.

LET US KNOW - PLEASE

The National Planned Giving Council conducted a survey on the giving habits of donors in planned giving. They found that 3/4 of the people who have promised bequests to charities have not told the organizations which would benefit. Also, 1/2 of those who established other types of planned gifts have not notified the organizations.

If you have made arrangements for the Home to be the beneficiary of a bequest or charitable trust, please let us know. WE SHALL HONOR YOUR WISHES FOR CONFIDENTIALITY. If confidentiality is not a problem, we would like to make you a member of the Blumenthal Home HERITAGE SOCIETY. This Society was established by the Board to honor those who have indicated that they have included the Home in their Will. For more information, please call:

Bruce Schlosberg at 910/766-6401.

The Tree of Life is a perfect opportunity to honor a person's memory or simcha. With a minimum donation of \$100, you can pay tribute to someone and receive an inscribed leaf on the Tree. Complete and return this coupon for your leaf on the Tree.

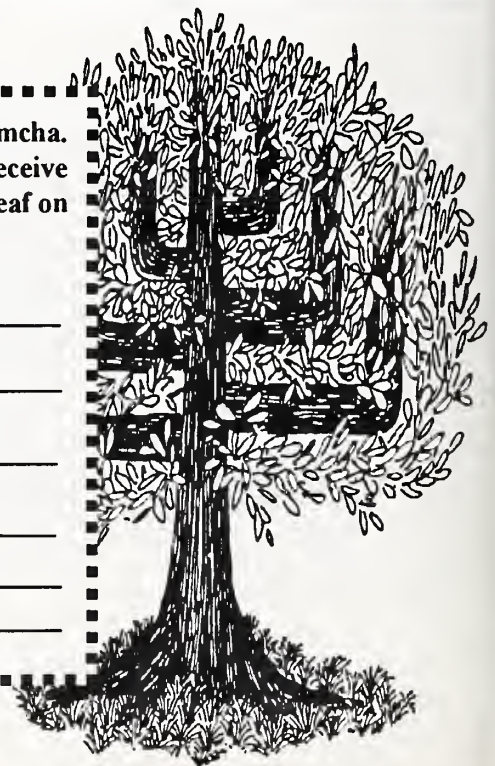
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Wish List

We ask our Department Heads several times a year for their "wish list." The item could be a piece of equipment or a program which would improve the quality of life of the residents or the overall efficiency of the Home.

We invite you to help us in purchasing these items. If you are interested, please send your check to the Blumenthal Jewish Home Wish List, P. O. Box 38, Clemmons, N.C. 27012. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Schlosberg at 910/766-6401. We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are endowed.

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Arjo Sara Lift - \$5800

This lift is a patient-handling device. It is an excellent aid for comfortable transfers between wheelchairs and beds. Also, the system is ideal for toileting residents and changing incontinent pads. This system decreases the risk of injury to staff and residents.

DIETARY

Outdoor commercial gas grill to handle special events —resident cookouts, staff cookouts - \$1100
Two pair of Shabbos candlesticks for use in the Fair Oaks and A-Wing dining rooms.
Buffet service trays to enhance our image at special events - \$500

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For the past several New Year's Eves, the Home has sponsored a concert by the Society Swing Band. This band plays a variety of big band tunes which the residents truly love. Cost \$700

Five electric ice cream freezers @ \$25 each - Cost \$125
Four utility carts @ \$150 each - Cost \$600
Slide Projector at \$530 and Screen @ \$195 - Cost \$725
Jewish albums and tapes

PHARMACY

The Pharmacy would like a new computer. In the future, they will need a personal computer on which to house the drug inventory from our wholesaler. This system would allow the Home quick and ready access to the wholesaler's supply and facilitate our choosing a cost effective product.

The Pharmacy needs six (6) new medication carts for the nursing home floors. These carts contain the medications for each patient. They are heavy duty and have special drawers in which to lock narcotic medications. The current carts are approximately eight (8) years old. The cost of each cart is \$1000. Total Cost \$6,000

ACCOUNTING

Laptop computer - Cost \$1500-\$2000
Used personal computers that could be used as spares or for parts
Used printers that could be used as a spare when we send ours to the shop

Whatever you can do will be appreciated.

The Fair Oaks Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

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The Land Stewardship Council Annual Conference
April 12 and 13, 1994
Duke University Campus, Durham, N.C.**

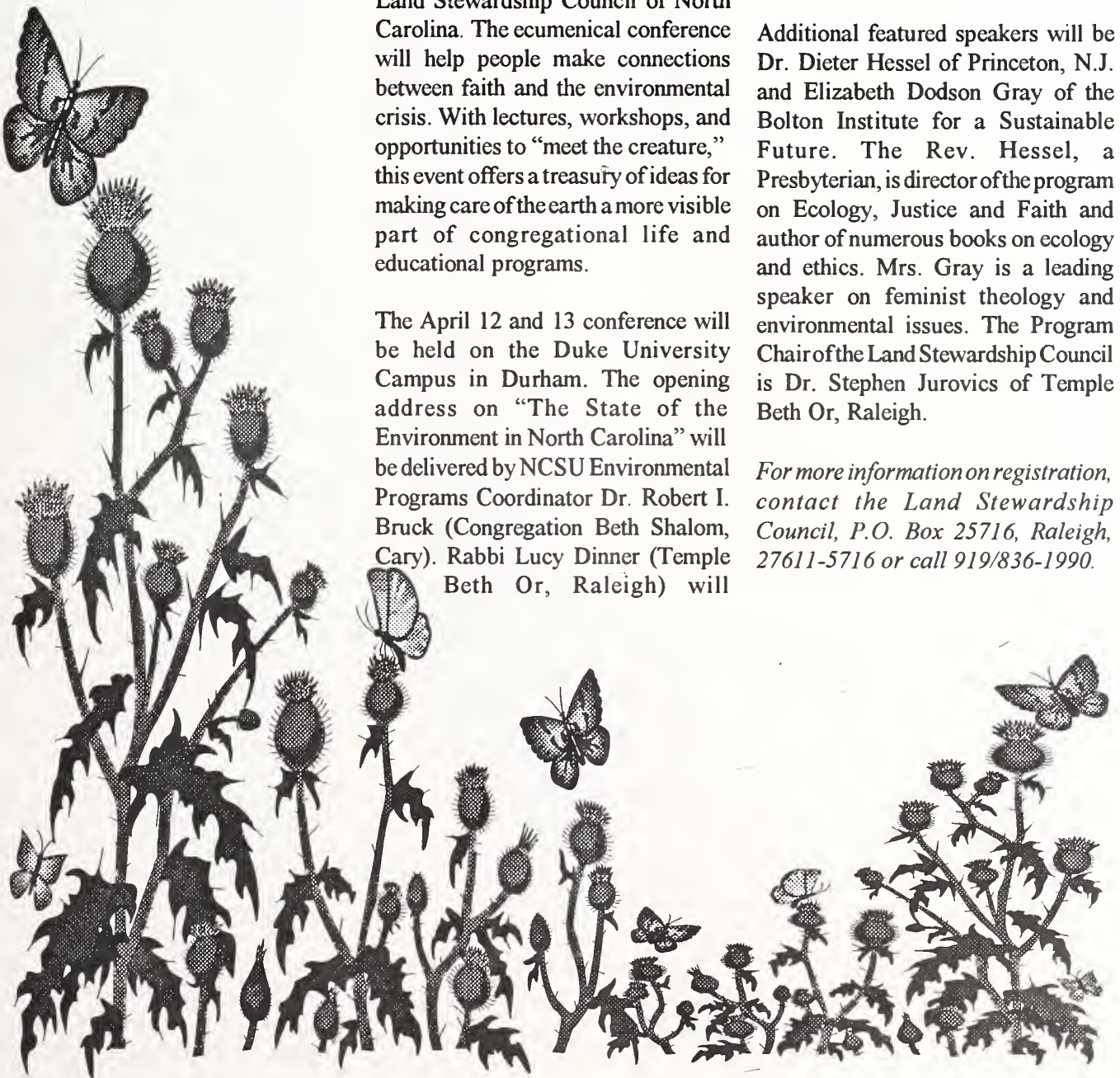
God & Nature: Responding to the Environmental Challenge is the theme of the 1994 Spring Conference of the Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina. The ecumenical conference will help people make connections between faith and the environmental crisis. With lectures, workshops, and opportunities to "meet the creature," this event offers a treasury of ideas for making care of the earth a more visible part of congregational life and educational programs.

The April 12 and 13 conference will be held on the Duke University Campus in Durham. The opening address on "The State of the Environment in North Carolina" will be delivered by NCSU Environmental Programs Coordinator Dr. Robert I. Bruck (Congregation Beth Shalom, Cary). Rabbi Lucy Dinner (Temple Beth Or, Raleigh) will

participate in a clergy roundtable on opportunities for congregational involvement.

Additional featured speakers will be Dr. Dieter Hessel of Princeton, N.J. and Elizabeth Dodson Gray of the Bolton Institute for a Sustainable Future. The Rev. Hessel, a Presbyterian, is director of the program on Ecology, Justice and Faith and author of numerous books on ecology and ethics. Mrs. Gray is a leading speaker on feminist theology and environmental issues. The Program Chair of the Land Stewardship Council is Dr. Stephen Jurovics of Temple Beth Or, Raleigh.

For more information on registration, contact the Land Stewardship Council, P.O. Box 25716, Raleigh, 27611-5716 or call 919/836-1990.



B **Arts**
Book Reviews & Media

The Other Side of the Hudson
by Kenneth Roseman
UAHC Press 140 pp. \$7.95
paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

“Do it yourself” is what comes to mind in examining and reading **The Other Side of the Hudson**, and that’s what a series of books by Kenneth Roseman is called: The Do-It-Yourself Adventure Series.

The book is written for children 9 to 12 years of age, about Jewish immigrants from Europe to the United States during the 19th Century.

The reader is offered choices at the end of each one-page section, and told where to continue reading in accord with his choice. In this fashion, all of the United States are covered, or at least all regions of the States and Canada. If the course proves to disappoint the reader, he can go back and choose another, then pursue that to its end.

Most of the adventures prove to be successful. All of them encourage the young person to affiliate with other Jewish people, no matter where he goes. Good deeds and humanitarian interests are also suggested by the consequences of the lives the author sketches.

The mini-biographies outlined in the course of reading **The Other Side of**

the Hudson tell what happened to many immigrants who were very young and chose not to remain in New York, their point of entry into America. The characters are all male youths who came alone because there was no hope of earning a livelihood in Europe.

It is an unusual book and well suited as a gift.

Stupid ways, Smart ways to Think about GOD
by Michael Shevack
& Jack Bemporad
Triumph Books 128 pp. \$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Rabbi Jack Bemporad is an ordained rabbi who was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Rome. He has an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Hebrew Union College. He is known internationally as a lecturer and leader in interfaith dialogue. He is now director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut and is senior rabbinic scholar at Chavurah Bet Shalom in New Jersey.

Rabbi Bemporad has collaborated with Michael Shevack in the writing of **Stupid Ways, Smart ways to**

think about GOD, and the result is almost like an informal talk. Michael Shevack is interested in religion and though he is an advertising executive and copywriter, he has written much on religious subjects.

The authors depict various ways in which people of the Jewish and Christian faiths perceive God, and they explode those views in a very humorous way. Then they get serious, but still in a manner that is sensible and addressed to all of us. They hold no brief for any specific denomination, merely pointing the way to grow and to search for truth.

Once the reader’s simple notions can be set aside, with the help of this book, the path is open to hope. Anyone who has lingering doubts or questions should read this book.

Jewish Wisdom: Treasury of Proverbs
by David C. & Esther Gross
Ballantine Books \$4.99

Every now and again, we are treated to a collection of wise Jewish sayings from the Bible, Talmud and sages.

This new little book is a treasure to be kept beside one’s favorite chair or at bedside, for a moment’s inspiration or to soothe a sleepless hour at night. Whether the reader finds new thoughts

or is reminded of some unknown quotations, this is a book for everyone.

If, as Solomon said, there is nothing new under the sun, we need the accumulated wisdom of the ages. That is what makes us different from the rest of the animal kingdom. We are supposed to benefit from the experience of our ancestors. Some people are more skilled in expressing thoughts than others.

In Jewish Wisdom, published in December of 1993, Ballantine Books offers the perfect gift for any time or occasion.

A Children's Haggadah
 by Rabbi Robert Orkand &
 Rabbi Howard Bogot
 CCAR Press 72 pp.\$12.95

With Passover being the quintessential Jewish home celebration, a major movement in Judaism has endorsed and produced an artistically designed children's Haggadah which tells the story of Passover with art and text created for young people to use at the seder table service.

Exquisitely designed and illustrated by internationally acclaimed artist, Devis Grebu. The new 72 page, full-color Haggadah is the third published by the rabbinic association, and its first for children.

Each page of A Children's Haggadah contains inspiring and imaginative illustrations created with vibrant watercolors that illuminate the Haggadah landscape. Intended for young people from pre-K into adolescence, this Haggadah, set in large Fairfield type, includes graphic descriptions and drawings of preparing for the seder, gathering

Attention Poets

Owings Mills, Maryland (USA)
 The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 1994. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

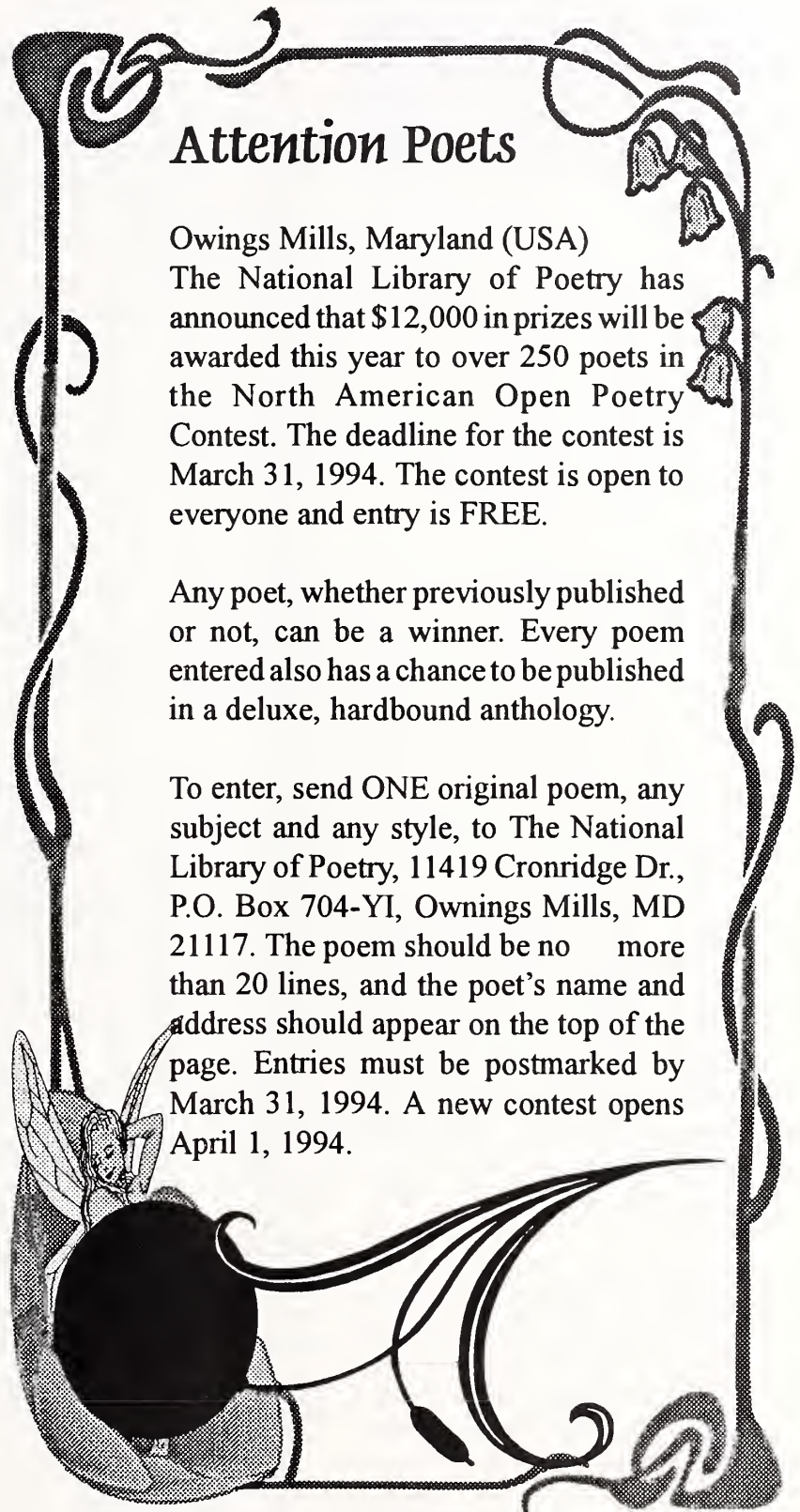
Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-YI, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1994. A new contest opens April 1, 1994.

symbolic foods, lighting the festive candles, the Four Questions, stories, historical recitation, the Ten Plagues, the search for the Afikomen, and the wine cup for Elijah.

Devis Grebu has designed and illustrated over 40 books for adults and children.

His illustrations, known the world over, have appeared in major magazines, newspapers and publishing houses throughout the United States, Europe and Israel.



Temple News

The Times Outlook warmly welcomes Temple Beth Or of Raleigh and Temple Israel of Charlotte as Temple News contributors.

Beth David Synagogue Greensboro, N.C. by Sam Moffitt

The cold winter weather didn't dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the congregation at Beth David Synagogue. Throughout the months of January and February, Beth David continued to offer programs both within the synagogue and the general community.

Just for fun, twenty-two children and their parents participated in "Hockey with the Rabbi." These children earned this night out to see the Greensboro Monarchs face off with the Hampton Roads Admirals by attending services ten times since Rosh Hashanah. The evening was sponsored by Beth David Men's Club.

On January 29, the eighth grade class of Beth David Religious school led Shabbat morning service (reading the Haftarah, Torah and D'var Torah readings), Shacharit, and Musaf services. Their parents hosted the Kiddush following services.

Activities in February included the Purim Megilla reading, an event well attended by children and adults in costume. There was a contest for the best home-made graggers. Between chapter readings were skits and quizzes, and after the readings, there

was a community seudah (supper). Adults were treated to a sampling of domestic and imported Kosher wines, enabling them to pick their favorites and order ahead for Pesach. The Purim carnival at Beth David (sponsored by Beth David, Temple Emanuel, and B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School) was held February 20 and as usual, there was fun for children of all ages!

Beth David honored the members of Chevra Kadisha, the burial society, on February 18. These men and women have, on a volunteer basis, gently and lovingly prepared our community's deceased for burial. This particular date—the seventh of the Hebrew month of Adar—has been chosen throughout Jewish history because it is the Yartzeit of Moses.

Beth David participated in the OSEM (Israeli food conglomerate) program. Members were encouraged to look over the OSEM catalog and order items such as snacks, soup mixes, crackers, etc. Ordering not only helped the Israeli economy, but extended our gastronomic horizons as well!

Rabbi Havivi has been leading another adult education class, "Turn Friday Night into Shabbat," designed to model and explain the "how to's" of Friday night traditions like candle lighting, Kiddush, blessing your children, etc. The culmination of this class will be a Friday night dinner, March 11, for all participating families. This evening will give these families the opportunity to put into practice all they learned in class, and hopefully, integrate what they learned into their homes.

These classes and community activities have been developed to offer our community every opportunity to be part of the Jewish experience. Beth David's reputation in the community

has always been that of a warm, welcoming, competent synagogue. A recently issued statement regarding intermarried couples and non-Jewish spouses reaffirmed Beth David's desire to support and encourage all kinds of Jewish families to participate more fully in the Jewish community and in Jewish life.

Together with Rabbi Harkavy of Temple Emanuel, Rabbi Havivi led a six-week course in Judaism for seniors, sponsored through the Shepherd Center, which is supported by many churches and synagogues in Greensboro. He also led a seminar on "Jewish Death and Funeral Customs" for the Hospice of Greensboro staff; and he will be speaking at a North Carolina statewide funeral directors' seminar this spring.

Finally, Beth David was quite proud to host and make available a reserved Greensboro showing of Schindler's List. Gail Lebauer led a thought provoking discussion at an Oneg Shabbat several days afterwards.

Now, as spring comes into mind, Beth David is already warming up with a calendar full of events. Upcoming events include our annual second night community Seder, March 27, and a Scholar in Residence weekend with Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz discussing "Jewish Law and Biomedical Ethics" on May 6 and 7.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C. by Lynne Cojac

Activities for the month of March begin with a congregational service conducted by the 8th and 9th graders from our Religious school on Friday March 4 at 8 pm.

Ryan Allison Pinion will be called to

the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah the following morning, March 5, at eleven. Ryan's proud parents are Jody and George Pinion.

During Religious School on March 6, Rabbi Bennett will conduct a special P.E.P. Program for parents. Parallel Education for Parents from 9:30-12:30 is an opportunity no parent will want to miss!

Rabbi Bennett and Religious School teacher Ellen Block will accompany the Confirmation Class of '94 on their class trip to New York City Thursday March 10 through Sunday March 13. Concurrently, Liberty members will attend "thevent" a MAFTY conclave in Falls Church, Virginia from March 11-13.

The Social Club will attend South Carolina's Comedy Club March 12. Shirley Fytelson (336-9319) will be happy to provide further details.

On March 13, Temple Beth El first and second graders will learn to cook Jewish recipes during their regularly scheduled class time. The "Matzoh Balls and More" program is sponsored by C.A.G.E. and Temple Beth El.

A combined meeting of the Sisterhoods of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel will take place at Temple Israel on Sunday March 13 from 10 am 'til 11:30. The program will feature a healthy cooking demonstration for Passover by Ann Kreindler-Siegel, cooking teacher at the JCC. Cover charge of \$3/person (plus one legible Passover recipe printed on one side) will include a taste of recipes demonstrated. RSVP by March 4 to Fran Dordick at 847-0559.

Temple Beth El congregants are being asked to open their homes to MAFTY

students from the Mid-Atlantic Region when they arrive Friday March 18 for the MAFTY Masquerade being held on the 19 in Silverman Social Hall. Liberty High School Students are planning the event. Please call the Temple (366-1948) if you can help by housing one or more students from Friday night until Sunday morning.

This month's Tot Shabbat will take place at 9:15 am March 19. Eric Olshan will read from the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah later that morning. Eric's proud family are parents Elaine and Michael Olshan and brother Adam.

Brotherhood's Brunch meeting on Sunday March 20 from 10-12 will feature a soon-to-be-announced guest speaker. Please call the Temple office for details.

The service conducted by Consolidated High School's Post Confirmation Class will be a combined service for Temple Beth El and Temple Israel at Temple Israel on March 25 at 8 pm.

Temple Beth El's Congregational Seder will be held on the first night of Passover in Silverman Social Hall, (Saturday March 26 at 6 pm.) Due to popular demand and limited seating, reservations are absolutely necessary and due at the Temple office by 5 pm March 14. The price of the dinner is \$22.50/person, \$7.50/age 12 and under; children 3 and under eat free. **YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION.** There will be no money collected that night and no admission at the door.

May this be a Happy and Healthy Passover for all.



Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, NC by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

Meeting in Unger Hall at the Temple on Saturday morning, Jan. 15, at 10:00, the group discussed the topic "Israel, Zionism and Us." Background material was supplied by Chapter 6 of "Tough Choices" by Vorspan and Saperstein. Hosts were Sylvia and Peter Meyer. Among the ideas expressed were those concerning the conflicting needs of Israel and our local communities: the question of whether one considers himself a Jew first or an American first; the hope that financial aid to Israel will one day be thought of as an investment rather than a charitable gesture.

The Sisterhood

Update: the luncheon in honor of new Sisterhood members, held on January 10, had a last-minute switch: Shirley Cohen, featured entertainer, was unable to attend. Her place was taken by Debi Drecksler, who fascinated everyone with the story of her early background in Miami, her memories of all four of her Russian grandparents, and her mother's friendship with I.B. Singer. Debi's 20-year-old son Jason, the oldest of their 4 children, sang one of his own compositions, accompanying himself on the piano. Rose Rose's wonderful soup and the super dessert by Ruth Weber absolutely hit the spot. The able luncheon assistants were Liesel Sullivan, Fran Aaron and Sylvia Meyer.

The Brotherhood

Those who came to the Brotherhood brunch on Jan. 9 were treated to a presentation of dazzlingly beautiful slides on photos by Tom Nebbia, accompanied by what Mr. Nebbia

called "movie music." A former photographer for the National Geographic, Mr. Nebbia is presently a free-lance photographer and speaker about his travels. His presentation, which he called "An Artist and His Camera," plus the traditional bagels, lox, cream cheese, scrambled eggs and coffee, made it a satisfying occasion in every sense. The expert food-preparers were Bob Janowitz, Dick Braun, Kerry Friedman, Frank Gilreath and Fred Hoffman.

Young Judea

A joint meeting of Young Judea, Middle School Youth Group, and Hadassah were held on Jan. 9 in Unger Hall. Josh Ratner and Hannah Kannerek were the speakers.

In the News

Three times in one month members of the Temple have been honored with praise-and colored photos-in the local press. In an article by Carole Currie entitled "Mothers Over Forty" in the Jan. 13 issue of the Asheville Citizens-Times, one of the interviewees was Julie Lee. Julie, a new member of the Temple, is forming a support network of mothers in their 40s with young first children.

On Jan. 18, a headline on the front page of the Community section of the paper said "Ten-year volunteer: Jo Ann Edwinn has spent weeks in waiting room," followed by a lengthy article about Jo Ann's work in the Fullerton Waiting Room at Memorial Mission Hospital. Fullerton is the waiting room for the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Then, on Jan. 25, Rebecca Greene was cited as one of 5 winners in the Voice of Democracy scholarship contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars #891. Contestants expressed their opinion on America in essays, which were delivered on cassette tape.

Mommy and Me

Susan Ratner, the Temple's Rebbitzin and guiding spirit of the Mommy and Me program, arranged a TuBishvat Seder for toddlers, which took place on Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 10 to 12. She explained in the Bulletin that "Tu Bishvat is the holiday where we appreciate the wonder of TREES." The focus was on the importance of trees in our lives, expressed "through song, dance, crafts, and games." There was also a variety of fruits and juices to enjoy.

New Member Service

Abby Robertson, chair of the Membership Committee, said in the January Bulletin, "On Friday, December 10, we had a wonderful turnout for our new member service. Those honored were Sandra Stone and her granddaughter Renee, Leslie Sipes, Mark Lockaby, Myron and Suzanne Corets. Trudy Vautrin, Robert and Kay Gumbinner, Bruce and Melissa Maurer and their children Elliott and Julia, Junius and Pat Grimes and their daughter Anna, Bernard Gradman, Murray and Gloria Miller, and David and Allison Berkey and their children Andrea, Jonah, and Emma. These are all new members that have joined our congregational family in the last four months. We are happy to have them with us."

Lunch with the Rabbi

Alas! This isn't the sort of thing that's supposed to happen in North Carolina, but the Temple's parking lot was a sheet of ice the morning of Jan. 17, so the lunch session was cancelled.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Harris and Laura Livingstain on the birth of their son, Marshal John, on Nov. 30, 1993.

Welcome!

We're happy to greet our newest members Jane Webb and her children

Ellen and Deborah; Dr. Marty and Julie Lee and their children Michelle, Sharon and Marissa; Steve and Terry Heney and their children Janet and Jonathon.

Temple Beth Or Raleigh, NC by Susan Sapinsley

Rabbi Lucy H. F. Dinner was installed as the rabbi of Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, NC, the evening of Saturday, December 11, 1993, by Rabbi Jeffrey B. Stiffman of Temple Shaare Emeth, St. Louis, MO, and Beth Or's board of trustees.

In her installation speech, Rabbi Dinner noted, "It is fitting that this installation take place in the midst of our celebration of Hanukkah. Hanukkah, from the Hebrew meaning dedication, celebrates dedication of dual dimensions. First there was the dedication of the community. The Maccabees banded together to hammer away at assimilation, to fight against the oppression of Antiochus.

The Maccabees galvanized the community, uniting Jews in the quest for freedom of religion. Second, Hanukkah marks the re-dedication of the Temple. The physical work of transforming the filth-ridden Temple into a house worthy of God's presence."

"This evening, this installation, is not just a ceremony for me as your rabbi; it is our time to acknowledge our dedication to this community and to Temple Beth Or. When we first started talking about this event, it struck me as a little unusual to be installed into a community where I already felt so at home. As I thought about this day, however, it occurred to me that this installation is much more appropriate now than it could have been five months ago, upon my arrival to Raleigh."

Following a catered reception and Havdalah, the evening's service, developed by Beth Or educator Brenda Friedman, included music by cantorial soloist Dan Nichols and preschool through religious school students who led a Hanukiah lighting ceremony.

Rabbi Dinner, a native of New Orleans, LA, is a 1988 graduate of the Cincinnati branch of the Reform seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Her undergraduate work was in public policy analysis, with a specialization in social welfare, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is married to Jeffrey A. Dinner, a teacher of science, and they have a son, Joshua, age four.

Before their July 1993 move to Raleigh, Rabbi Dinner served for five years as assistant and then associate rabbi at Temple Shaare Emeth, St. Louis. She also served in Ft. Smith, AR, for three years, and, concurrently, interned in Memphis, TN, and Dayton, OH, for one year.

Beth Or member Susie Kosten coordinated the installation, with assistance from congregants and staff. Temple administrator Betty Ervin designed the floral arrangements, and trustee Leah Levine hosted the rabbi's family and other guests at a dinner following the service. Reception music was by harpist Anita Burroughs-Price.

During the service, Beth Or president Dr. Henry Unger presented Rabbi Dinner with a large shofar and wooden stand from the congregation. She also

was given a stained glass mezuzah for her study door by Beth Or Sisterhood, of which Simone Combs is president.

The benediction was given by her colleague, Rabbi Daniel Ornstein of Raleigh's Conservative congregation, Beth Meyer Synagogue. Rabbis Dinner and Ornstein have worked together on numerous intercongregational events, as well as

on the Triangle Board of Rabbis which encompasses Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill.

In addition to Rabbi Stiffman, out of town guests included: Rabbi Dinner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fried, New Orleans; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bernice

Dinner, Memphis; and her husband's aunt, Mrs. Diana Kline, St. Louis.

During her installation address, Rabbi Dinner spoke of numerous miracles, both in the lives of the Jewish people and in her personal life. "I believe my having the opportunity to serve Temple Beth Or is a miracle of our day. The miracle can be traced back some years, but I'll start with when I met my husband, Jeff. You see, Jeff's late aunt (z"l) and my dad were roommates in college. And Jeff's uncle and his aunt, Diana, who is here with us today, introduced me to Temple Shaare Emeth. And so, I met Jeff Stiffman, and got my first job as a rabbi working at Shaare Emeth. Rabbi Stiffman gave me the encouragement, advice and space I needed to grow as a rabbi. He

showed me what it meant to create a "haymisha" temple—a place where congregants feel like they are important and they belong. He taught me that to have a menschlikite congregation, one must first and foremost be a mensch—showing love and concern for every member. And Jeff Stiffman gave me the confidence and strength to come here to you, even though it meant leaving a comfortable and loving environment, even though it meant that Jeff Stiffman would lose half his staff to North Carolina in one summer."

Temple Israel Charlotte, NC

by Elizabeth Taub

Recent Events

February was a busy month at Temple Israel. The 1994 I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence People Power Weekend was well-attended on February 4, 5, and 6. Congregants were treated to fascinating talks by Mr. Ari Goldman, the long-time religion reporter for the New York Times. The popular series, "Celebrating Fulfillment: The Art of Jewish Aging," continued on February 17 with an informative program presented by Florence Jaffa and friends entitled "Jewish Art and Artists." February 18 and 19, the Sisterhood conducted Shabbat services for the annual Sisterhood Sabbath. Again, all were delighted with the efforts of these talented women. Temple Israel Men's Club, USY, an Kadima held Shabbat Services and a luncheon at the Blumenthal Jewish Home on February 26. The event was rewarding and memorable for all who participated. Also on February 26, the Young Couples Club held its annual progressive dinner. Of course, the month culminated in the much-loved holiday of Purim and the vastly popular Purim Carnival. Esthers, Mordechais,



Rabbi Lucy H. F. Dinner &
Rabbi Jeffrey B. Stiffman

and Hamans abounded! Lastly, the monthly book discussion group met on February 28 to review David Grossman's book, *The Yellow Wind*, about the Israeli-Arab conflict from the point of view not of politicians but of ordinary people living through it.

Upcoming Events

Once again, it's Girl Scout Cookie time! Troop 887, sponsored by Temple Israel Sisterhood, will be selling cookies on March 6 at Temple Israel from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Men's Club will be holding its annual Passover Kosher Wine Sale on Sunday, March 20. A large selection is promised, but it is requested that orders be placed early given the early arrival of Passover this year. Passover begins on the evening of March 26.

Mitzvahs

On December 23, the Men's Club provided dinner for 150 men at the United Way Emergency Homeless Shelter. A special thank you goes out to all who helped cook and serve a hot kosher meal at the shelter: Terri Cathcart, Caren Frank, Morey Sheffer, Fil Yeskel, Rick Peper, Gloria Peper, David Lash, Jack Lash, Jeff Turk, Irving Brenner, and Alan Sussman. Thanks are also extended to Jenny Stern and her merry band of babysitters who reciprocated during Christmas services for babysitting provided by local church members for our children during High Holiday services. Babysitters included Kathy Berlin, Margie Bower, Althea Cole, Fran Dordick, Leigh Ann Goodman, Alan and Katie Kaplan, Joyce Mehlman, Teri Moffett, Claire Putterman, Karen Ransenberg, Wendi Reichard, Margie Sigal, Herbert and Jenny Stern, Lisa Stern, and Ari and Elka Yeskel. Finally, thanks to all the selfless souls who forfeited part of a beautiful Sunday to donate blood at the Community Blood Drive on January 23 sponsored by the Temple Israel Men's Club, the

Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith Men, and the Temple Beth El Brotherhood.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to the following couples on their engagements: David Van Glish and Debra Perlin; Eric Lerner and Alyson Kaufman. Congratulations also to the following new parents: Mindy and Rory Russo on the birth of Carley Mae Russo on December 16; Toni and Ralph Pagnatta on the birth of Jessica Lynn Pagnatta on December 29; and Elizabeth and Robert Davis on the birth of Benjamin Walker Davis on January 10. Finally, mazel tov to Evelyn and Leonard Berger on the happy occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on January 12.

Temple Israel extends wishes to all for a warm and meaningful Pesach.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C. by Lillian R. Wellisch

The Center for Jewish Studies, the UNCA Cultural and Special Events Committee, the Blumenthal Foundation and the Asheville Jewish Community Center sponsored seminars beginning early February in an attempt to sort through African-American relationships. Dr. Julius Lester kicked off the four week long series "Crossing Bridges: Linking African-American and Jewish Lives." Dr. Lester was known in the early 1960's as an outspoken black civil rights activist. In the 1980's, he converted to Judaism.

Subsequent lectures were: "Assimilation and Separatism," speaker: Dr. Dwight Mullen (UNCA Political Science Department), Alan Saxe (Sociologist), and student representatives from Livingstone College and Hood Seminary,

Salisbury; "The Politics of Hate Groups," speakers: Laurie Wood (Klanwatch, Southern Poverty Law Center), Robert Smith (Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council), Rabbi Robert Ratner (Temple Beth Ha-Tephila); and "Interfaith/Interracial Relationships," speakers: Dr. Deborah James (UNCA Department of Literature), Rebecca Stone (Storyteller), Caren Kessler (Blue Ridge Community College English Department), Dr. Marlene Breger-Joyce (Asheville Jewish Community Center), and Rabbi Shmuel Birnham (Congregation Beth Israel).

Sisterhood Shabbat this winter honored Helen Benninga, a long-time resident of Asheville and congregant of Beth Israel. Helen returned to Israel shortly after to join several of her children and their families who live there. We will miss her!!

Dr. Walter Ziffer's ongoing adult education class, starting in January, in Beginning Hebrew Fluency, is continuing the second stage of the course, which is a ten session class that continues and deepens the process of learning Hebrew, while learning how our ancient language is constructed. Dr. Ziffer also conducted a program on the origins of anti-semitism as seen in the early Christianity of the New Testament.

Updating Rabbi Birnham's busy schedule: he is on the Advisory Board of Planned Parenthood and P.R.I.D.E.; he had to turn down an invitation to be on the Ethics Committee at Memorial Mission Hospital because it conflicted with JCC and Federation meetings; he spoke at Jones School for Henry (Religion Page Editor) Robinson's wife's class; thirty Unitarians came to Beth Israel to learn about Hanukkah; eighty students from Erwin Middle School came to Beth Israel and learned

through active dialogue that one need not believe in Jesus to be a good person; he spoke at Hall Fletcher Elementary School about Jewish symbols; he spoke at Mt. Olive Baptist Church about the pain of oppression.

Beth Israel happily swells its ranks once more. We welcome our newest members: Roy and Norma Schwarz, Tom Rosenberg, and Michele Lourie and her daughter, Rebecca Callahan.

A Nosh and Drash (Lunch and Learn) program was held in January with the Rabbi and Gary Kramer of "Enviro Depot" leading. Gary and his wife, Natalie, are new members of the Synagogue and have opened this new store in Asheville.

A Tu Bishvat Seder was celebrated in the traditional way with participation of adults and children thirteen and older. In honor of Tu Bishvat, the birthday of trees, Rabbi Birnham and Gary also led the teaching and discussion on the subject of "Nature and Judaism."

Also in January, congregants convened for a warm Seuda Shlisheet, a light meal, songs, psycho drama of a Biblical story, and Havdalah.

ORGANIZATIONS



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is offering a summer study abroad program in Israel July 7-August 6, 1994

Enjoy a kibbutz life experience, tour Israel and earn six semester hours in sociology.

\$3,050 includes airfare, transportation in Israel, room, board, tuition and fees. Programs are open to non-UNCW students and auditors.

For more information contact Dr. Eleanor Krassen Maxwell, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (910) 395-3435 or FAX (910) 350-4053.

Student Essay Prize In Southern Jewish History

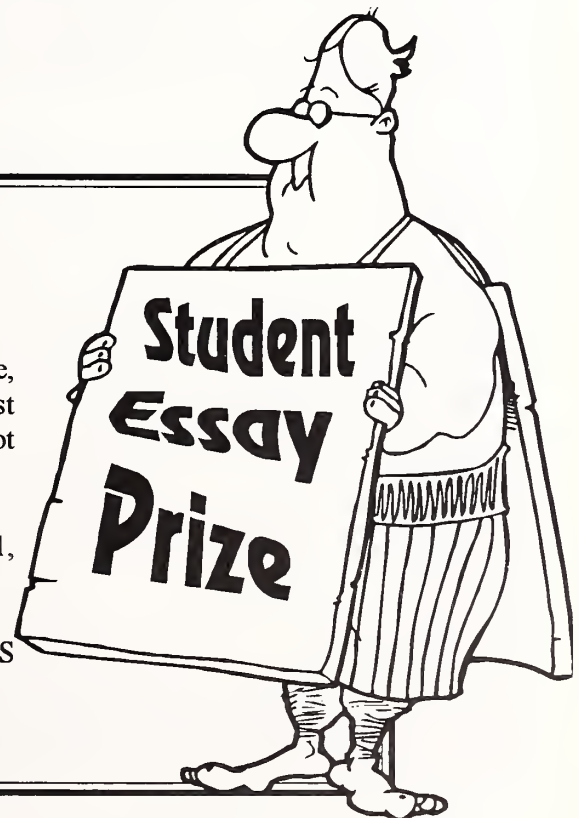
The Southern Jewish Historical Society will award \$500 for the best paper dealing with Southern Jewry by a current graduate or undergraduate college student. The presentation will be made at the society's annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, in October.

Submissions should focus on a subject related to Southern Jewish history, use primary sources, and appropriate documentation. Papers should be typed

double-spaced. The submitter's name, address, and academic affiliation must appear only on the cover letter and not on the body of the paper.

Papers must be submitted by July 1, 1994, to:

Professor Berkley Kalin
Chair, Student Prize Committee, SJHS
Department of History
Memphis State University
Memphis, TN 38152



This Year in Raleigh

It's not too early to start planning to attend the next Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) Conference to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 14-16, 1994, at the Marriott Hotel.

Affiliated with the National Jewish Historical Society, the Southern Jewish Historical Society is engaged in research, publishing, and maintenance of archives of American Jewish history of the South.

A display of early Raleigh Jewish history is being planned. Do you have photos, memorabilia and artifacts of your family and/or of early "Jewish Raleigh" that you can lend? If so, please call Richard Deutsch, (919) 846-2424, Retha Jasper, (919) 782-2163, or Helen Rosenbloom (919) 876-3005.

This prestigious conference is hosted by the Wake County Jewish Federation, and is open to the public. Registration and additional information will be announced this summer.

The committee, chaired by Retha Jasper, are: Sidney and Greta Baron, Sherry Bernstein, Stanley and Sandy Deckelbaum, Richard and Betty Deutsch, William Jasper, Abe Kanof, Norman Pliner, Helen Rosenbloom, Sidney and Muriel Rubin, Jackie Schlesinger, Fred and Sally Ullman.

Feature Films in CAJE for Adults

- Almonds & Raisins: History of Yiddish Cinema (90 min.)
- Cast a Giant Shadow: Story of Mickey Marcus (120 min.)
- The Chosen (110 min.)
- The Cowboy-in Yiddish (11 min.)
- Diary of Anne Frank (180 min.)
- Europa, Europa (115 min.)
- Exodus (210 min.)
- Fiddler on the Roof (180 min.)
- Fricso Kid (119 min.)
- Golden Age of Second Avenue (70 min.)
- Golem-silent film (105 min.)
- Heartbreak Kid (106 min.)
- Hester Street (89 min.)
- Hill 24 Doesn't Answer-Israeli (101 min.)
- Image Before My Eyes-pre-Holocaust Poland (90 min.)
- Impossible Spy (96 min.)
- Jazz Singer-with Al Jolson (89 min.)
- Lucky Star (95 min.)

CAJE NEWS

by Lenora Stein, Director

- Raoul Wallenberg: A Hero's Story (240 min.)
- Sallah-Israeli (105 min.)
- Secret Space (80 min.)
- Shoah (10 1/4 hours)
- The Wall (150 min.)
- The Way We Were (118 min.)
- Yentl (135 min.)

Contact Lenora Stein at CAJE for more info: (704) 366-5007

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by Linda Landau

Dynamic, charming and an excellent facilitator. These were the adjectives used to describe UNC Professor Pat Fischer on Sunday morning, January 23rd.

Raleigh Hadassah's mini-brunch-mini-workshop entitled "Loving Ourselves As Jewish Women" generated much heated discussion and thought provoking activity.

Professor Fischer paired women together and asked them to tell what they disliked about Jewish women in general. Sunday's target group, Hadassah members, bear the double burden of being Jewish as well as female, and brought to light traits that are often not of our own creation, spoiled, pushy, aggressive, talkative. "Internalized oppression," the internalizing of stereotypes created by others, are carried about within and cause us to react to situations in accordance with how the world views us.

On the other hand, "What I love about Jewish Women," an exercise in which we discussed the positive impact of a Jewish mother, aunt, grandmother or public figure on our lives proved Professor Fischer's theory. "If you don't carry the internal oppression, you walk proudly and firmly."

Sunday's workshop ignited a spark on a cold January morning as we continued to think about ourselves as active, concerned and involved citizens of the world.



1994 Dates Set for B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I at Wildacres

The 47th Annual B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism is scheduled for August 22-25, 1994. It will be held at the Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC.

The program this year, once again, will feature three distinguished lecturers that are all experts in their respective fields. They will speak on topics that are of timely interest to Jews everywhere. In addition to a faculty of outstanding presenters, each day is topped off with enjoyable entertainment.

Complete details on the 1994 Program, along with the "Official Reservation Application", will be mailed out on April 15. Reservations will be accepted only with the "Official Reservation Application" (on a first come basis).

If you would like to be on the mailing list, please send a post card with "Wildacres 1994 Program" written on it, along with your name and address (Please Print) to:

Richard Deutsch
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In August 1993, the **Interfaith Outreach Committee (IOC)** of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, NC, distributed surveys to 2500 Jewish families using the Federation mailing list. The purpose was to determine attitudes about interfaith relationships and needs expressed by respondents.

There were 404 family units that returned completed surveys, which represents 16 percent of the known Jewish population in greater Charlotte. Since the survey allowed space for two respondents from each household, there were a total of 658 individual respondents. All

statistical percentages that will be presented in future articles are based on 658 responses.

"From information gathered in the survey and based on the large statistical sample we have, we extrapolated that the Jewish population of Charlotte in 1993 is between 6500 and 7000 adults and children," reported Ruth Goldberg and Resa Goldberg, co-chairs of the IOC.

Other key findings about the respondents of this survey are as follows:

80 percent were born Jewish; 9 percent are Jews-by-Choice (converts); and 11 percent are not Jewish. (cont. on pg. 38)

(cont. from pg. 37 - Interfaith)

69 percent were or are members of a Jewish marriage (including widowed, divorced and Jews-by-Choice); 26 percent are members of an interfaith marriage (Jew married to a non-Jew); and 5 percent are singles who have never married.

22 percent are between the ages of 21 and 35; 53 percent are between the ages of 36 and 55; and 25 percent are 56 years old and over.

31 percent have lived in the Charlotte area for up to five years; 32 percent, between 6 and 15 years; and 37 percent, 16 or more years.

52 percent are members of the Jewish Committee Center; 33 percent are members of Temple Israel; 33 percent are members of Temple Beth El; and five percent marked Other; which includes Lubavitch, chavurah and other area temples. Fourteen percent of the respondents are not affiliated with any Jewish organization.

A large number of people expressed interest in ideas for new programs listed on the survey, such as Comparative Religion, classes for creating a Jewish home environment, and a group for members of interfaith marriages.

The Interfaith Outreach Committee is working with the JCC, both temples, CAJE and Jewish Family Services to develop popular programming for the coming year.

Thanks so much to the IOC members for all of their time and effort over the past year that they have been working on this project: Betty and Joel Cohen; Melissa and Scott Cooper; Cindy and David Crane; Jonathan Goldberg; Mandy and Larry Horowitz; Audrey Krakowitz; Adrienne Rosenberg; Chris Schuller; and Rosalind Toranto.

Thanks, also, to Dr. Richard Peper, consulting psychologist and statistician, for his valuable advice about analyzing the survey data.

The committee looks forward to seeing the fruits of its labor in the form of new and diverse programming and services for the growing Jewish community in Charlotte.

Personals



David Schulman

David Schulman of Asheville has been appointed as Director of Phase I of an oral history project being undertaken by the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, according to CJS Director, Dr. Richard Chess. "We are pleased to be working with David Schulman whose stories about Jewish life in North Carolina have already begun to excite a lot of interest," said Chess.

Schulman, a native of Sylva, is currently a free-lance writer and private investor after retiring from a prominent twenty year career in Western North Carolina retailing. He has a monthly column published in the Times Outlook magazine of Charlotte and is currently finishing a mystery based on a 1936 Asheville incident. He is married to the former Denissa Andrews of Cullowhee, and they have two children who attend Carolina Day School.

Schulman will begin interviews immediately. If anyone wishes to be interviewed or knows of interesting facts and stories pertinent to the history of the Jewish people in Western North Carolina over the last century, they

are asked to contact Schulman by writing to P.O. Box 18329, Asheville, N.C. 28814 or by calling 704-254-9250.



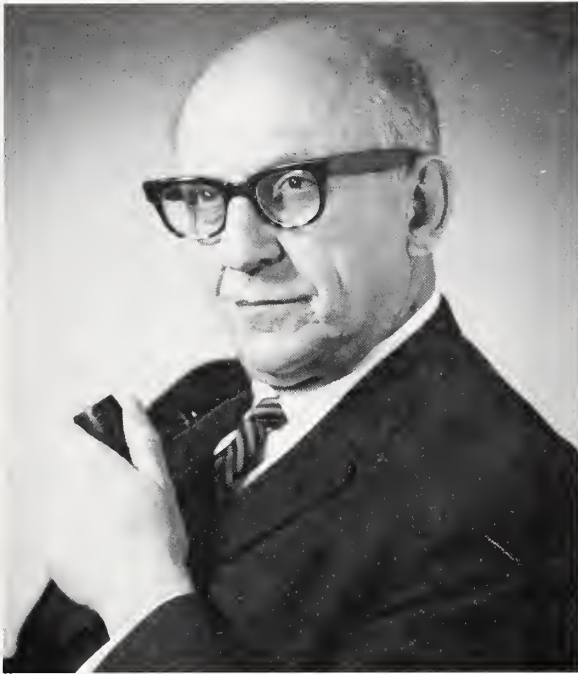
Kaplan-Greenfeld

Berta and Sam Kaplan of Charlotte, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Joe Greenfeld, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenfeld of Potomac, Md.

The future bride is the granddaughter of the late Abraham and Golda Kaplan and the late Elias and Yetta Kozolchik of Havana, Cuba. Ms. Kaplan is a graduate of the University of Georgia where she received a degree in advertising. She was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. She is employed by The Georgia Lottery.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mildred Gins of Washington, D.C., and the late Joe Gins, and of the late Sam and Eva Greenfeld of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Greenfeld is a graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity. He is employed by the Athletic Exchange.

An August wedding is planned in Charlotte.



Joseph Hanchrow

On January 22, the Carolinas lost an outstanding citizen, and the Jewish community lost one of its most dedicated and active members, who was instrumental in building its synagogues and organizing its functions. Joseph Hanchrow died in Moses Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro.

He had served on the faculty of East Carolina University, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson County Technical Institute, and was a discussion leader for professional development courses for the American Institute of CPA's and the NC Association of CPA's. He practiced as Certified Public Accountant from 1948 until he retired.

Interested in many good causes, B'nai B'rith was foremost among Jewish organizations he supported, and served as its district president. He served as President of Beth El Congregation in Wilson NC, and was its secretary-treasurer for more than 25 years. He was also a member of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

he was chairman of the CPA section of the professional division for the United Way campaign in 1977; chairman of the Wilson District Boy Scouts of America; Treasurer of the Wilson Jaycees who named him Man of the Year. He was an active member and president of the Wilson Rotary Club.

Born in New York City, he was raised in New Rochelle NY and was educated there through high school, followed by earning a BCS degree in Accounting at New York University and an MA in

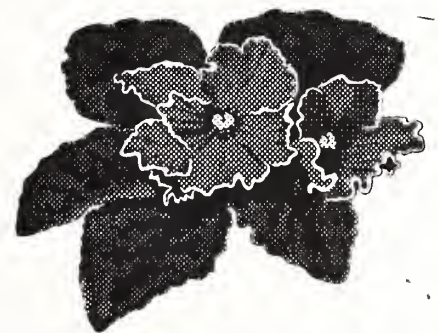
As part of its ongoing research, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is interested in hearing from individuals who may have information about Dr. Hermann Maas, a pastor from Heidelberg, Germany, during the Nazi era.

Please contact:
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 9760 West Pico Boulevard
 Los Angeles, CA 90048
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Joe Hanchrow will be remembered as devoted friend and public servant, for

Business from East Carolina University.

He is survived by his wife, Flora J. Hanchrow; son Jack Hanchrow of Montgomery, AL; daughter Linda H. Silverstein of Greensboro; a sister, Maxine H. Selling of Portland OR and four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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News & Notes

Charlotte Resident Attends U.S. Committee Sports for Israel Conference

Harry Swimmer leads US Committee Sports for Israel in Shabbat prayer at a recent Maccabiah Conference in Orlando.



Philadelphia-When the top leadership of the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI) gathered in Orlando, FL to conclude the 14th World Maccabiah Games reports, Charlotte resident Harry Swimmer was asked to lead Shabbat prayers, a task he readily accepted.

Swimmer, president of Swimmer Insurance Agency, has a long history with USCSFI. He has served on the executive board since 1979 and attended every quadrennial World Maccabiah Games since 1981, including this summer's 14th Games. He is a driving force in the Jewish community and spearheaded a drive to build the Charlotte Jewish Community Center. Swimmer also heads the annual Charlotte golf tournaments which raises funds for the Maccabiah athletes.

According to Swimmer, who is an

avid golfer, skier and lately swimmer, when you love a project it's easy to devote so much time to it.

"I've been to four Maccabiah Games," said Swimmer, "and there's nothing like it. It's an incredible feeling to watch our athletes explore Israel, discover themselves and their Jewishness all under the guise of athletics."

This summer four localites-swimmer Ilana Kavadlo, golfer Arthur Lavitt, juniors tennis player Reid Lerner, and tennis ace Stacey Schefflin-shared the experience and together earned six medals.

"It was thrilling to march into the stadium at opening ceremonies with our kids," said Swimmer. "Not only that, but I had the chance to kvell as I watched them play their hearts out and bring home a medal or two."

USCSFI, a national volunteer, not-for-profit organization is the sponsor of the U.S. Maccabiah Team. The Maccabiah Games, the world's third largest international athletic event, is a two-week quadrennial athletic and cultural event for Jewish athletes. At the 14th Maccabiah more than 5,300 athletes from 56 countries participated in the largest Games in its 61-year old history.

USCSFI, who has been the sponsor of the U.S. Maccabiah Team since the inception of the organization in 1948, was thrilled to welcome Pepsi-Cola as a title sponsor for the 1993 Games. Pepsi-Cola has signed on as the title sponsor for the 1997 U.S. Maccabiah Team.

"One of the most phenomenal things about the organization is the people it attracts," said Swimmer. "I have made some incredible friends because of this organization. I'm proud of our work with Jewish athletes and look forward to the new direction the organization is moving towards."

Exciting things are in store for the organization over the next four years. In addition to the 15th World Maccabiah Games (July 1997) and the Pan American Maccabi Games (Dec. 1995-Jan. 1996), USCSFI will institute four regional chapters, to add to Metro New York and Washington, DC, in Southern California, Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

Medical News



In Search of New Answers

(Cancer Research at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center)

JERUSALEM-The research for a cure for cancer is a multi-million dollar enterprise involving thousands of scientists in research centers around the world-among them, the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, home of the Sharett Institute of Oncology.

One of Sharett's most hopeful projects concerns the mechanism of metastasis. Tumor metastasis-the spread of cancer from its original site-is a major barrier to successful treatment. One of the main routes used by cancer cells to spread within the body are the blood vessels: malignant cells penetrate blood-vessel walls, circulate with the blood and escape into new tissues.

Sharett researchers have found that tumor cells are helped in forcing their way into blood vessels by an enzyme called heparanase-and they have developed a substance to inhibit this enzyme. In experiments with mice, they showed that one injection of their enzyme-inhibitor places a 95-percent block on the ability of skin- and breast-cancer cells to penetrate blood vessels and produce metastases in the lungs. Research is continuing to develop an even more effective substance.

Other basic research projects concern drug therapy. One is an investigation of drug-resistance mechanisms. Chemotherapy often fails because tumors become resistant to the poisons

launched against them. Sharett researchers are looking for compounds to reverse this drug resistance.

They are also trying to encapsulate drugs in liposomes. Liposomes can be directly targeted at tumor cells by using an antibody which recognizes a receptor on the tumor cell. If liposomes can be made to carry drugs, scientists will have found a way of delivering cytotoxic compounds straight to the malignancy.

Sharett's clinical research is mainly focused on trials with new combinations of drugs and biological compounds, both natural and recombinant. Among those under

investigation are taxol and interferons.

Cancer research at Sharett is also out in the community. One project is a study of breast cancer patients-how they and their families adjust to the disease, and the effect of relaxation techniques on their quality of life.

Another is an investigation of the demographic and clinical characteristics of ultra-Orthodox women with breast cancer. Researchers have observed that these women are usually diagnosed at a far later stage than average, when the disease is much more advanced. No reasons have been detailed as yet, but researchers are exploring two avenues. First, that breast cancer in this population is a different form of the disease, with a different biology. It usually occurs in far younger women than in the general population, and it may be that it is a much faster-growing tumor. The second is that efforts to promote early detection have been less successful in reaching this very closed community.



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Minute Steaks	6.69	_____	Potato Starcb (12 oz.)	2.19	_____
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POULTRY			Chocolate Chip Macaroons	3.19	_____
Cbicken Legs	1.79	_____	Chocolate Macaroons	3.19	_____
Turkey Drumsticks	1.59	_____	Coconut Macaroons	3.19	_____
Turkey Wings	1.29	_____	Chocolate Covered Macaroons	3.19	_____
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Whole Roasters	1.99	_____	Nutty Vanilla Cookies	3.19	_____
Breasts Split - 4 Pieces	3.59	_____	Choco-Nut Cookies	3.19	_____
Turkey Breast	2.99	_____	Chocolate Chip Cookies	3.19	_____
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Cbicken Wings	1.89	_____	Chocolate Chip Mandel Cuts	3.19	_____
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Paprika	1.99	_____
Sour Salt	1.79	_____
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Pike & Whitefish (14.5 oz.)	3.49	_____
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Pike & Whitefish (24 oz.)	5.69	_____
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Pike & Whitefish (64 oz.)	12.89	_____
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(6.5 oz. Pop Top Can)	1.59	_____
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Matzo Ball & Soup Mix	1.59	_____
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Lemon	.99	_____
Lime	.99	_____
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Unflavored	.99	_____
Sugar Free Cherry	.99	_____
Sugar Free Strawberry	.99	_____
SODAS		
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	Unit	Quantity
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Diet Sprite (2 ltr)	2.79	_____
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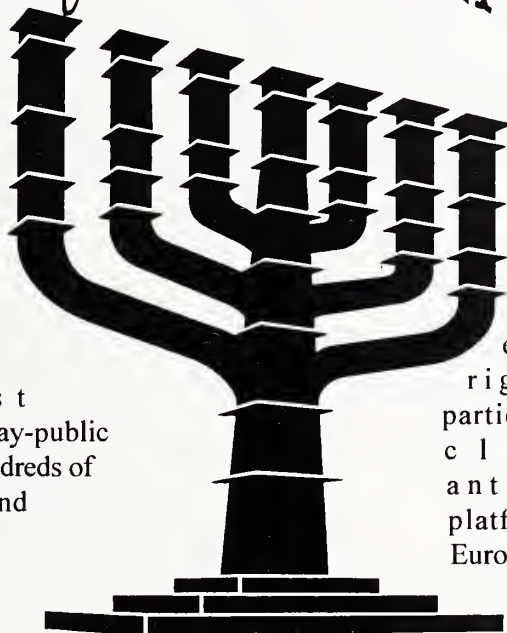
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Unto Every Person There Is A Name



(WZPS) On April 7th, 1994 - Holocaust Remembrance Day-public ceremonies in hundreds of communities and localities throughout the world were held in which

the names of Jewish Holocaust victims were read one by one. Now in its fifth consecutive year, the project, "Unto Every Person There is a Name," is the joint endeavor of an international committee comprised of representatives of the World Zionist Organization, Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority, B'nai B'rith World Center, the World Jewish Congress, the Israel Council for Soviet Jewry and the Israel Foreign Ministry.

"The idea is to make the tragedy of the Holocaust concrete," says Nurit Yardeni-Levy, head of the project's international committee and Deputy-General of the WZO's Department of Organization and Community Relations. "We continue to witness an increase in the phenomena of Holocaust denial

and the electoral success of extreme right-wing parties with clearly antisemitic platforms in Europe and the CIS. The figure six million is

cold and abstract. Personal emphasis is particularly important in counteracting the ignorance and indifference to the Holocaust present in the world today. As time passes, fewer and fewer witnesses remain and there is a need for Jews the world over to create a personal link with those Jews who perished under the Nazi regime."

Bronia Reichman, Haifa director of the Israel Council for Soviet Jewry and coordinator of the project in the former Soviet Union, agrees, "When I say six million, it doesn't mean anything. But when I say-Hayale, Surale, Yossele-with the names of towns and dates of birth and death, this means something. People realize that these were real people; that whole lives and entire worlds were destroyed. It is the least we can do to honor their memory."

Since its inception, the project has grown from only a few dozen Jewish communities to one encompassing hundreds in North America, the CIS, Latin America, Australia, South Africa and Europe. It has won the approval of all major Jewish organizations around the world and also enjoys the official support of the Knesset Speaker, Professor Shevach Weiss, himself a Holocaust survivor.

The theme for this year's Holocaust Day is the 50th anniversary of the destruction of the Hungarian Jewish community. During 1944 alone, more than 460,000 persons (over 80 percent of the Jewish community) were transported to Auschwitz and murdered. Since the "Name" project as a whole has immense educational value for strengthening Jewish identity, the international committee has recommended incorporating the personal stories of outstanding Hungarian Jews who met their death in extermination camps into each community's ceremony.

They are also being encouraged to incorporate the names of their own relatives and friends who perished in the Holocaust. "We believe that in this way we intensify community involvement in the project," says Yardeni-Levy.

The readings, she hopes, will not be restricted to the Jewish community alone but be used as an opportunity to reach out and include non-Jewish groups and leading community personalities in the ceremonies.

"In the United States, especially in the smaller communities, the recitation ceremony is a public event not only for Jews but for the community as a whole," says Alan Schneider, director of the B'nai B'rith World Center in Jerusalem, which coordinates the project in the

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In Israel's fifth grade geography classes, students learn to chart a course from Japan to Israel. Unable to enter Arab states, they used to bypass Jordan, Iraq and other countries inaccessible to Israelis.

Until a few months ago, students from grade one to twelve learned that the PLO was an outlawed terrorist organization. Now, they are Israel's peace partners.

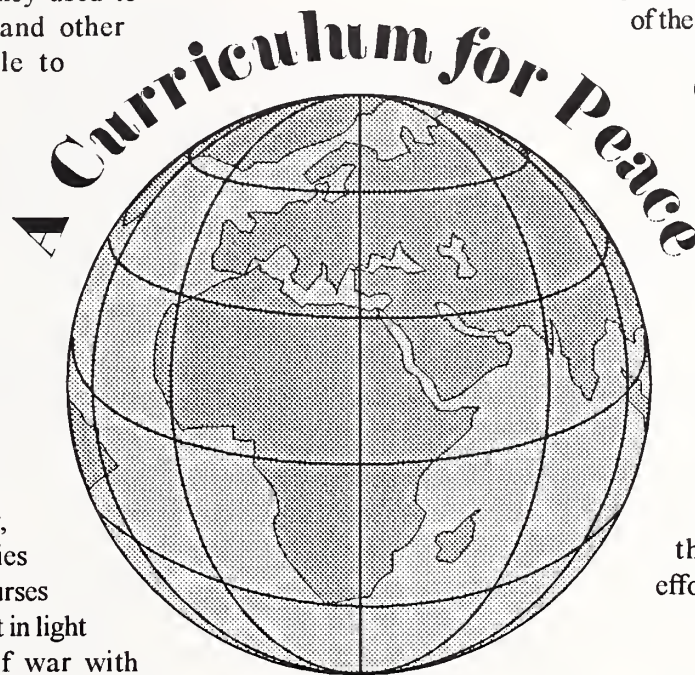
Since Israel's establishment, history, geography, civic studies and other humanities courses and electives were taught in light of the official state of war with Israel's neighbors. After the 1967 Six-Day War, the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and the 1979 signing of the Peace Treaty with Egypt, Education Ministry officials were continually correcting and changing textbooks, syllabi and curriculums to reflect new realities.

However, if real peace comes, the implications will require a mass revision by the Ministry of Education. According to Doron Shohet, director of the Division for Democracy at the Ministry, controversial issues and events relating to the peace process are already being dealt with in classrooms all over the country, and plans for a professional, new, forward thinking, peace-oriented curriculum are underway.

"We are continually introducing new educational activities and projects into the schools to teach about democracy and the developing peace process," says Shohet, whose unit

has just come out with a teaching manual entitled "The Way to Peace." It is the first bi-lingual Hebrew/

volatile political discussions. Thus, through simulation games, debating teams and role playing, the students get an insight into the complexities of the peace process in a democracy.



Coexistence activities have been introduced into many schools, and meetings between Palestinian Arab students and Israeli Jewish students are no longer uncommon. In East Jerusalem Palestinian students study under the Jordanian educational system and do not learn the Israeli curriculum. Thus, they are not participating in the Ministry's coexistence efforts.

by Lisa Samin

Arabic teachers' guide published by the Ministry.

However, according to a Ministry spokesperson, there is no mandatory peace curriculum as such, and it is up to the pedagogic counsel of each school to decide which activities, projects and materials they will use.

"There are so many issues involved and so many sides to them. Our job is to try to present the different points of view and to help the children understand the peace process," says Shohet. Students, he says, should be given the opportunity to express their opinions, with no judgment of what is good or bad in the discussions.

The Ministry works with teachers in the field and provides in-service training courses in different methods for each grade level, as well as helping them conduct the sometimes

Moshe Ilan, Director of Curriculum Development at the Ministry of Education, says that a whole reshaping of attitudes will need to take place if peace comes. "There is a lot of hope and fear among students and adults alike concerning the peace process," says Ilan. "We need to address the different attitudes and incorporate them in a non-threatening way."

The Pedagogic Secretariat of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry's highest professional policy-making body, is in the process of organizing a planning committee to deal with the long-range issues of peace in the national curriculum.

"The issues we are dealing with are constantly changing," says David Gordon, Secretariat director. "The most important factor is flexibility."

The committee, a microcosm of Israel's teaching profession, consists of professional pedagogues,

academics and teachers from elementary through high school. According to Gordon, it will officially get started in early spring.

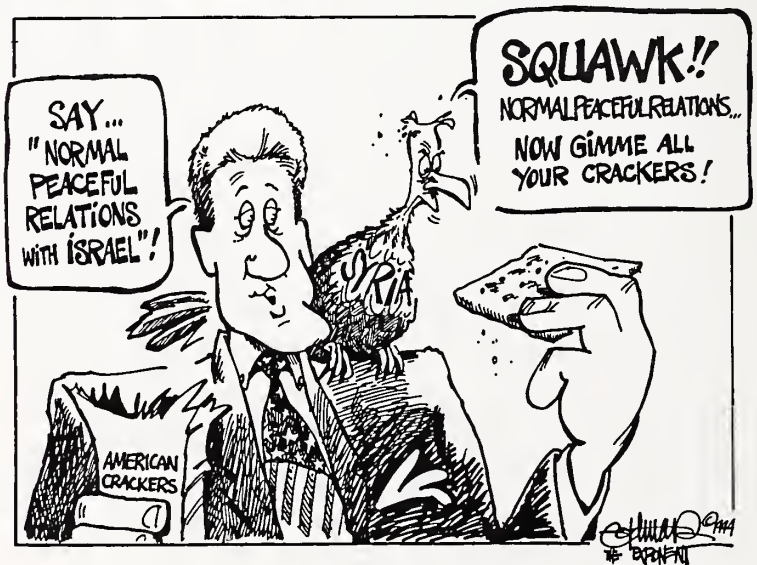
The ministerial changes will ultimately be carried out by teachers. Thus, teacher training seminars play an important role in the process.

Dr. Itai Zimran, Dean of the David Yellin Teachers College in Jerusalem, says, "The College is concentrating more on the actual issues as they happen. We have increased our student teachers' awareness of current events. We have also developed a quality coexistence program involving our Jewish and Arab student teachers, our faculty and children from neighboring Jewish and Arab communities."

Zimran believes that in time the Education Ministry's programs will certainly be implemented at the College as well as in in-service training courses. Meanwhile, he says, it is important to deal with the issues at hand.

Daniel Fried, a veteran high school teacher, agrees with Zimran. "The changes will be gradual. It won't be that the kids walk into class one day and all the textbooks are different."

Whatever the outcome of the peace process, the Ministry of Education will have to grapple with how to present the peace to Israel's children, giving them the tools needed in a democracy to judge for themselves what is best for the future of their country.



Israel-Africa: A New Beginning?

by Michelle Mazel

(WZPS) The ancient kingdom of David and Solomon enjoyed good and fruitful relations with African kingdoms. It was, perhaps, natural then that ten years after the State of Israel gained its own independence, it extended the hand of friendship to the newly independent African nations. Following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, almost all of them broke off ties with Israel. In light of the new situation emerging in the region, these are gradually being renewed.

In 1958, then Prime Minister Golda Meir established Israel's International Cooperation Program and the Israel Foreign Ministry began sending long-term agricultural experts and short-term medical teams to African countries as a goodwill effort to export Israeli expertise to developing countries.

Coming from a nation that had barely emerged from the struggle for statehood, the Israeli advisors were full of the spirit of pioneerism. Mostly from Israel's kibbutzim and moshavim, Israel's special brand of communal living and farming, their enthusiasm was such that they were ready to go anywhere and endure anything.

They brought their young families with them, settling without fuss in bush or jungle villages, setting up their own generators and using petrol-powered refrigerators. One hundred Israeli babies were born in Africa during the next 15 years.

Although Israel invested large sums in the program, third party funding, mostly from the World Bank and

private businessmen in the United States, Canada and Israel, were essential for its success.

Of course Israel had a formidable advantage in those days, which also contributed to the success of the program. It was not encumbered by a colonial past and its people had not been brought up to patronize Africa. "We were free of the taint of the colonial exploiters because all we wanted from Africa was friendship," wrote Golda Meir.

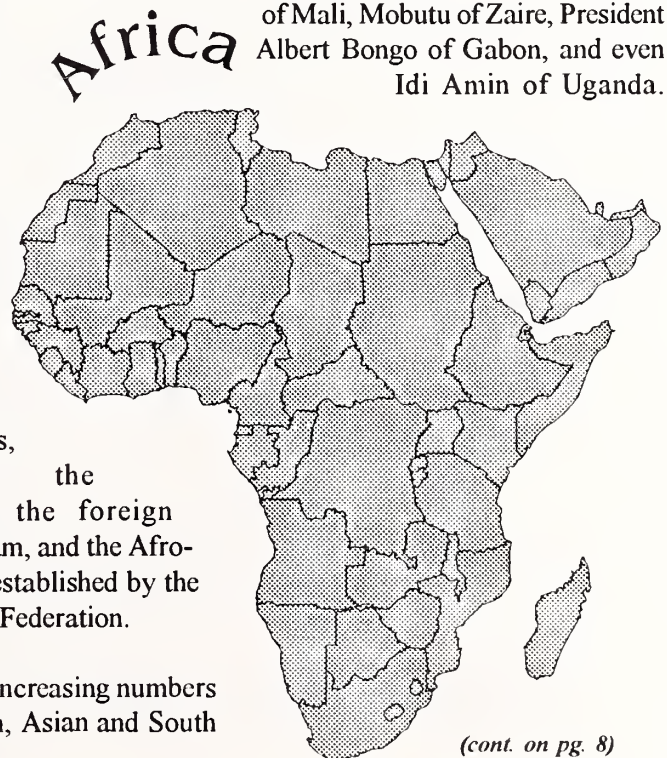
Conversely, Africa had never known anti-Semitism. Many Africans had indeed never seen a Jew before and even had trouble believing that there was a modern earthly city called Jerusalem. Africans thus welcomed Israel's young experts, who, longer on practice than on theory, were eager to demonstrate their skills.

At the same time, special facilities were being set up in Israel: the International Training Center for Community Services in Haifa and the Ruppin and Shefayim Centers, both within the framework of the foreign ministry's program, and the Afro-Asian Institute, established by the Histadrut Labor Federation.

They welcomed increasing numbers of young African, Asian and South

American students to courses in agriculture, medicine, public health, rural development, cooperation and labor, management, science and technology and education. Twenty thousand African students, many of them women, participated.

Relations between Israel and 32 developing African countries flourished in an atmosphere of friendship. State visit followed state visit. President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Shimon Peres, Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol brought the greetings of the people of Israel to the people of Africa. Scores of African presidents came to see the modern State of Israel and its outstanding achievements in the realm of agriculture: the late Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast, Leopold Senghor of Senegal, Modibo Keita of Mali, Mobutu of Zaire, President Albert Bongo of Gabon, and even Idi Amin of Uganda.



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Then there was an endless flow of youth, women and Trade Union delegations.

Meanwhile private Israeli businessmen, builders and contractors were at work setting up five star hotels from Tananarive, Madagascar, to Abijan, Ivory Coast. Joint Israel-African ventures also got underway in mining, forest management, road building, telecommunications networks, agro-industries and water resources development.

Israeli firm, such as the Koor multi-faceted conglomerate, the Solel Bonch building company, the Tahal water management company, and the Zim navigation company, became household names, and El Al added extra flights to its bi-weekly non-stop run from Lod to Nairobi, Kenya.

Then came the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Bowing to Arab pressure, all but three African countries broke off

relations with beleaguered Israel. Bewildered experts packed hastily and returned home, whole villages openly mourning their departure. Much needed projects came to a halt and the flow of students coming to Israel slowed to a trickle. Fortunately, businessmen were not formally associated with the Israeli government and in many countries were tacitly left alone.

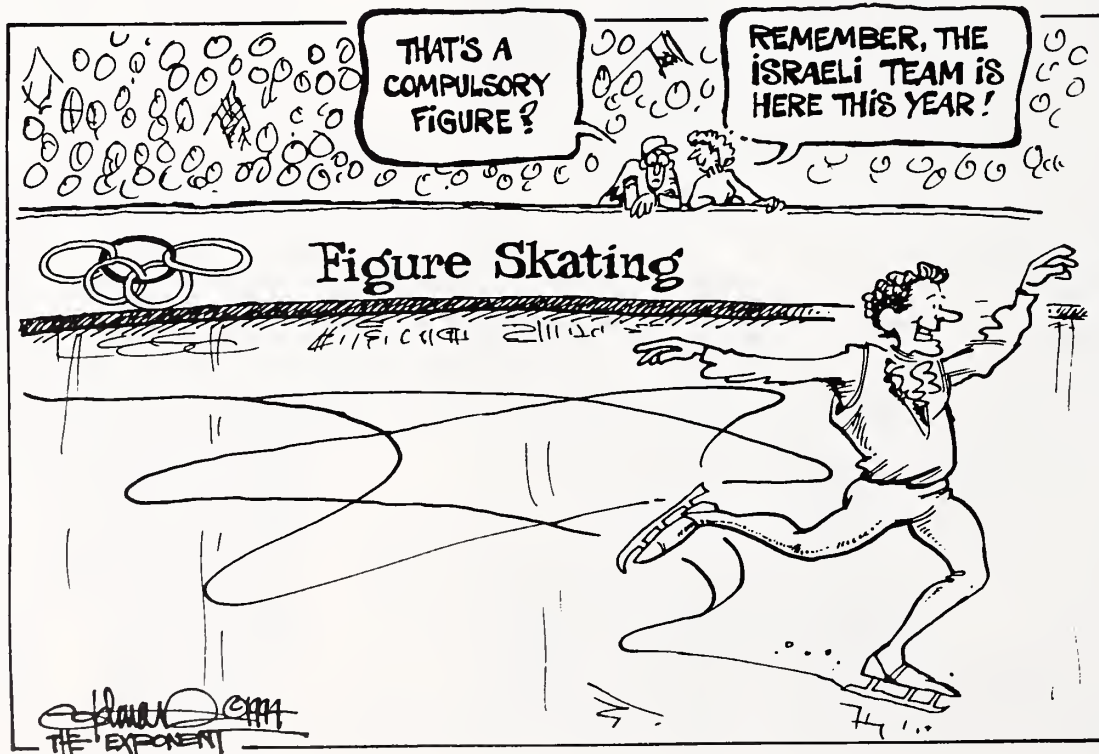
It was a bitter disappointment for Golda Meir. And yet she wrote in her memoirs: "We went into Africa to teach, and what we taught was learned. . . I am prouder of Israel's International Cooperation Program than I am of any other single project we have ever undertaken."

By the early 1980's many African countries, disillusioned by the Arab states which did not give the help they promised, were beginning to reconsider their position. First to renew ties was Zaire in 1982, then some 20 countries followed suit in

the course of the next ten years.

With the new reality slowly evolving out of the peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors, more and more African countries are renewing ties with Israel. As Israel celebrates 46 years of independence, it enjoys full diplomatic relations with almost all the 32 African countries which severed relations 20 years ago.

The program, which, after Africa closed itself off, expanded to include Latin American countries, is again sending Israeli experts back to Africa. Presently about 100 are on short and long-term missions. And African students, who continued coming to Israel for training even during the years following the Yom Kippur War, now come in ever increasing numbers.



International Fellowship of Christians & Jews Assists Soviet Jewish Exodus

New York, February 4, 1994-The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, which serves as a liaison between the Jewish and Evangelical Christian communities in the United States, has raised over \$300,000 from the Christian community for the United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus campaign.

Operation Exodus, an adjunct to the United Jewish Appeal's annual national fundraising campaign, has brought nearly half-a-million immigrants to Israel since 1989. The Operation Exodus campaign provides the funds needed to help Jews leave the former Soviet Union and settle in Israel. In 1993, more than 69,000 Jews left the former Soviet republics for Israel.

"In 1993 alone, we provided Operation Exodus with over \$200,000 raised entirely from the Christian community as a demonstration of their solidarity with the Jewish people and love for Israel," said Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder and president of the Chicago-based International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. "More than 6,000 Christians have shown their support for Israel and the Jewish people through our programs."

Eckstein said that a large part of the donation was raised through "While the Door Is Still Open," an

educational and informational telethon developed by the Fellowship to show the plight of Soviet Jews. The telethon has aired nationwide on cable television.

"Jews living in Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and almost all the republics of the former Soviet Union face threats daily to their safety and well-being," said Richard L. Wexler, chairman, Operation Exodus campaign, United Jewish Appeal.

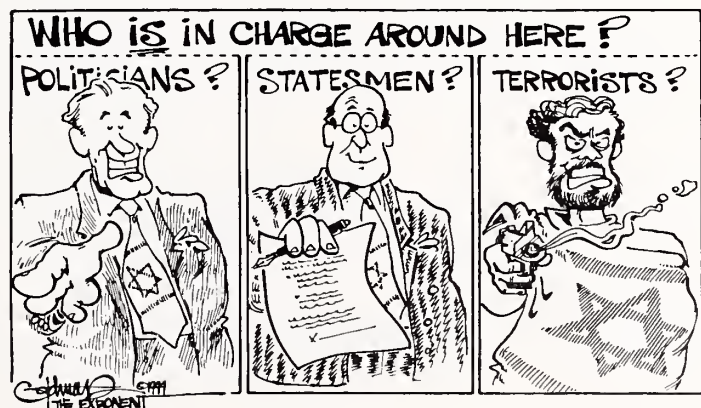
"With the breakdown of law and order in many areas, Jewish families are increasingly targeted for discrimination and crime. The threat of increasing anti-semitism, civil war, economic instability, rising Islamic fundamentalism and limited educational opportunities are part of their daily lives," Wexler said.

"The Evangelical Christian community offers an unusual reservoir of good will toward Israel

and financial support for her endeavors," said Steven B. Nasatir, executive vice-president of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. "We thank Rabbi Eckstein for his tremendously effective efforts to help fund the Operation Exodus campaign," added Nasatir, who worked closely with Eckstein in developing the Fellowship's fundraising program.

Continuing the Fellowship's efforts to help Soviet Jews in 1994, Rabbi Eckstein said the organization will produce a radio program for Christian stations highlighting the "precarious plight of Soviet Jews and the need to raise funds for their continued emigration and their resettlement needs in Israel."

For more information on Operation Exodus, contact Shimon Pepper, assistant vice president of Campaign Resources, United Jewish Appeal, 99 Park Avenue, Suite 300, New York, N.Y. 10016-1599; or telephone (212) 880-1410.





Roaming the Past

with David Schulman

Would you like your story or your parents' story told? Contact David Schulman, 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, NC 28804 or call (704) 254-9250 Fax: (704) 254-9308 In search of stories from Eastern North Carolina. Please call!



Three generations of the Nove family.

In one of my favorite episodes of *Sessions*, a now defunct HBO program starring Billy Crystal, the brilliant comedian tells his analyst a recurring memory that is disturbing him in his mid-life crisis. His memory is of the annual Passover seders at his grandparents' home. After he describes many hilarious episodes of family "misas" that would occur each year during the meal, Crystal becomes serious. It is a large chair at the head of the table that the leader of the seder occupies

that Crystal is fixated with. It was traditional in his family for the youngest members to sit at the far end of the table. As the youths grew older and as other family members either moved away or passed away, the children would move up a chair until they were nearer and nearer to the head chair. Closer and closer to occupying the exalted chair themselves. The thought petrifies Crystal.

I didn't become a father until I was thirty-four. Being a father and a parent

has been the most rewarding role I have ever assumed. The most scary, too! Some days I berate myself for being selfish and not taking the time my kids need with me. Other days I think I know a little bit of how a slave must have felt, but never ever has being a parent been a role I regretted. It is miraculous how one tiny smile from your child can make a few hundred hours of toil and trouble vanish.

Recently I received a phone call from Eva Nove of Charlotte. She is the daughter of Herman and Rose Nove who are now residents of the Blumenthal Home. Eva's parents are natives of Rumania; both incurred the wrath of the Hitler Empire. Herman's first wife and three children perished in World War II, and he, himself was in a labor camp. Rose had survived Auschwitz. Herman married Rose, his late wife's sister. After the war they went back to the town they had been brutally forced to leave. He was able to secure a major position in local government in which he helped many Jews to leave Rumania and also helped many regain some of their possessions stolen from them during the War.

The reason for Eva's call was to tell me of the great devotion and love her parents had given her all her life. Her parents knew of Eva's deep desire to live in the United States. In 1966 just when the Noves could have been settling down to a somewhat secure and quiet retirement in Rumania, they moved to the United States, just for Eva. It was Eva's nineteenth birthday when the plane landed in New York. Eva's parents told her that they, unfortunately, knew from first hand experience that the only thing that can't be taken from you is knowledge. That nothing in life is permanent, but one can take knowledge wherever they go. Lack of money and skill of knowing the English language did not deter the Noves from helping their daughter attend college where she would eventually attain B.A. and M.B.A. degrees. Throughout all the years Eva said she rarely if ever remembers her parents complaining.

In the fall of 1993 I received a letter from Lilly Levinson of Columbia, S.C. Mrs. Levinson told me of living many years, working side by side, with her husband, Charles, in the small town of Barnwell, SC which they came to cherish. With an Orthodox upbringing in Charleston, Lilly was determined to have a kosher home for her husband and children even if the town was tiny. She would travel to Augusta, Ga. on Thursdays for kosher meats, and when their son, Arnold, became ten the Levinsons arranged for him to live with a fine Jewish family in Augusta for a time where he could attend Hebrew School several times a week. Lilly told me her daughter, Margie Levinson Goldstein found Hillel important to her in college and remains active in Charlotte Jewish life.

Was it easy for the Noves? Easy for the Levinsons? In these times when one can't turn on television or radio without hearing some bizarre tale of parental neglect, it sure is comforting to hear stories of parents who go the extra mile for their children.

Were our parents perfect? Surely not, but just as certain is the fact that the generations before us seemed to know the true meaning of sacrifice. If my generation wants to be honest, we might have a good bit of catching up to do in the commitment department. In the name of following our bliss and freedom of expression, we have may have created alot of teflon commitments to marriage, children, jobs, and life itself.

Wait just a doggone minute you might say! Isn't my minivan burning up the highways hauling my kids to this meeting and that game? Didn't we just attend that seminar on character development for our children by that big 'macher' from that hoighty toighty university, and didn't we spend a couple hundred discovering which study style our kids fall into? Faster this and faster that. Now the term megabytes on our computers is old hat. Try on gigabytes, buddy.

I am sure some of this is, indeed, better, maybe even necessary for us to prepare our kids for a new and more competitive world, but there is something in all this that bugs the fool out me. A gigabyte will never deliver to my son or yours a warm glass of milk filled with hard sugar bits when he is sick like our Mothers did. With all the machines that create virtual reality in which we can feel like we are on a ski slope in the Swiss Alps or even in the arms of Kim Basinger, just give me one briefkiss on the forehead from a caring parent. You can tell me all you want about the hard drive on my Apple computer and how much information it will store, but none of it will ever give me the security that my Dad did when he told me he would be there if I ever needed him, and he has been. Like the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz, give me a heart. . .and you can have all the gigabytes you want.

One thing is for sure. That big chair at the head of the table is getting closer and closer for me. . .and for you. I pray to God that we will be as fit and as able and loving as those that have filled it before us. Just like the childrens' game, Hide and Seek, here we come. . .ready or not.

Editors note:

Congratulations to David Schulman on receiving First Place Honors at the North Carolina Press Club's Annual Spring Convention held at the Crabtree Valley Marriott in Raleigh. Mr. Schulman was awarded First Place in the division of Best Personal Column. His award was received based on his columns in the 1993 Times Outlook - July, September, and October issues.

Mr. Schulman's First Place award allows his entry to be placed into the national competition held in Las Vegas in June.

David's written words have touched the hearts of many of our readers! He has always been First Place with our readers and staff. Congratulations on a very prestigious award!



On Being a Shiksa

by Susan Taylor Block

I am married to a Jew. I have made a portion of Ruth's promise. "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, . . ." In many ways, his God is my God. Fortunately, I was raised in the kind of home where there was a special affection for Jews and I was involved in a program of religious education that accentuated the Old Testament and at least occasionally reminded me that Jesus was himself a Jew. However, I have discovered that there is so much more to being a part of a Jewish family and having made what I consider to be an eternal deeply intimate bond with a Jew and, through him, with his family.

One of the first things to dawn on me, to seep through layers of thinking even though I had long known it as a cold fact is the ancientness of it. 5000 years. I think of the pride of my own Christian denomination for

existing for two and a half centuries. It's like being cocky about owning a nineteenth century American house and then visiting the Parthenon. I go to services twice a year with my husband and it is a moving, humbling experience.

I am learning new words and they are **great** words.

I wonder why I didn't know more about the Holocaust. I attended Sunday School regularly for many years and knew well the horrors the Hebrews endured in Bible times: Herod, Ramses, Nebuchadnessar, Tiglath Pileasar. But I was not taught in any religious setting of the Holocaust-or the moral stench of the Inquisition-or the abusive anti-Semitism of Martin Luther, a late-life philosophy diametrically opposed to everything Jesus stood for.

Encouraged by a kind, elderly Bible School teacher, I

memorized the words of Paul. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." My sweet teacher meant so well and did instruct me as to the spiritualness that lurks beneath flesh and the price of Christian fervor. But no one ever drew out the time line for me. They never said that because of the irrevocable chosenness of the Jews and the presence of God with them, that devilish people could not help but react against that unseen, untouchable presence within them. They never said that the same evil spirit that drove Herod and Ramses also drove Hitler and even now roams over Germany.

Usually when my husband and I view movies or documentaries about the Holocaust, I cry. He doesn't anymore. He is very sad, but is past the point of tears now.

His parents and uncles and aunts bought a farm before World War II in which to house some of his relatives yet to immigrate from Riga. They wrote letters back and forth. A cow was purchased, and then a hen. The war started and the correspondence simply ended as if a black sheet of steel had guillotined the postal service. There were no goodbyes. There was nothing but a silence that never ends. Eventually the farm was sold and their horror at the plot of their Riga cousins abated. But it is still new to me and I think of it often. The farm still exists and is located just a few miles outside of the town in which we live. The old farm house is abandoned, paintless and is falling down. It seems to me that even the building is grieving.

I feel very guilty when I think of the Holocaust even though I wasn't born until 1951. It all happened in a nation that was peppered with Christian cathedrals. I know now how it must feel to be a Jew and hear some fanatic rail about all Jews having caused the crucifixion of Jesus.

Then there is the unspeakable horror of the lampshades. My husband told me of this only last year. He stated it simply in an uncharacteristic monotone. I still can't take it in. That God would create light and then choose a people through whom to illuminate the world as to his nature and his commandments; for this to happen to those people is incredible.

I don't understand why the Jewishness of Jesus and Mary and Joseph has been so elided. I wonder why much Christian art depicts them in ways that would make them seem very much at home in a Scandinavian landscape. I don't see why Christians do not have babies baptized on the eighth day. It is not as convenient as waiting to a certain Sunday when most of the relatives can make it to town, but it is fun to get together for a bris or baby naming at whatever odd time that eighth day occurs. Mary and Joseph stopped everything to go to the temple on Jesus' eighth day.

I think all Christians would benefit from observing Passover. Jesus observed it. It is a beautiful holiday full of good food and camaraderie. I experience the poignancy and joy of Passover with my husband and his family and feel every year more a part of that while silently remembering parallels in the part of my faith that my husband does not share.

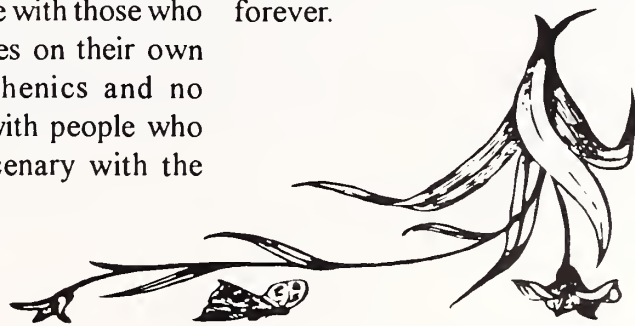
I deeply believe that the Messiah was that carpenter in Nazareth. His philosophies, so poorly personified by most of us, were of love, kindness, and generosity to "the Other," whatever other that might be. Ironically, Jesus had little patience with those who prided themselves on their own religious calisthenics and no patience at all with people who mixed the mercenary with the sacred.

My faith has only been fortified and more clearly defined by being a part of a Jewish family. One tiny example: when you wake up on a brisk Easter morning and leave a cuddling husband and a house full of Jewish guests sleeping like babies under soft blankets to go to a cold, windy oceanside sunrise service, your faith is in high definition.

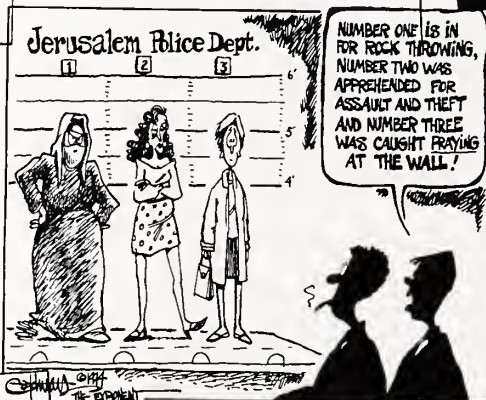
I don't try to convert my husband and he doesn't try to convert me. We just love each other.

I believe that the pulse of the spiritual world beats in Jerusalem and that Israel is the apple of God's eye. I believe that my faith in the mysteries of Jesus' crucifixion makes it possible for me to be grafted into the tree of life; to take my seat as a proud adopted daughter at the table with God's original family. I feel a part of Judaism, but respect the fact that my husband does not believe that the Messiah has yet come.

I believe in an afterlife in which many things will be inverted and where there will be a host of surprises. And I think that somewhere in that world there will be six million Jews who will have some very special privileges-forever.



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Comments

by the Executive Director,
Seth D. Levy

Having recently been hired as the Executive Vice President of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, I am excited about the prospects and opportunities that come with a new job. After working for a short period of time, it has become evident that the Board of Directors and employees of Blumenthal are a talented and committed group of individuals, dedicated towards providing the highest quality and level of care to the Jewish older adults they serve. It is refreshing as an outsider coming in to find in this day and age a group of people

who truly care and find enjoyment in the work they do.

The environment in terms of serving the needs of the aging is changing. We must all come together with vision and confidence to meet the unique and unparalleled challenges facing Jewish communities and long-term care institutions in this era of health care reform.

I eagerly anticipate working with the Board of Directors and leadership from the many Jewish communities of the Carolinas

which support and derive benefit from the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Dialogue between the home and the Jewish communities of North and South Carolina must continue to take place. We must search out and find new ways to continually strengthen and build upon our relationships. The possibility exists that Blumenthal can reach out and provide programs and services to the Jewish older adults living in the Carolinas.

Our Jewish elderly are truly a light to life and we must continue to fulfill the mitzvah of honoring our fathers and mothers.

I look forward to meeting and having the opportunity to work with many wonderful people, and I welcome you to come visit the Blumenthal Jewish Home.



Fair Oaks resident Iva Bottoms welcomes an early sign of spring.

WELCOME
 May you have a long, happy,
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Velma Carter
 Lewisville, NC

Kathryn Kestler
 Winston-Salem, NC

Fannie Simon
 New York, NY

Jack Tenenbaum
 Winstn-Salem, NC



Henry Maienthau chats with young visitors at BJH.

BJH
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BJH Briefs:**The Whole Megillah and More**

Richard Levin of Chapel Hill entertained residents with a trip down memory lane on February 16. Dick's polished piano playing carried listeners to the 30's, 40's, and 50's, reviving beautiful melodies and happy memories. Fair Oaks resident Minerva Levin beamed while son Dick introduced the old tunes and proved that practice paid off.



Richard Levin's piano playing delights his audience.

Purim masks were never so glamorous as those created by residents at BJH. Sequins, sparkles, feathers, and creativity turned simple paper into pleasing results, as decorative masks to be worn or displayed were designed by residents. Residents and Activity Therapists had a good time preparing for the holiday of Purim.



(right) Eva Kaplan shows off her beautiful Purim mask.

B'nai Shalom Students brought a modern version of the Purim story to BJH when they entertained for the birthday party on March 1. These day school students from Greensboro are not only well versed in Judaism, but are fine performers as well. The drama of the story of Esther was portrayed with great verve and fun; these talented students gave an old story a new twist much to the delight of the audience.

The Purim celebration was complete with the reading of the megillah in the synagogue on Thursday, the eve of Purim, services on Friday morning, and the Purim party in the afternoon. The Dixieland Band played New Orleans Jazz and everyone had a spirited good time.

Baking Hamantaschen is not a lost art at BJH. Activity Therapist Gail Ruthfield and Volunteer Fran Thull prepared the dough which Fair Oaks residents then rolled, filled, and shaped into the traditional three-cornered pastry. Residents enjoyed the old feeling of flowered fingers and recalled favorite recipes. After allowing time for baking and reminiscing, everyone enjoyed the rewards of their labor, the sweet taste of the Hamantaschen.



Volunteer Fran Thull and Activity Therapist Gail Ruthfield serve hamantaschen to the residents.



B'nai Shalom students take a bow following their Purim production.

Sue's News

Building Bridges between Generations

What did you wear when you were my age? Did you have a pet? Where were you born? What subjects did you study in school? These were just a few of the many questions asked by 48 students from Calvary Day School in Winston-Salem when they visited the Home on February 10. The students warmed up their audience in the Commons Auditorium by performing a few cheerful songs. Armed with tape recorders, pencils, and paper, they then paired up with residents to begin taking oral histories. The room began buzzing with conversations between the young and young at heart. Residents were pleased to share their pasts with students who were eager to gain an understanding of a different generation.

Rabbi Leah Benamy of Temple Emanuel in Gastonia brought 5th - 8th grade students from the Religious School to visit BJH on Sunday, February 20th. The students wanted to know what life was like for the elderly living at BJH. They toured the Home, asked lots of questions, chatted with residents, and assisted with transportation to the Sunday concert. The Sunday Concert was an additional treat by youthful performers. Flute and piano students of Kathy Levy, instructor in music at Wake Forest University, shared their talent with the residents and presented a beautiful concert.

Traditional prayers bridged the generations on February 26 when 25 members of Temple Israel's Youth Group from Charlotte visited. Students and accompanying adults arrived at 10:00 a.m. to spend Shabbat with the residents. Voices from 6 years to 60 plus shared in conducting the traditional Shabbat service in the BJH synagogue. The future of Judaism seemed secure; smiles on residents' faces showed delight in watching the youth and in knowing that the young came to BJH to spend Shabbat with a generation that is not forgotten. *"Can you tell me where my friend Mickey's room is?" asked young Zack Yeskel from Charlotte, "I met her last year and I want to see her again."*

March began on a cheerful note when the students from B'nai Shalom Day school of Greensboro arrived to celebrate the holiday of Purim with the residents. Their Purim play was modern but its age-old message had meaning for young and old. A holiday that brings out the child in all of us was even more fun when celebrated across generations.

Learning about the elderly appears to be a growing phenomenon this season. Fifth, 6th, and 7th grade students in an after-school program sponsored by the Winston-Salem YMCA chose to visit BJH on one of their field trips. The students sang songs on each wing of the Home and took time to tell residents about themselves and learn something new along the way.

Building bridges between generations is easy, it can be as simple as a brief question, a hand shake, a song and the desire to know another person. Paths from Charlotte, Gastonia, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem are all heading to BJH, and bridges are being built as the miles are being crossed.



Members of Temple Israel's youth group visit one of their friends, BJH resident Mickey Samet.



Rabbi Leah Benamy and students and friends from Temple Emanuel in Gastonia visit the Home.

Bridging
the
Generation
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FUN!



Irene Mendelson enjoys shabbat with a visitor from Temple Israel, Charlotte.



Lottie Maienthau chats with students from Temple Israel.



Elise McCarthy gives an interview to students from Calvary Day School, Winston-Salem.



(above) A student from Calvary Day School interviews Dorothy Kaplan.



(left) Karl Cahn talks with a student from Temple Israel following the Shabbat Service.



(left) Robert Morrison answers questions from eager students of Calvary Day School.



(right) Robert Gleiberman, Temple Israel Youth Director and members of the group prepare to serve residents at the Shabbat kiddush.



Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman is greeted by Greensboro volunteers Sara Lee Saperstein (left) and Polly Strasser (right) at the monthly luncheon sponsored by the Greensboro volunteers.

To volunteer with the monthly luncheon or monthly birthday party sponsored by Greensboro volunteers or with other volunteer needs, call Sue Clein, 910-766-6401.

Calendar Highlights April

- 1 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Passover Services - Yizkor, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 3 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 5 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 7 Southeastern Theatrical Production, "Best of Broadway,"
Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 10 Music with Steve Huyser, Upper Commons, 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen's Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 Yom Ha'Atzmaut, "Israeli Independence Day Celebration,"
Commons Auditorium, 10:30 am, Rabbi Bennett
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Temple Israel's 2nd Grade Religious School Class participates in Services,
Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Leave for Greensboro, Sunset Cafe Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.
- 24 Brenner Concert, Lois Horton, "Popular Songs," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 27 Music with Steve Huyser, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Commons Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.

BJH is Happy to Announce Its Selections for Employee of the Month



January, 1994
Maria Jacobs, Dietary

"I always try to find the key, to do something they like," says Maria, as she talks about her job serving the residents in the Fair Oaks dining room. Surprised at

being chosen Employee of the Month, she says, "I love working here, each one is special, and I like working with older people." Maria has been working as a dietary aide in Fair Oaks since September, 1992 and says she has learned the residents and knows what each person likes to eat. Her day begins early, at 6:45 a.m., setting up for breakfast. She knows what each person wants without asking. Maria brings to her job a warmth and an understanding of people; the key to her pleasure in her work seems to be a genuine empathy for the residents she serves.

Maria came to the United States from Mexico City, where she lived until she married William Jacobs 16 years ago. In Mexico City she worked as a Nurse's Assistant in a Pediatric unit but was unable to do so in the United States without English skills. She has continued to take classes at Forsyth Tech to improve her language skills. Maria enjoys visits to Mexico City to see her family but says she loves the United States and her life here. Although she was a "big city girl" in Mexico, she enjoys living in Kernersville with her husband and two children. BJH congratulates Maria Jacobs, an employee we are proud to honor.

Winnie Harris began working as a Nursing Assistant in Fair Oaks less than a year ago, in May, 1993. Within that brief time, she has exhibited the qualities which merit her being chosen Employee of the Month.

Surprised at being chosen, Winnie says that she is very happy to win it. "I like working in Fair Oaks, my co-workers make my job pleasant and enjoyable." Nursing Assistant was a late career choice for Winnie but something she had always wanted to do. She worked while raising her children, spending 14 years employed in food service at Wake Forest

University. "I liked young people but I decided to do something I had always wanted to do. In 1990 I changed careers and I am glad I did," says Winnie. She said she likes the one-to-one contact with the residents and the time to get to know people.

Winnie was born in Winston-Salem, and lives there with her husband Jack Harris; they have two grown sons. Her favorite leisure activity is traveling; she enjoys antique shopping and seeing new places. An avid Carolina fan, she says she loves basketball and doesn't miss a game.



February, 1994
Winnie Harris,
Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

BJH is pleased to congratulate Winnie Harris, a deserving recipient of this honor.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in April.

28 Years

Izora Moore, Dietary

23 Years

Linda Pinnix, LPN, A-Wing

14 Years

Martha Whitaker, RN, B-2

13 Years

Judy Garrett, LPN, Fair Oaks

11 Years

Anne Clampitt, Pharmacy

4 Years

Aдриene Cuthrell, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Karen Jarrett, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Linda Mann, Administration

Shelby Mullis, LPN, B-2

LaDonna Newsome, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

3 Years

Mike Blevins, Dietary

Gloria Jarvis, Nsg. Asst., B-1

2 Years

Janice Grimmatt, Dietary

Billy West, Housekeeping

Elias Anchante, Nsg. Asst., B-1

1 Year

Judy Hardy, Nsg. Asst., B-2

LaVonda Propst, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Ophelia Mensah, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

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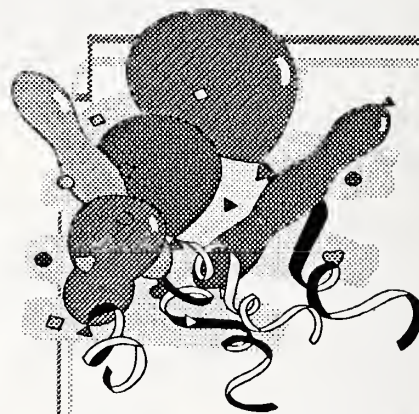
Minna Kurtz

George Lewin

Irving Lewis

Lilly Marx

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Happy Birthday

April

Emma Bates

Sarah Blau

Faye Kalson

Dorothy Kaplan

Noah Kaplan

Irene Mendelson

Vera Morrison

Mary Myers

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What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

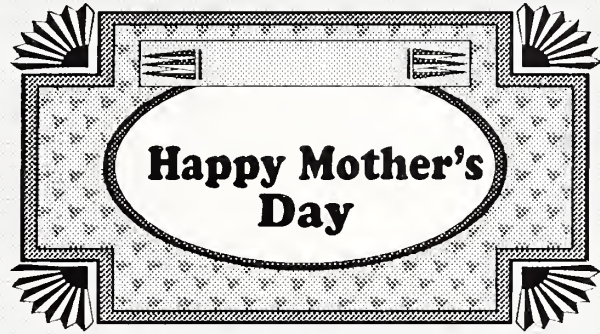
In Memoriam

The Home has lost two of its great friends and supporters. On February 10, Seymour Brown, of Goldsboro, passed away and on February 23, Herbert (Sonny) Brenner passed away in Winston-Salem.

There were similarities with both men. They were in the steel business, very active in their communities, and very philanthropic. They were Mensches and we and others shall miss them.

We are saddened by the loss of Jerome (Jerry) Madans of Charlotte. Jerry was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Home in addition to being active in his synagogues in Charlotte and Salisbury and the Charlotte United Jewish Appeal.

Jerry was eulogized by Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Rabbis as a proud Jew who sought to learn more about the tenets of his religion and its institutions. We shall miss his inquisitive mind and his Jewish soul (N'shoma).



Mother's Day is May 15th. Give her the present that will last for a lifetime. Inscribe a leaf in her honor on the Tree of Life.

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Taking Care of the Jewish Elderly: How Much Will We Afford?

In the Jewish tradition, it is a Commandment to "Honor thy father and mother." At the Blumenthal Jewish Home, we honor the elderly with kind, sensitive, quality care. On a daily basis, we enhance the quality of their lives by helping them to get better and live longer.

There is one other important way in which we honor the elderly. We accept people who do not have funds and we do not ask people to leave once they have depleted their financial resources. As one resident has stated, "you have provided me with a sense of security." In essence, we are a

security blanket for the Jewish elderly in the Carolinas. The question is, how big should the blanket be?

The Home has a unique opportunity. Our Mission Statement states that we shall accept any Jewish person regardless of his ability to pay. Reality dictates that we do not raise sufficient funds to support more indigent care. Sometimes, we wonder whether or not we are making our case for giving understood.

When you look at the percentage

of indigents in other Jewish Homes around the country, you will find that we are low. The major cities have over 90% indigent care. When the Executive Director of the Rochester Jewish Home was asked how and why his home could sustain 85% indigent care, his answer was succinct. "Because our people want it this way."

As the number of elderly increases, there will be increasing pressure to provide more indigent care. This is a difficult issue. How much indigent care can we afford?

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B&THE ARTS Media Book Review

SAFE PASSAGE by Ellyn Bache

Unlike the heroine of her novel, *Safe Passage*, North Carolina author Ellyn Bache isn't given to premonitions about the future. Except, perhaps, with regard to the film version of her book.

Bache says she "knew absolutely" the *Safe Passage* film would be made the moment actress Susan Sarandon expressed interest in starring as Mag, the reluctant mother of seven who is forced to reassess her priorities after one of her sons, a young Marine, is missing in a terrorist incident in the Middle East.

And...voila. Though her book was published six years ago, Bache wasn't surprised when the film went into production this January, with Sarandon in the lead. The movie also features Sam Shepard as Mag's husband, and, as her sons, Robert Sean Leonard (*Dead Poet's Society*, *Much Ado About Nothing*), Sean Astin (*Rudy*), Jason London (*Dazed and Confused*), and Nick Stahl (the boy in *Man Without a Face*).

"I felt I'd chosen Susan," Bache maintains, "ever since my daughter brought home a video of *The Rocky Horror Show*. This was before *Thelma and Louise* came out, and I didn't know Susan Sarandon's work well. In *The Rocky Horror Show*, Susan plays this spritely, spacey

"Before this, there were several movie deals along the way, including an option by Amblin (Steven Spielberg's company) soon after the book was published by Crown in 1988," Bache recalls. The novel gleaned favorable reviews and was chosen as a Literary Guild selection-

but as is typical in the movie business, the film project was developed for a while, then dropped. Yet once it was re-optional by producer Gale Anne Hurd, who convinced Sarandon to star, the deal moved smoothly toward production.

"*Safe Passage* is a story about how a family comes together during a crisis-how a family survives whether or not the one member does," Bache says. "It's a story that

says it's okay to put your family first, even though intellectually you think you ought to do other things. It's interesting how everything seems to have conspired to bring those messages across."

Originally the producer wanted to film in North Carolina, "but Susan has three young children and didn't want to be away from them, so she negotiated to have the film shot near



Ellyn Bache (left) and Susan Sarandon on the set of Safe Passage.

young bride-and for some reason, though the characters are quite different, the first couple of scenes made me think Mag would have had that same quality when she was younger and hadn't yet had the responsibility of raising a family. I said to my daughter, 'You know, Susan Sarandon is probably twenty years older now than when she made *The Rocky Horror Show*. She'd be the perfect Mag.'

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her home in New York. Like Mag in the book, she was putting her kids first. I say, good for Susan!"

In the first few days of shooting, the New York location brought home yet another theme of the book when the East Coast woke up to news of the earthquake in L.A.

"Some of the actors and crew live in California and had to come to New York to film" Bache says. "They were trying to portray a family that doesn't know what's happened to one of its members far away-and suddenly they were in that situation themselves, unable to get through to their own families on the West Coast. Fortunately, it turned out all right, though one of them had structural damage to her house. If they didn't understand what Mag's family was going through before, they certainly did after the earthquake."

Any other uncanny circumstances boding well for the film? Well, Bache says, when she wrote the book she based the character of the missing Marine on her then-pre-teen son, Matt, whose name is Percival in the book. And who's playing Percival's role in the film? A fine young stage actor, she says-named Matt.

In addition to *Safe Passage*, Bache is the author of another novel, *Festival in Fire Season*, and a new short story collection, *The Value of Kindness*, which received the Willa Cather Fiction Prize. She lives in Wilmington NC with her family.

The trade paperback edition of *Safe Passage* is available in bookstores for \$8.95, or for \$11.00 postpaid from Banks Channel Books, P.O. Box 4446, Wilmington NC 28406.

Eternal Guilt?

by Michael Wolffsohn

Columbia University Press 211 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Because Michael Wolffsohn is an Israeli born Jew and is now a citizen of Germany who served in the Israeli Army for three years, this book is written from an important viewpoint. The author is an intellectual, liberal professor of Government at the University of the Bundestaat in Germany. He also wrote *Israel, Policy, Society, Economy, 1882-1986*.

Ripples from the Holocaust may go on forever, or are they sometimes perceived as tidal waves? In *Eternal Guilt*, Michael Wolffsohn tries to take a very long view of history to put this seemingly overwhelming issue into perspective. The task is enormous and difficult, but he is remarkably well informed and intelligent.

First, he wishes to dispel the notion that the State of Israel came into existence because of the Holocaust. Zionism had been well on its way for a long time before Hitler, he reminds us. His explanation of objections to Zionism reminds us that Orthodox Jews were afraid that a Jewish state would be substituted for God. Chief Rabbi of Britain Immanuel Jakobovits agrees that this is what happened.

The absolute need for a Jewish state became evident when all of the nations of the world (only Shanghai admitted Jews until its occupation by the Japanese) refused entry. At the end of World War II, Jewish refugees remaining in Europe found themselves in displaced persons' camps.

After the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the issue of restitution by Germany to the State arose, as well as restitution to individuals. Despite strong opposition in Germany, it was Konrad Adenauer who prevailed. Political motives influenced the arguments for and against restitution, but in 1952 Adenauer prevailed. He used arguments both moral and economic. Contrary to rumor, the United States did not play a part in the decision finally rendered by the Bundestag. The Luxembourg Restitution Agreement was ratified on March 18, 1953, and the new Federal Republic of Germany and Israel started on the path of cooperation.

There was, of course, strong opposition by Arab countries and reminders by them to the German government of strong historic bonds, which were questionable. Some German opponents of restitution claimed that similar recompense would be due to other peoples who had suffered from the war. Nevertheless, the opposition to restitution was not considered anti-Semitic, nor was it an unwillingness to atone. It was in large part a doubt of the ability to finance the resolution.

It was true that Germany lay in ruins. The German public, some of which were still loyal to Hitler, viewed payments to Israel or individual Jews unfavorably, and it is to Adenauer that credit is due. The money was important to Israel, although some of its citizens objected to receiving it, on moral grounds. Anyway, the ground was prepared for normal relations between Israel and Germany.

In Israel, David Ben Gurion was convinced that there was a new Germany. Subsequently, more German leaders and politicians seemed to prove Ben Gurion's belief. If Germany were to take its place among western nations, it needed to build a new image.

Jews and Germans were always concerned with each other, for good or for bad. They never had realistic perceptions of each other. In churches that are hundreds of years old, there are carvings that vilify the Jew. It was not Wagner, nor Nietzsche, nor Hitler who conceived anti-Semitism, nor Martin Luther. The period of Enlightenment fostered an idealized image of the Jew, also unrealistic. No one characterization of any people is ever correct.

Wounded as we have been by the Nazi period many of us lived in, we may have difficulty in admitting that not all Germans were Nazis and that fifty years can make a difference in a nation. Disasters of two wars and their aftermaths, especially World War II which saw destruction widespread throughout the country, should and could convince a nation that it need not dominate, but rather become an important member of the European community.

It is not good for the history of Jewish sufferings to become the Jewish religion, as David Ben Gurion and the Orthodox warned. It serves no good purpose for the game of German guilt and Jewish victimization to continue. When "the unique event becomes an everyday affair, the emotional response is blasted," says Wolffsohn. He says the Holocaust will lose its effect, and indeed, it should.

Among Oriental Jews (including

France's Jews who came from North Africa), there is less influence of the Holocaust. Among all Jews, including Israelis, the issue of identity is of prime importance.

Eternal Guilt? deals in depth with the question of Jewish identity. Wolffsohn's claim is that since the end of World War II, when the belief, "God is dead," gained wide acceptance, there has been a need for a substitute. It is "Israelism" for many Jews in the Diaspora and in Israel.

If the new religion is not pride of statehood, it may be an anti-German stance, or a sense of unity through suspicion of all non-Jews. This last is not a new attitude. All of the above are poor substitutes for religion.

Throughout history, in periods between Jewish catastrophes, Jews worked for survival of Judaism. Jakobovits asserts, "Without Judaism Jewish survival is dubious and without meaning."

Of 13 million Jews worldwide, 27% live in Israel, the rest in Diaspora. At least 40,000 live in Germany, some from the recent emigration from Russia. Wolffsohn contends people like to live in Germany, and "Jeckes," German Jews in Israel, still identify with Germany and its culture. The German government knows it cannot be secure as an important member of the Western World unless it enforces its constitution, demonstrating that there is, indeed, a new Germany.

This winter's issue of *Daedalus* contains fourteen articles, most of them written by Germans, dealing with problems faced by reunified Germany. All of them support what Michael Wolffsohn attempts to teach

us in his book. It is difficult to relinquish long held prejudice, but perhaps it would do us good to do so.

In practical ways, Israel and Germany are cooperating. There are trade, diplomatic relations, Germany has paid restitution to the State of Israel and to individuals. There are highly funded grants for research from Germany to Israel. There is the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development founded in 1986 by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Shimon Peres with a budget of \$75 million per year.

Michael Wolffsohn is not old enough to have lived through the Holocaust, but he was born in Israel and he did serve in Israel's army. He wants Judaism to survive as something positive, not as remembrance of persecution or as xenophobia, fear of strangers. He doesn't want Jews to become ghettoized, even by ourselves. This is a book worth reading, in fairness to ourselves.

New Kosher Cuisine for All Seasons

Edited by Ivy Feuerstadt and Melinda Strauss

Ten Speed Press 408 pp. \$16.95 paperback

New Kosher Cuisine for All Seasons is a collection of kosher recipes contributed by the community of Solomon Schechter Day School of Boston. It follows their first successful publishing venture, *From Soup to Nosh*, self-published.

The school community comes

together again to compile this book of over 300 new recipes, presented in menus for both Jewish and secular holidays. **New Kosher Cuisine for All Seasons** takes readers sequentially through the Jewish calendar providing menus for major Jewish celebrations, beginning with Rosh Hashanah. Secular occasions also receive a Jewish flavor, with menus for Father's Day, Mother's Day, and even a Super Bowl Sunday brunch (these menus are conveniently nestled among those for the Jewish holidays, depicting, more or less, where they might fall in the Jewish calendar).

While many recipes are traditional, and all are kosher, they still incorporate ingredients that reflect a modern palate of reduced fat, sodium, and cholesterol, and red meat consumption. Only whole food and natural ingredients are used in recipes. Name-brand ingredients mentioned are all certified kosher.

Nine essays enliven **New Kosher Cuisine for All Seasons** with personal stories about the role of food in the Jewish home, and the Jewish tradition of commemorating historical events with food. Because a Jewish holiday is a cause for celebration, it's not surprising that most menus offer elaborate spreads that feed up to 20, with a selection of 6 to 20 dishes. Family events serve smaller groups, such as a Mother's Day brunch for 4 to 6.

For anyone who savors kugel, borscht, kreplach, matzoh, baba ghanouj, gefilte fish or challah, this book offers healthy, delicious versions of traditional Jewish cuisine.

Ivy Feuerstadt has taught cooking classes and owned a take-out food
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Steven Spielberg to receive Honorary Doctorate from Hebrew University; Announcement made at Israel Premiere of 'Schindler's List'

Jerusalem, March 4, 1994-The Hebrew University of Jerusalem will award film director Steven Spielberg an honorary doctorate, university President Prof. Hanoch Gutfreund announced at the Israel premiere of 'Schindler's List,' organized by the Jerusalem Friends of The Hebrew University and Yad Vashem. Spielberg came to Israel for last night's premiere, which was attended by President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss.

The honorary doctorate will be awarded to Spielberg for his work as a filmmaker, his contribution through his new film to combatting Holocaust denial and for his ongoing contacts with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, whose Jewish Film Archive is named for him. The Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive, located on the Mount Scopus campus of The Hebrew University, is the world's largest collection of Jewish and Israeli documentary films.

The honorary doctorate will be presented in June at the university's annual convocation ceremony for the conferment of honorary degrees. In 1986, Spielberg received the Scopus Award from American Friends of The Hebrew University, its highest honor.

Oskar Schindler himself had close connections with The Hebrew University; he was director of the German Friends of The Hebrew University for several years and he was a frequent visitor to the university. There is a plaque honoring Schindler on the third floor of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace in the Alfred A. Davis Family Building. It "honours the memory of a courageous humanitarian. Throughout World War II he placed his life in extreme jeopardy in order to save more than one thousand two hundred Jews from extermination in German occupied Poland and Czechoslovakia."

Toward the end of his life, Schindler requested that money raised in his honor by Jews whose lives he had saved be used as a scholarship fund for disabled students at the university. Schindler received a report on the first scholarship student shortly before his death in October 1974. Schindler scholarships for needy students have been awarded annually at the university for the past 21 years.

The proceeds of Thursdays's premiere will be used to fund research and teaching programs in Holocaust studies, many of which provide a base for countering claims that the Holocaust did not take place.

Escape to Shanghai: A Jewish Community in China

by James R. Ross

Free Press 298 pp. \$22.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Accounts of the Jewish refugees of Europe who lived through the horrors of World War II in Shanghai have been scant and few. James R. Ross, an assistant professor of journalism at Northeastern University has written a substantial report of those Jews who survived through the tolerance of the Japanese occupied city and its environs.

Approximately 20,000 Jews fled Austria and Poland (some originated elsewhere in Europe) on Italian and Dutch ships to the only ports where they could enter without visas. Previously, a like number of Jews had settled in the same area when they left Russia after the 1917 revolution. In spite of less than cordial feelings between the two groups, help was given to the later arrivals.

They came with small remainder of their worldly goods, but managed to rebuild demolished and run-down neighborhoods and to establish small businesses or to find employment. Of the long-time Jewish residents, there were a few who had become wealthy. Outstanding Sephardic Jews most prominent were the Kadoories and Sassoons, who had fled from Baghdad early in the 19th century. Joined by others of the richest Sephardic families, they had established the first synagogue in 1898 and a Jewish school in 1902, then a Zionist newspaper, Israel's Messenger, which circulated worldwide. Most Jewish leaders of

the community were not interested in Zionism.

Unlike the Jews who went to Kaifeng, China 1,000 years earlier and who assimilated almost completely into Chinese society, the Shanghai Jews maintained their identity and did not intermarry, even between different Sephardic members. It is interesting to learn that the Sassoons had been among the first Jews to settle in Babylonia and were chief bankers for Baghdad's rulers, but left for India when David Sassoon were kidnapped for ransom. He founded an international trading company with offices in Hong Kong and Canton established by his sons, and finally in Shanghai when it was opened by the British.

After Pearl Harbor, the Japanese became less tolerant of the Jewish refugees in Shanghai. Their 15 years of conquest in China emboldened the occupiers to treat any of the inhabitants as the mood moved them. Somehow, in spite of abuse and some imprisonment and torture, they disregarded orders from their Nazi German allies to exterminate the Jews in China.

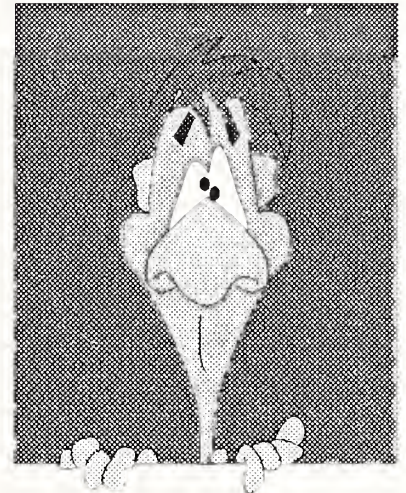
Before and after the entry of the United States into the war, there was strict limitation on admission of Europe's Jews into the United States, or any other countries. Once the war in the Pacific began, the Japanese cut off the permission to admit Jewish refugees.

In the United States there was a four-year battle over immigration waged between President Harry Truman and the United States. Although President Truman did succeed, in a measure, the process was slow, but by 1947, when it had become

extremely difficult for Jews to survive in Shanghai, the U.S. consulate there was processing about 250 cases a month. Under Truman's 1945 directive, 41,379 refugees were admitted to the U.S. By April 1948, over 5,000 refugees from Shanghai were admitted.

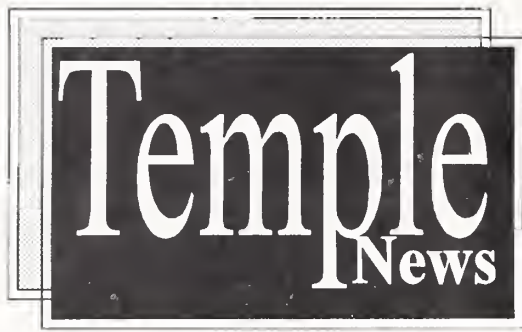
The struggle continued, however, here as well as in Australia. Not until after 1948 when the State of Israel was established and able to take remaining Shanghai refugees, who had become quite desperate, was the problem finally resolved.

Escape to Shanghai reveals the story of the Jewish community there, and it also reminds us of the Japanese onslaught in China from 1937 until the end of World War II and the sufferings of the Chinese people.



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business in the Boston area. Melinda Strauss holds a Master Degree in Social Work. They have held a lifetime interest in food and are active members of the Solomon Schechter Day School in Boston. The duo supervised the testing and selection of each of the book's recipes.



Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro, North Carolina
by Sam Moffitt

March brought hints of spring and the rebirth of activity. At Beth David our activities centered around the Pesach holiday and the continued growth of Beth David's Men's Club.

Where else could you eat in or take out a Pesach meal-only at Beth David! We hosted our annual community second night Seder at the synagogue and offered Kosher take out Pesach meals for people in our communities hosting home Seders. Many enjoyed the Kosher wines from Italy, France, and California ordered during the wine tasting at Purim.

Immediately preceding Pesach, two unusual events took place. We held our annual Chometz burning party where members of the community brought Chometz collected the previous night and burned it together while reciting appropriate prayers. Because Pesach fell on a Saturday night this year, a "Last Chometz" meal was held after Shabbat morning services which began at 8 am and concluded around 10 am. This was to ensure that all the Challah and Chometz was consumed by 10:30 am.

Beth David families also participated in the B'nai Shalom Chol Hamoed Pesach Family Day Trip. The trip to the Asheboro Zoo was thoroughly enjoyed as were the matza sandwiches!

Beth David Men's Club offered an array of activities during the month and are promising more to come in April. In conjunction with Pesach, they sponsored the *Family Pesach University* which offered short courses and opportunities to share Seder techniques, review melodies, and exchange Pesach kitchen tips. On March 20, the Men's Club sponsored the *Annual Art Auction* with works by Jewish artists such as Amram Egbi and others.

Several events are upcoming in April. On April 8, the Men's Club will procure and make available to all members of the community Yom Hashoah, (Holocaust Remembrance Day) yellow memorial candles. These candles are especially crafted for use on this day; and this is the first time that Beth David has participated in this nation-wide Men's Club effort. The members have been learning to chant Torah, Haftorah, and to lead prayers and service. On April 9, they will get the opportunity to lead a Shabbat morning service. Many men involved in this effort view this as a reclaiming of synagogue skills and activities. April 17 they will host the Torah Academy where men will learn to properly and competently perform all the aspects of the Torah services including Hagbah, Gelila, receiving an Aliyah, and serving as Gabbi.

Beth David will host two very special Oneg Shabbats in April. The first, April 15, will honor our new

members. The second, April 16th, will honor Philip Silver. Philip is well known by just about everyone at Beth David. He has been the Bar Mitzvah tutor at Beth David for a number of years. Tens, if not hundreds, of Bar Mitzvah students, teenagers and adults have learned to participate in services because of his efforts.

Yom Hazikaron, Memorial Day for Israeli fallen soldiers, is scheduled for April 13. We will once again mark this event at Beth David with a somber Hebrew ceremony. In the past, this has been attended by Israelis from Greensboro and other communities. All are welcome. Lastly, April 14, Beth David will again host the B'nai Shalom Zimriya, the Israeli Song Festival celebrating Israeli Independence Day.

As a final note, we had more than 60 members register for the 12-week Thursday night Basic Judaism Class. This is a good barometer of the spiritual climate at Beth David in which our members continue to grow.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC by Lynne Cojac

The arrival of spring finds the April calendar blooming with B'nai Mitzvah celebrations at Temple Beth El.

The bar mitzvah of Eric Goldfield, son of Marie-Louise and David Goldfield, will take place on April 9.

Jeremy Underwood will be called to the torah as a bar mitzvah on April 16th. Jeremy's proud family includes

parents Michael and Karen, grandmother Frances Underwood.

Andrea Eckert will become a bat mitzvah on April 23. Andrea is the daughter of Wayne and Sherry Eckert.

Emily Newman will become a bat mitzvah on April 30. Emily's parents are Carol and Stephen Newman.

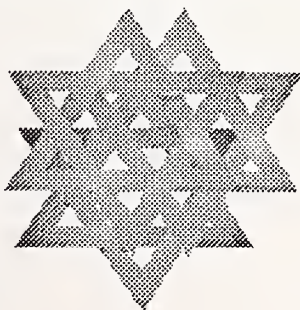
The Men's Club of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel will play softball together on Sunday April 17. Spectators and participants are welcome. Please call the Temple offices for details and time.

Sisterhood's April meeting will take place on Wednesday evening April 20th at 7:00. Program details are available through the Temple office (366-1948).

TEMPLE BETH EL WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY with a Shabbat Service honoring Past Presidents and Founders at 8 pm on Friday April 22. A special Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Entertainment by comedian Dennis Wolfberg will highlight the Gala Dinner in Silverman Social Hall on Saturday evening.

The 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebration will conclude on Sunday April 24 with the Temple Beth El Religious School Picnic Extravaganza. Please call the Temple office for more information about this historic weekend.



Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, NC by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle met on Feb. 12 to further consider the book *Tough Choices* by Vorspan & Saperstein. The discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, was based on Chapter 7, "Peace and International Affairs," and evolved into the question of whether war is ever justified.

Ask the Rabbi is the stimulating and informative program held once a month after Friday night services. On February 21 it featured an overview by the Rabbi of the notorious Protocol of the Elders of Zion, a document which purported to prove that the Jews indulged in wicked practices and were to blame for all the ills of the world.

Young Judea has been joined by the Middle School Young Judeans and the High School Young Judeans, two brand new groups. The 3rd to 6th grades met on Sunday, February 13 at Shalom School. Leader was Ruth Gaines; co-leaders were Jennifer Braverman, Mandy Levin and Andrea Berkey. The Middle School group also met on the 13th. Leader was Jason Wunsch, son of Debi Drecksler; co-leaders were Josh Ratner and Samantha Drecksler. The high school group met on February 6. Leader was Debi Drecksler.

The Religious School's Parent Teacher Organization sponsored a video and luncheon for all Religious School students and their parents on February 22, starting at noon.

Mommy & Me Purim on February

22 was a great occasion, coordinated by head Mommy Susan Ratner, with a Purim Parade, costumes, reading the Children's Megillah, shaking graggers, eating Hamantashen and singing Purim songs. Fun for everyone-the little ones doing their stuff and the big ones watching.

A Plaque honoring all the donors to the Sanctuary Refurbishment Project was placed in the Temple during services on February 18. The successful project was headed by Rose Rose.

Lunch with the Rabbi on February 21 was a well attended occasion on which the subject of the local appearance of hate-mongers and what course should be followed in dealing with them was one of the subjects discussed. Another was the question of the propriety of Jewish proselytizing.

Shabbat Seder at the Temple has become an established success. On February 4 starting at 6:00 the Seder, led by Rabbi Ratner, included songs, old favorites and new songs sung by all. The satisfying dinner was arranged by Ellen Gilreath and Brenda Lebensburger.

The Rabbi Lectured at UNCA on "The Hebrew Bible." Invited to speak for an hour on February 7, the Rabbi covered a lot of ground in a short time. He touched on "...the nature of God, humanity, the Jewish people, the covenant, the problem of evil, theodicy,..." and more. There were accompanying slides and music.

The Rabbi also spoke on February 16 during a three-part weekly series of seminars on the relationship between African-Americans and Jews.

Many Thanks, said the Rabbi, President Frank Gilreath and Temple Secretary Lonnie Gentile to Mark Jaben for creating the office's new mail shelves, which filled an urgent need.

Correction. . . In the February issue Joe Sullivan was referred to as a member of Beth ha-Tephila. Although he attends services almost every week with his wife, Liesel, who is a member, he is not a member, but is a very welcome and widely beloved guest.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, NC by Lillian R. Wellisch

Purim

Purim in Beth Israel as elsewhere was a time for laughter and fun as we recalled our redemption from the hands of defeat. Costumes, jokes, songs, caution-to-the-wind behavior, almost, completed the holiday scenes of frolicking children and adults. Though this was a time for us to reflect on what it means to be a Jew in a non-Jewish country; all had a "ball." The smells of hamentaschen, which had permeated the Schul kitchen, earlier prepared by Rochelle Neuringer and her committee, melted into a mouth-watering tasting party reality at this time of excitement.

Seudat Shlisheet

February's monthly Seudat Shlisheet was held on February 26th. Ruth Gaynes led a dinner time discussion on the significance of the tallith. Ruth is a widely known maker of talissim. Our intimate and meaningful Havdalah service followed.

Reflections on the Holocaust Museum

On February 5th, Rabbi discussed his powerful and moving trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Rabbi's Retreat and Weekend with the Youth Group

In January, Rabbi was busy on his retreat and a weekend with the Youth Group in Washington, D.C. A special thanks to Richard Harrison for leading services while he was away.

Jewish Humor

On Friday, February 25th, as Rabbi Birnham led a discussion on Jewish Humor, Cliff Feingold, President of the Synagogue, and William Lewin, past President, started the ball rolling with great Jewish jokes. (P.S. They were not jokes about being President of the Synagogue, just plain Jewish jokes.)

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat was held on February 12th in place of the cancelled January program.

Sephardic Cooking Class Coming, Coming

Lorraine Silverman will show how to make traditional sephardic foods. The editor (Alan Silverman, editor of **THE SHOFAR** and husband of Lorraine, obviously a maven) says: "Take it from me. It's great."

Scholar-In-Residence

Beth Israel is looking forward with anticipation to the visit of Karen Golden, our 1994 Scholar-in-Residence, on April 15 and 16. Karen is a storyteller par excellence from Los Angeles who specializes in making our communal and personal Jewish heritage come alive.

During this weekend of wonder, Karen will lead a variety of storytelling performances and exercises. There will be separate programs for families, children, and adults.

UNCA Professors

We are proud of our UNCA professors: Rick Chess, Assistant Professor of Literature and Language, has recently published poems in *College English*, *Onthebus*, *North Carolina Humanities*, and *The Sun*. Other poems are forthcoming in *The Massachusetts Review* and *Poetry East*. His essay, "The Straight Gaze: On May Sarton's Poetry," was recently included in *Poets*, published by the University of Tennessee Press. He was a panelist at the North Carolina Writers' Network fall conference, discussing cultural influences on his work. Edward Katz, Assistant Professor of Literature and Language, recently reviewed *Essays on Kant's Political Philosophy*, edited by Howard Williams (Chicago, 1992); it will appear later this year in the new journal *1650-1850: Ideas, Aesthetics, and Inquiries in the Early Modern Era*. He has submitted "Nature and Identification: The Problem of the Sublime in Cowper" for presentation at the Eighth Annual DeBartolo Conference on the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries, to be held in February. Ron Manheimer, Director of the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, has been appointed contributing editor of a new magazine, *Creative Retirement*. His feature, "The Changing Meaning of Retirement," appeared in the November, 1993, premiere issue. He has also been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the Older Adult Education Network of the American Society on Aging. He co-authored,

with Denise Snodgrass, "New Roles and Norms for Older Adults Through Higher Education," in the December, 1993 issue of Educational Gerontology. He also co-authored with Diana Moskow-McKenzie, A Guide to Developing Educational Programs for Older Adults.

Youth Group

As we left Asheville Friday afternoon for the short, but entertaining drive to Charlotte, we were all excited for the great weekend we had ahead of us! It was even better than expected—two days filled with fun, study, talk, food, services, and did we mention... fun? Even though it was only two days, we felt as if we had known these people for a long time and with the first day even new faces were recognized. It was a weekend that will carry us until the next convention, knowing that throughout the southeast there are hundreds of teenagers who share the same experiences as us, and that is the beauty of USY and other Jewish teenage youth groups... We all relate to and understand one another.

United Synagogue

It is our pleasure to report the success of the 1993 Biennial Convention, held November 11-15 at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In keeping with the theme of the Convention, "Climbing the Ladder: The Conservative Jew's Quest for Spirituality," the Convention was held over a Shabbat, allowing participants to share enriching prayer and study sessions.

Seder Course

During a four-part series, Rabbi Birnham took some congregants step by step through the Passover Seder,

explaining the how's and why's, using Ron Wolfson's, "The Art of Jewish Living—the Passover Seder."

Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Brunch—February 20

Beautifully and tastefully decorated, with a delectable lunch, and wonderful folk-dancing entertainment, with Pearl Rosenthal as leader, and Sisterhood participation. Congratulations to Muriel Gelbert and Alice Green, co-chairwomen, and their committee for a delightful time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steven Feingold for graduating from Florida Atlantic University with a BS in Nursing.

Temple Israel Charlotte, NC

by Elizabeth Taub

Recent Events

Temple Israel buzzed with activity during March. On March 13, the Sisterhoods of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El presented a joint program featuring Ann Kreindler-Siegel, who teaches those marvelous cooking classes at the JCC. The program promised a "palatable Passover without the poundage." Delighted participants sampled a variety of delicious, healthy Passover dishes and took home a collection of recipes.

The regular "Celebrating Life" luncheon was held on March 17. Sam Eneman, audio-video producer, presented an informative program entitled "Memories for the Mishpokheh." Attendees learned a variety of techniques for preserving those precious memories for their grandchildren.

A very popular March event was the Pre-Passover Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Sisterhood. What a great way to get a chametz fix before matzo time!

The March book discussion, held on March 21, addressed City of Many Days by Shulamit Hareven. This book traces the interwoven lives of Jerusalem residents in the years of British Mandate. Book club meetings are open to the entire Jewish community, and "drop-ins" are welcome. For information, call Linda Levy at 366-6362 (h) or 377-8982 (w) or Ruth Warat 542-8278 (h) or 522-6488 (w).

Finally, Temple Israel hosted a community Passover Seder on March 27. As in the past, this family-oriented event was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to the following couples on their recent weddings. Blair Shapiro and Susan Budz were married December 26, 1993. Blair is the son of Dicky and Walter Shapiro of Charlotte, and Susan is the daughter of Thea and Richard Doyle and Lewis and Judith Budz of New Jersey. Rhoda Segal and Herbert Cohen were married January 29 at B'nai Israel Synagogue in Anderson, SC. Rhoda is a former member of Temple Israel and is residing in Anderson, SC.

Mazel Tov is also extended to the families of the following new arrivals. Austin Ruben, son of Gerri and David Ruben of Kansas City, MO, was born December 24, 1993. Austin is the nephew of Rabbi H. Scott and Civia White. Lena Allison Pransky, daughter of Dr. Glenn and Terry Pransky of Sudbury, MA, was born January 13. The proud

grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Merrill Snyder of Baltimore, MD, and Baila and John Pransky of Charlotte. Alex George Kaufman, son of Lisa and Harold Kaufman of Charlotte, was born January 14. The proud grandmothers are Mrs. Peggy Rovman of Charlotte and Mrs. Sondra Kaufman of Dallas, TX. Barukh Ben Rohde, son of Rabbi/Hazzan Ira and Lisa Rohde of New York, NY, was born January 23. The proud grandparents are Herbert and Debby Brun of Weyland, MA, and Pearl and Gerard Rohde of Charlotte. Lauren Amy Gleiberman, daughter of Lynn and Robert Gleiberman of Charlotte, was born January 28. The proud grandparents are Ann Langman, Don Langman, and Rhoda and Aaron Gleiberman, all of Charlotte. Benjamin Lee Tulman, son of Dr. Daniel and Melissa Tulman of Smyrna, GA was born February 2. The proud grandparents are Mrs. Bobbi Bennett of Tucker, GA, and Elkie and Stanley Tulman of Charlotte.

New Members

Temple Israel extends a warm welcome to Vicki and Philip Berman.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, NC by Terri Sullivan

Winter has brought some sadness to our community this year. First the death of Sophie Kallman, mother of Marty and Barbara Kallman. We only got to know Sophie a few years ago when she moved to Hickory to be near her son. Since then we all enjoyed her active participation in synagogue events and she will be missed.

In mid February we lost a pillar of the Jewish community in Hickory

with the death of Phil Datnoff. He will always be remembered as a charter member of the Hickory Jewish Center (Temple Beth Shalom), past state president of B'nai B'rith, president of the Glenn Zerden Lodge of Hickory, a past board member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, Sunday School teacher, lay Rabbi, father, husband and good friend of our community.

Our condolences go out to Barbara and Marty Kallman and to Gwen and Lawrence Datnoff.

Purim brought a Megillah reading by our David Schoenveld and lots of wonderful Hamentaschen. There weren't too many in costume but those few were something to see!

On March 6, we had another occasion to be proud of our children. Sam Freedman, a freshman at UNC-G came home for the presentation of his Boy Scout Eagle rank. This is an accomplishment to be proud of and we congratulate Sam and his parents Judy and Sid Freedman.

This year Temple Beth Shalom will again be enjoying our Annual Community Seder on the second night of Passover. It is a wonderful tradition that has been the highlight of Passover for many years in Hickory. We often welcome new faces to our Seder and look forward to the same this year.



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"It Cannot Happen Here. . ."

A Personal Observation on the 50th Anniversary of the Deportation of Hungarian Jewry

Thursday, April 7, 1994 8:00 p.m.
Beth El Congregation, 1004 Watts St., Chapel Hill.

A community-wide service of remembrance featuring a personal account by Auschwitz survivor Magda Bader. Ms. Bader was deported in April of 1944 from her hometown of Munkacs as part of the mass deportation of the Hungarian Jewish community in the Spring of 1944. Conducted with unprecedented speed and barbarity, Winston Churchill characterized the destruction of Hungarian Jewry as "probably the greatest and most horrible crime ever committed in the history of the world."

The program is open to the public. Sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation. For more information, call Sheva Zucker (286-3628) or Henry Fuchs (933-0634)

The 1994 Days of Remembrance

**a Holocaust Memorial Service to be held
Sunday, April 10 at 2 pm
at the Raleigh Marriott Hotel, Crabtree
Valley**

The 1994 annual nationwide Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust will be observed from Sunday, April 3, through Sunday, April 10.

The year 1994 is considered the beginning of the end for the Nazis. But although the Nazis were losing against the Allies, their holy war against the Jews did not diminish. Even in the last days of the Nazi period, equipment and trains desperately needed by the German military were diverted to assist the systematic effort to kill the Jews, the top priority on the Nazi agenda. Throughout 1944, deportation and killings continued relentlessly, including almost all of the Hungarian Jewish community.

Neither the Soviet push from the east, nor the American, British and Free-French troops landing on the beaches of Normandy in June lessened the intensity and brutality of the Nazis' obsession to wipe out the Jews, Gypsies, the handicapped and any groups or individuals that stood in their way.

The State of North Carolina on the Holocaust will sponsor a Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday, April 10 at the Raleigh Marriott Hotel, Crabtree Valley at 2 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Professor John K. Roth, internationally known author, lecturer, leading Christian scholar on the Holocaust and professor of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. In 1988 he was named Professor of the Year by the council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust encourages the entire community to attend the Yom Hashoah Commemoration.

Southern Seaboard Region Hadassah

The Hadassah Southern Seaboard Region Spring Conference will take place on May 1-2 in Richmond, Va. at the Richmond Hyatt. The theme "Changing Times" will explore the role of today's Jewish women-what are her goals and how they have changed during the years. We will discover how Hadassah has given these women the opportunity to fulfill their many needs. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Ralph Nurburger, a widely acclaimed lecturer who has spoken through out the country on topics ranging from American politics in the Middle East to the role of Jews in the American political process.

Marlene Post, treasurer of National Hadassah will be the conference advisor.

All Hadassah members, spouses, children and friends are welcome. Contact your local chapter for further information and reservations.



Dovie Melnick, of Danville, President of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah (right) stands with Deborah Kaplan, National President of Hadassah, at the museum dedicated to Henrietta Szold. They were in Jerusalem as participants in the Hadassah 1994 Midwinter National Board Meetings, which were addressed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli cabinet members.

CJF Women's Division Announces Exciting May Program: Irene Opdyke, Righteous Gentile

Judy Kaufmann and Ann Langman, co-chairs of the Women's Division Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, are proud to announce a very special program to be held, Saturday, May 1, 1994 at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Beth El.

The guest speaker will be Polish-born Irene Opdyke, who hid 12 Jews in the basement of a villa belonging to a German major for whom she did housekeeping during WWII. During those years, she risked her life many times to aid Jews, even though it was considered a capital crime, punishable by death. She is one of 5,000 individuals in the world, recognized for bravery during the Holocaust.

At the war's end, she was interred in a displaced person's camp in Germany. She left Europe in 1949 and came to New York City, without

skills, friends, family, or financial support. Since that time, Opdyke has become a U.S. citizen and settled in California where she is active in civic and community affairs. In recognition of her wartime heroism, she was awarded the medal of honor by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in 1982. She also earned international acclaim through the Commission for the Designation of the Righteous, and has been awarded the title of "Righteous," given to Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews.

Ms. Opdyke is a vibrant and dynamic personality who travels constantly to satisfy speaking engagements. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Audrey Krakowitz, Federation Staff Associate, 366-5007, ext. 209.

Committee members: Dorothy Ashendorf, Wendy Hennes, Susie Lepow, Linda Levy, Nancy Tarbis, Marilyn Tuckman, Marci Wilenzik.

Australian ORT Program Takes Off

ORT, the global Jewish network for scientific and technological education, is spreading like wildfire "down under." The Jewish day schools of Sydney, Perth, and Melbourne, Australia are establishing ORT technical education programs in addition to their regular curricula, announced Sandy Isenstein, national president of Women's American ORT, who lauded ORT's spread to a sixth continent as "further evidence of ORT's continuing relevance to Jewish life and the world economy."

In addition to its involvement with the Jewish schools, ORT has established links with Australian government educational authorities that have resulted in significant cooperation. The Department of School Education of New South Wales, the largest state, has adopted ORT technical education courseware and technology in all of its 27 technical high schools. An ORT demonstration laboratory in the Macquarie Technology High School, north of Sydney, has been designated a "regional technology resource center."

Women's American ORT, an organization of 1,000 membership chapters across the United States, has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for 65 years, building schools and training students in Jewish communities around the world.



April

Crown City Chapter "ORT" by Peggie Rovman

On the local scene this chapter has really been movin' and groovin'. Busy doesn't nearly describe the pace of these past months.

On Saturday, March 12, the Annual Donor Gala was held at the Cedarwood Country Club. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were hosted by Phil and Florence Sperling, prior to dinner.

On April 11, Monday, the chapter will host the JCC Chai Group for lunch and some surprise entertainment. Getting the generations together always proves to be a very rewarding day.

May 7, Saturday, the Chapters annual auction will be held. Members are encouraged to bring husbands, significant others, friends, and relatives. The more, the merrier. This evening is always great. Good food and lots of fun promised for all. For more information please contact Evelyn Hochstat, 846-4961.

On Tues. May 24, the yearly planning conference will be held. We encourage all members to participate. This is the day your year is planned. Come, be a part of it. Further information will be forth coming.

Installation of the '94-'95 board will be held June 12. Watch your mail for details.

This is our local news. Now read on about our involvement "down-under."

Ethics vs Ideology by Estelle Hoffman

"To expect the world to treat you fairly, because you are a good person is like expecting the bull not to charge you, because you are a vegetarian." Rabbi Joseph Telushkin told members of the Rabbis' Kallah in Charleston on February 27 that Mordecai Kaplan spoke that piece of wisdom. It makes one smile, but the simile is weighty with comment on faith, on misguided belief, and reality.

Rabbi Telushkin spoke about the consequences of the conflict between ethics and other values. We hear a great deal about ethics these days, ethics in medicine, ethics in business, ethics in government. What happens when ethics conflict with other values? The answer is not easy.

Jewish tradition thinks telling the truth is good. Rabbi Telushkin cited St. Augustine and Immanuel Kant as strong supporters of truth, and some of us are empathic in our adherence to this principle. St. Augustine believed a lie would deny eternal life. Kant felt belief in God wouldn't be the basis for morals.

It seems that when these values become ends in themselves, they may become immoral. Ethics are important, and ideals are important. The danger lies in choosing between them.

Thinking back through history, many examples come to mind of great errors which caused extreme suffering as a result of a willingness to pursue a goal. Communism was to eradicate anti-Semitism. The Crusades were to regain the Holy Land. Martin Luther aimed to correct the evils of the Roman

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Catholic Church.

What can serve as our guide? The supremacy of the ethical could be the proper direction, but what happens when strict observance of other values makes people do unethical things? The first Prophet of written record was Micah, who wrote, "What is required of man? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." He did not give priority to truth.

Speaking of Micah, why are there no prophets today? Rabbi Telushkin said there are two reasons: first prophets of old have revealed all of the basic things we need to know. Also, prophets need a prophetic age. What kind of reception would greet them today?

Notwithstanding the above reasonable deductions, we still need to make decisions, and we need a basis for making them. What matters most to God is a problem which still bedevils us. We should never lose sight of the fact that ideas and ideals have consequences. People who are unreservedly certain of their way can be misguided, leading them to disaster.

There comes to mind the effect of zealotry. When zealotry, driven by high ideals, contrary to less popular exercise of common sense governed by reality, has led to disaster of enormous proportions, people consoled themselves by making heroes of the zealots. It would seem to be a poor substitute for survival.

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The Female A-Genda They Left As One

Jo Minchew

Two dozen ladies left two dozen houses,
Watered their plants, waved "Bye, Bye!" to their spouses,
Grabbed overnight bags and, starting their cars,
Zoomed away to Embassy Suites, their eyes filled with stars.

Two dozen ladies, all ages and sizes
Were ready to take in the first night's surprises.
Checking in with their roomies, they each claimed a bed
Then dashed to the lobby to wait to be fed.

At dinner, that night, how they chatted and giggled
With a country-boy waiter and a waitress who wiggled!
While the food was just fair, they shared lots of guffaws
Over name games and sculptures they built out of straws.

Sweet-smelling Havdalah, some Yiddish and jokes
(about Bobbitts and Tonya and other nice folks,)
Then, off to bed feeling less like strange dozens
Not exactly like sisters-but something like cousins!

It's Sunday, already? Well, "ain't that nice?"
Too much late-night gossip. . .The shower's like ice!
Downstairs they enjoyed eggs and meat they were eating
Then, entered a room for the "meat" of the meeting.

Guest One-Dr. Rotberg (their very own Heidi)
Who taught them to breathe (and release their anxiety)

Next? Two Charlotte women (who, as volunteers
Aided Israel's Army) shared laughter and tears.

Dan Lepow then talked about our Federation
And L. Klemmons' comments are *always* an education!

A bio-ethics discussion left each of them pensive,
A self-defense expert made them more self-defensivel

Then packing their bags with hotel soap and notes,
They gave back their room keys and put on their coats

These two dozen ladies went back to their grinds
With a smile on their lips and new thoughts in their minds.

Two dozen ladies shared learning and fun.
(Well, they came as two dozen. They left as ONE!)

People Power Weekend

The I.D. Blumenthal People Power Weekend featured Ari Goldman this year February 4, 5, and 6, at Temple Israel in Charlotte, NC.

Ari Goldman is author of **The Search for God at Harvard** Long time religion reporter for New York Times, he spent a year at Harvard, studying comparative religions, in the Divinity School.

As an Orthodox Jew, Mr. Goldman discussed his finding the balance between the sacred and the secular. In some measure, in this country most of us need to make such a search. Scholar-in-Residence Ari Goldman thinks Americans are unique in religion; "We feel the tug."

"Living in two worlds is not easy," he admitted. The struggle did not exist in the Shtetl, but here, how does one express one's faith? Surveys show that 90% of Americans identify with a religious faith, far more than in Europe. However, we attend our places of worship infrequently, Jews and Christians alike.

We wonder how we can be a light unto the nations and yet remain separate as Jews? How do we appear as both Americans and Jews in the public square?

He spoke of the stricter demands of Orthodoxy now, compared to the 1950's. The danger, in his view, is in giving up everything when it seems impossible to obey all the commandments. He prefers to assume the struggle, acknowledging that the system is good, even when the practice is imperfect.

During one session, Ari Goldman entertained questions mainly on the *(cont. on pg.42)*

subject of American Muslims. He is working on a book about the life of Muslims in America, their life cycle events and rites of passage, which he believes resemble those of Judaism.

At Sunday Brunch, the topic was "Israel and the Media," on which he spoke with authority after more than twenty years reporting and as a member of the Journalism faculty at Columbia University.

GCAR Winter Kallah by Estelle Hoffman

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis held its winter Kallah in Charleston SC Sunday, February 27, to Wednesday, March 2. The program was arranged by Rabbi Edward Friedman, assisted by his wife Janice, and the days were filled with interesting content.

There was a record attendance for a winter Kallah, with 32 people, due to Susan Sapinsley's expert announcement and invitations and the attractiveness of Charleston. The program opened on Sunday afternoon with a talk by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin on the subject of the consequences of conflict between ethics and other values. The contents of his presentation will be reported in an article in the **The American Jewish Times Outlook** as it is deemed an important subject for thought.

On Sunday, the Jewish Community Center offered its facilities for meeting and dinner. Preceding the dinner was a reception with music by Janice Friedman and Joseph Clarke. Dinner was followed by greetings from GCAR president Rabbi Philip Silverstein and Rabbi Edward Friedman of Charleston,

who was chairman of the Host Committee. Michael Abidor, director of Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center of Charleston, then addressed the group.

Ted Rosengarten addressed the group on "Jews in the Civil War Period," a well researched description of Jewish participation in both sides of that most unhappy period in our history. Incidentally, Abraham Lincoln tried to correct any anti-Semitic aspects that came to his attention.

Speaker on Monday morning was the celebrated Reuben Greenberg, who is Chief of Police of Charleston. Dr. James Hagy of the College of Charleston recounted the early history of the Jews of Charleston, dating back to pre-Revolutionary years. Synagogue Emanu-El was host for the day.

There was a four-hour tour of the City of Charleston, conducted by Rhetta Mendelsohn, professional guide, and despite a chilling wind, her information was extensive, judged the best anyone in the group had previously had in Charleston sightseeing tours.

On the second day, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim hosted breakfast for the group, and meetings were held there for the rest of the day. Speakers were Sol Breibart, historian, and Rev. Bruce Evenson, Chaplain of Roper Hospital, who spoke on "Listening and Helping People in Crisis."

Rabbi Ed and Janice Friedman invited the group to an Open House at 5:00 p.m. one day, there were D'voray Torah after breakfasts and lunches, morning Minyanim and a business meeting.

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Long-Time Retailer Dies at Age 77

Charlotte-Philip Datnoff, 77, of Hickory, died Feb. 17, 1994 at Frye Regional Medical Center, Hickory.

Born July 30, 1916, in Burlington, VT, he was a son of the late David and Anna Witten Datnoff.

An Army veteran of World War II, he flew planes in North Africa and India. He was employed as the manager of the shoe department of Zerden Department Store.

He was a charter member and past president of the Hickory Jewish Center (Temple Beth Shalom), a charter member, past president and a Man of the Year of the Civitan Club, a member of the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee at Frye Regional Medical Center, a board member of the American Red Cross and a volunteer of the bloodmobile program, a past state president of the B'nai B'rith, and president of the Glenn Zerden Lodge of Hickory. He was a past board member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons.

He was a member of the American Legion, a past master of the Hickory Masonic Lodge 343 F & AM, a member of both the York and Scottish rites of Freemasonry, and the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. In December 1993, he received the Red Cap with its highly cherished title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor from the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rabbi Myron Datnoff.

Survivors include his wife,

Gwendolyn Zerden Datnoff; a son, Lawrence Elliott Datnoff; three granddaughters, Emily, Daria and Gabrielle; two daughters-in-law, Rochelle Rudo Datnoff and Elizabeth Gollub Datnoff; and four brothers, Simon Datnoff of Baltimore, Md., Arthur Datnoff of Columbia, S.C., Abraham Datnoff of Birmingham, Ala., and Joseph Datnoff of Burlington, Vt.

Memorials may be made to Temple Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 9142, Hickory, NC 28603.

Mr. Jerome Irwin Madans, 63, of Charlotte died March 3, 1994

Mr. Madans, a New York native, was president of Macanal Textile Corp. and Pauline Knitting Industries in Salisbury. He had served on the board of directors of N.C. Cotton Manufacturers Institute.

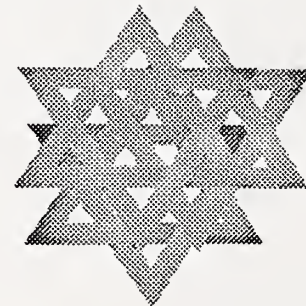
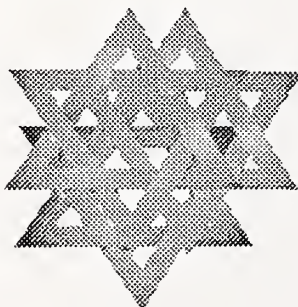
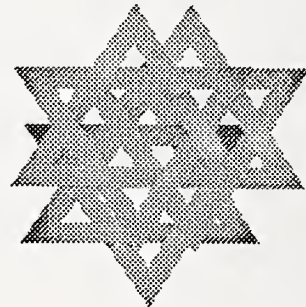
He was a graduate of Lowell (Mass.) Textile Institute and had lived in North Carolina for 34 years. He was a member of Temple Israel, served on its board of directors, and had been president of Temple Israel in Salisbury. He also was on the Blumenthal Jewish Home board of directors and was chairman of the board of directors for Charlotte

Personals

United Jewish Appeal. He was an associate member of Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah. He was a member and former president of Amity Country Club.

Survivors are his wife, Audrey; son, Craig Madans; daughter, Mrs. Maxine Klenicki of Newton, Mass.; sister, Mrs. Gilda Finkelstein of Roslyn, N.Y.; three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Blumenthal Jewish Home, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012; to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226; or to Lubavitch of North Carolina, 6619 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270.





Hirschmann-Goldberg

Augusta, GA - Vicky Marcel Goldberg and Paul Marc Hirschmann, both of Greensboro, were married Nov. 7 at Walton Way Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Paulette and Joel Cohen of Augusta and the

late Dr. Ira Goldberg. She is a graduate of Westside High School, the University of Alabama and Nova University. She is a Teacher of the orthopedically impaired with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The groom is the son of Henry and Blanche Hirschmann of Charlotte. He is a graduate of Cushing Academy High School and Elon College. He is a systems analyst with Convatec.

Matron of honor was Wendy Hennes. Maid of honor was Linda Goldberg. Bridesmaids were Tracy Cohen, Adina Leach and Debra Cohen.

Best man was Alan Tebby. Groomsmen were Hal Cohen, Michael Hennes, Gary Sorkin, Gerald Leach and John Newpol.

The couple reside in Greensboro.

Directors (including Mrs. Frank Sinatra, Mrs. Cary Grant, Mrs. Oscar Wyatt, Jr., Mr. Gregory Peck, Ms. Phyllis Cerf Wagner, Hon. John F. Lehman, Jr. and the Kelly family of Philadelphia) in raising monies for grants, scholarships and apprenticeships to help aspiring, young talented artists in theater, dance and film realize their career goals.

Ms. Lerner is now Director of Marketing for WEDJ-FM radio "The Edge," in Charlotte.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Paul Edelstein and the late Mr. Sam Lerner of Charlotte; the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Rosenberger of Charlotte and the late Mr. & Mrs. David Lerner of Lincolnton; and the grandnephew of Ms. Nelly Schwarz of Clemmons.

Mr. Lerner is an honor graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. As a former member of the Washington firm of Arthur Andersen, Mr. Lerner is now president and CEO of Action Plus Sportswear in Charlotte.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was her sister, Ms. Marni Kaufman of Charlotte. Bridesmaids were: Ms. Julie Lerner (Denver), Ms. Donna Lerner (Charlotte), Ms. Michelle Roth (NYC), Ms. Patty Bloom (St. Louis), Ms. Kelli Sureck (Wash. DC), Ms. Shelley Braunfeld (NYC), Ms. Meryl Klein (Houston), Ms. Jody Waronker (Atlanta) and Ms. Cheri Raiffie (St. Louis).

The Best Men were: Mr. David Silverman (Charlotte), Mr. Gary Lerner (Charlotte) and Mr. Mark Lerner (Charlotte). Groomsmen and

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Kaufman & Lerner Married

Alyson Brooke Kaufman of New York City and Eric Charles Lerner of Charlotte, were married at Temple Israel in Charlotte, Saturday night,

March 5th, followed by a reception at Providence Country Club. Rabbi Scott White officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald P. Kaufman of Charlotte and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kaufman of Hartsdale, New York and West Palm Beach, Florida, and the late Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fox of Chicago, Illinois and North Miami Beach, Florida.

The new Ms. Lerner is a graduate of the University of Texas and a member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority. As the former Director of Events for the Princess Grace Foundation-USA in New York City, she worked closely with Prince Albert of Monaco and the Princess Grace Foundation Board of

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ushers were: Mr. Sander Gerber (NYC), Mr. Michael Karz (LA), Mr. Howard Levkowitz (LA), Mr. David Mizrachi (Panama), Mr. Leon Rittenberg III (New Orleans), Mr. Adam Schiff (Long Island), Mr. David Van Glish (Charlotte), Mr. Andy Baron (Charlotte), Mr. Richard Brail (Cambridge), and Mr. Bryan Speizman (Charlotte).

The couple honeymooned in Monaco, France and Italy and now reside in Charlotte.

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A fascinating demonstration of ancient and medieval musical instruments was given by Prof. Steve Rosenberg, Chair of Music Dept., College of Charleston.

All who had a part in planning this GCAR Winter Kallah were complimented and thanked by the attendants for filling the time with events that were educational, stimulating and enjoyable. GCAR enjoys the abilities and motivation of its members.

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It is apparent that a person devoted to an ideology may easily desert ethics. Something higher and of utmost importance must govern morals. That should be the place of religion.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin is the author of *Jewish Literacy* (Wm. Morrow & Co. 1991), a book described as "The Most Important Things to Know about the Jewish Religion, Its People, and Its History." Rabbi Telushkin collaborated with Dennis Prager in writing two important books on Judaism in the past decade. They are *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism* and *Why the Jews? In Jewish Literacy*, a volume of almost 700 pages, Rabbi Telushkin has given to us in one book almost everything we need for research on the Bible. All of Jewish history is covered, followed by a segment on American Jewish life. Jewish texts are covered, then a section on Jewish Ethics and Basic Beliefs.

The last is particularly enlightening, since Rabbi Telushkin is a profound thinker and philosopher.

There are chapters on practical matters, including the calendar and holidays, life cycle events, the role of the synagogue and prayers.

Ordained at Yeshiva University, he pursued graduate studies in Jewish history at Columbia University. He lectures throughout North America and is an associate of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for learning and Leadership. His writings are all intensely interesting to read, as was his presentation which inspired this article.

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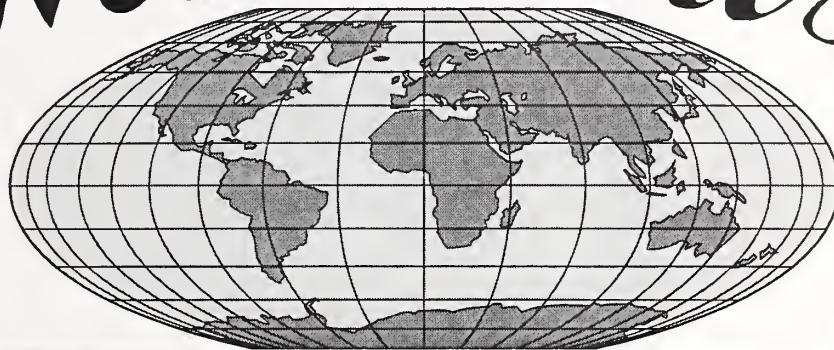
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World News



ISTANBUL-At the signing of the interreligious declaration calling for an end to ethnic strife and bloodshed in Central Asia, the Caucasus and Bosnia, Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left) of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, shakes hands with Turkish Chief Rabbi David Asseo, right. Next to Rabbi Schneier, who organized the conference, is Bartholomew I, the Ecumenical Patriarch and spiritual leader of the world's 270 million Orthodox Christians, conference co-sponsor. In the white fez: Mehmet Nuri Yilmaz, president of the office of religious affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

"The Jewish people have a special interest in the principles enunciated in the declaration, since they are the ones often caught in the middle when a state or region is beset by internal religious or nationalistic upheaval," Rabbi Schneier said. He noted that nearly 100,000 Jews live in Central Asia, currently the scene of several such conflicts.

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United States. More than 100 communities will be taking part in the project here, now in its fourth year.

This year, for the first time, Yad Vashem is providing the Jewish communities with computerized lists of Holocaust victims, including details of their date of birth, place of residence and where and how they perished. Even though only 60,000 names have been computerized to date, this will soon enable Yad Vashem to tailor lists to specific groups: a list of the million and a half children who perished for youth groups, lists of former residents of specific towns, etc.

Jewish groups in the CIS have shown an extraordinary interest in the project and participation over the past four years has jumped from 15 readings to over 200. "Requests for lists of names have been received from places where we didn't even know there were Jews," notes Reichman. "We never dreamt of such a response."

Since many Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union were cut off from Israel, only now are the names of their victims being sent to Yad Vashem for inclusion in its lists. "Many of these names were unknown until now," says Reichman.

Michael Gilead, who is today in charge of the 520 WZO emissaries in 180 Jewish communities around the world and is a member of the project's international committee, is a survivor of the Auschwitz. "As a survivor, I feel a special obligation towards promoting this project. I feel it has tremendous importance for youth in the Diaspora. They need to be reminded that there is only one place where a Jew can feel truly free and safe and that is in Israel."

Delegates to UJA's Ninth National Young Leadership Conference visit Capitol Hill



House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) receives a delegation from the UJA's Ninth National Young Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC March 20-22. The more than 2600 participants visited their Senators and Representatives and signed a petition urging the U.S. government to redouble its efforts on behalf of Israeli MLA's and POW's. UJA Photo/Robert A. Cumins



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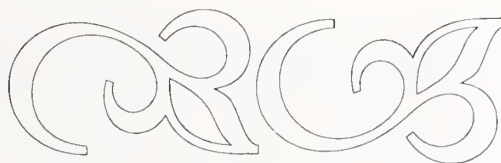
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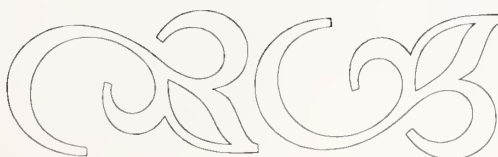
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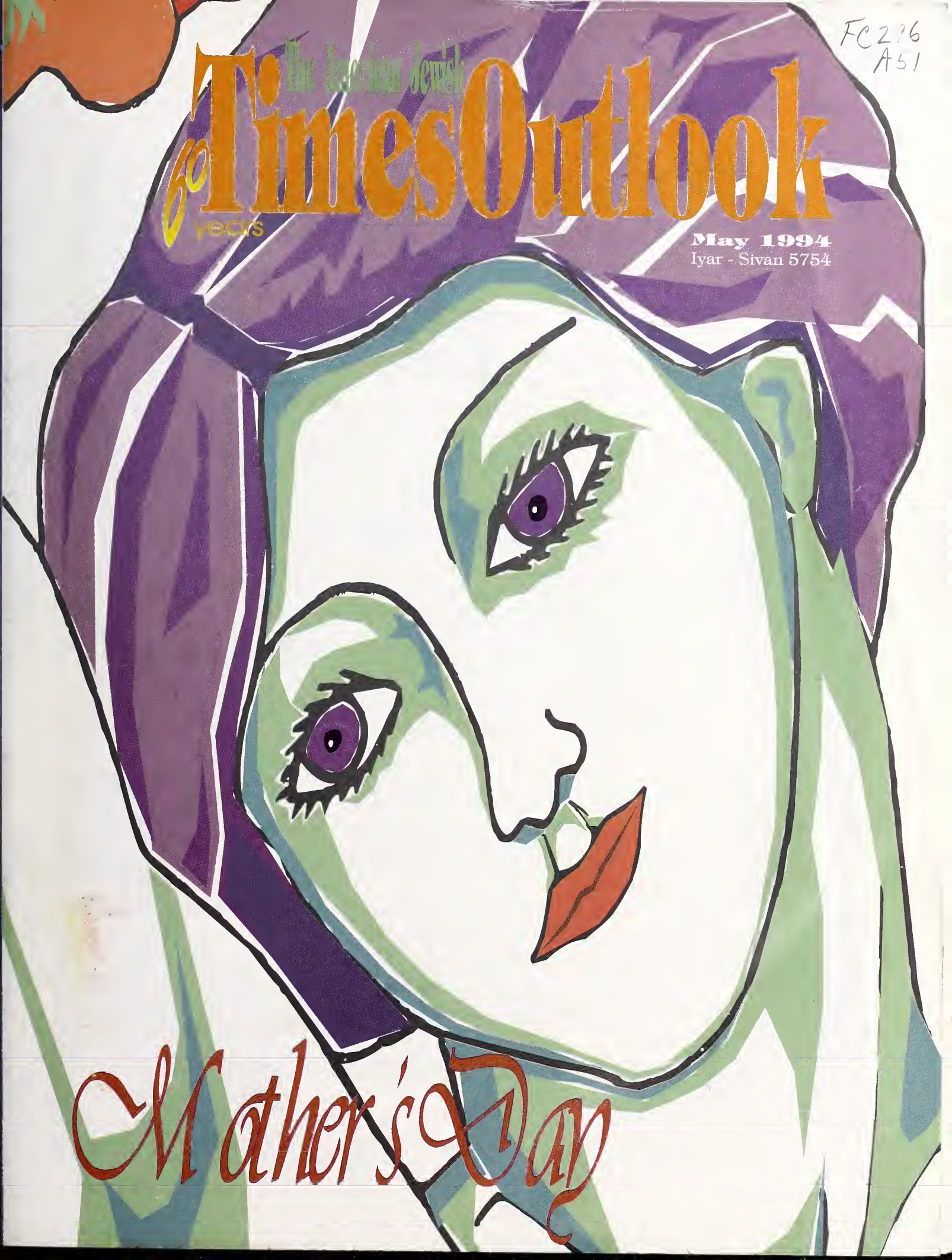
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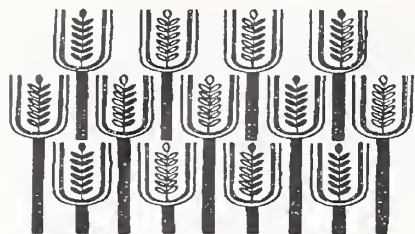
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Shavuot

The two-day holiday of Shavuot, during which it is tradition to eat dairy products, begins at sundown, May 16. We hope you will enjoy some familiar recipes with a slight twist for good health. Enjoy!

Cheese Blintzes with Fresh Raspberry Sauce

Dairy Makes 12 Blintzes

This makes a delicious dessert as well.

Crepes

3 eggs or egg substitutes

1/4 cup skim milk

1/4 cup water

1/3 cup unbleached flour

Vegetable oil, as needed

Place eggs in a small bowl and beat well with a wire whisk. Add milk and water to the eggs and beat again. Slowly add the flour to the mixture, beating continuously as it is added until the mixture is smooth and thin. Heat a 7-inch, nonstick saute pan on medium heat until hot. Add about a teaspoon of vegetable oil to the pan. Pour in 2 tablespoons of batter and tilt until the batter has covered the bottom of the pan. Heat until the batter begins to cook and the edges curl away from the sides of the pan. Invert the pan over a clean dish towel that has been spread out over a counter or table. The cooked crepe should fall easily out of the pan. When all the crepes are cooked, prepare the Cheese Filling.

Cheese Filing

Makes enough Filling for 12 Blintzes

My grandmother made this simple filling without eggs.

12 ounces dry curd low-fat cottage cheese or farmer's cheese

1 tablespoon sugar

Butter as needed

Pour off any liquid from the top of the cottage cheese and place in a small bowl. Add sugar and combine well.

To fill the blintzes, place a tablespoon of the cottage cheese filling in the center of the cooked side. Fold the two sides over the cottage cheese, turn the bottom up over the cheese, and then the top up and over, like an envelope. Fill all 12 crepes.

To complete the cooking, saute the blintzes in approximately one tablespoon of butter until golden brown on all sides. Add more butter as needed. Serve with light sour cream, nonfat plain yogurt, applesauce, or Fresh Raspberry Sauce, and garnish as desired.

The blintzes can also be filled and served immediately, eliminating the saute step and the extra butter. To serve cold (as in the photograph): take the crepe and turn it over so the cooked side is

down. Then fill as above. Serve cold with the Fresh Raspberry Sauce and fresh raspberries.

Per serving (blintzes with filling): 94 calories; 8 gms. protein; 4 gms. carbohydrates; 5 gms. fat; 53 mgs. cholesterol; 19 mgs. sodium

Fresh Raspberry Sauce

Makes 2 cups

1 pint raspberries

2 tablespoons sugar (optional)

Mash raspberries in a food mill. Press the berry pulp and liquid through the mill to eliminate the seeds. Combine the berry puree and sugar to taste. Pour over cheese-filled blintzes or serve on the side.

Per serving (3 tablespoons): 10 calories; 0.2 gm. protein; 2.3 gms. carbohydrates; 0.1 gm. fat; 0 mgs. cholesterol; 0 mgs. sodium.

Blintz Souffle

Dairy Serves 12 to 15 people

4 eggs or egg substitute

1 pound farmer's cheese

1 pound part-skim milk ricotta cheese

2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1/2 cup skim milk

3 tablespoons corn oil

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Born in the USA

Social Empowering in Israel

by Lisa Samin

(WZPS) At the age of 33, "Nira" started to have disturbing dreams in which she was sexually abused by her father. Over a seven year period, despite moving to Israel from the United States, undergoing a major career change, becoming a practicing Jew, and getting engaged, the dreams persisted. Needing someone to talk to, and too ashamed to go to family or friends, Nira turned to a self-help group for women who were sexually abused as children. By attending weekly meetings and talking about her dreams, Nira realized that she had been abused as a child and that many other women shared the same trauma.

Self-help and support groups are relatively new concepts in Israel. Imported from America and based on the original Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step approach, the idea of therapeutic support is rapidly taking hold in Israeli society, according to Ami Bergman, a social worker for international development projects of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). "In a massive country such as the United States, the family unit is weakening and people are lonely," explains Bergman. "The need to reach out and share their feelings with

strangers is greater. In the Middle East, this sharing of feelings is still in the beginning stage."

Martha Roman, sociologist and Director of the Israel National Self-Help Clearinghouse, has extensively researched and promoted the idea of self-help groups. "It is becoming legitimate in today's Israel to admit to personal problems and deal with quality of life issues," she says.

The Clearinghouse, run by an interdisciplinary staff of 11 professionals, is the national address for self-help and support groups. Started in 1986 by the JDC-Israel, the Ministry of Labor and Welfare and the Women's League for Israel, the Clearinghouse today serves 400 self-help groups. (Unfortunately, no statistics are available on the number established by Americans).

Ellen Sanders Tourjman, an American immigrant whose second child died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) shortly after her Aliyah, was a pioneer in starting a SIDS support group in 1987. "I came from a culture in which people dealt with their problems by talking about them. It never occurred to me that support groups were the exception rather than the norm in

Israel. I was even interviewed on television."

But Ellen encountered many obstacles, especially in getting native Israelis to commit to a group. "Even my Israeli husband," says Ellen. "Until he realized the value of it, he couldn't understand why I wanted to sit around talking to strangers."

"We are not relieving the government of its responsibility to care for its citizens," says Ramon. "Rather, we are providing the tools and resources for people to learn from each other, to know what they can demand and their rights and obligations."

Nira Cohen Beren, a veteran sociologist in the Jerusalem Municipality's Welfare Department, directs the four-year-old Unit for Self-Help Groups. Founded with the assistance of the Clearinghouse, the unit provides guidance and counseling services for 92 groups on how to establish and run a group, offering telephone and xerox services, places to meet, professional literature, etc.

Given Israel's multi-lingual, multi-ethnic society, the Clearinghouse works with very diverse populations. In any given week, no less than 25 self-help groups advertize in the English language "Jerusalem Post," including Overeaters Anonymous, families of memory-impaired people, neonatal death, parents/relatives of gays, a Parkinson's Disease support group and even a misanthrope group for people who need their space.

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Though far fewer in number, support groups are also advertized in the Hebrew press. These include Alcoholics Anonymous and Second Generation Holocaust Survivors, the latter founded by native Israeli Nahum Itzkovich. "As a psychologist, I know the natural reserve people feel with professionals. The people in our group share the same pain and frustration and they come to release these feelings. I'm a firm believer in self-help groups."

Bergman and Beren feel there is a definite social stigma among Israelis involved in getting professional help. But the attraction of being responsible for one's own fate, and coping with people in similar situations on equal terms, has added to the growth in the number of support groups.

"When you go to a professional, you are the patient and he is the one constantly giving the support. The relationship does not exist on equal terms. In a self-help group, there is a give and take in which people learn from each other and increase their sense of self-worth," says Beren.

Many English speakers have chosen to start their own groups in English, feeling better able to express themselves in their native language.

Debbie, the mother of a seven-year-old boy with neurofibromatosis (benign tumors in the nervous system) which can cause severe deformities, was involved in a support group in the United States. In Israel, hoping to start a parents' support group in English, she found herself part of the actual group itself,

which consisted of native Israelis. "I like the meetings," says Debbie. "They are intimate and personal and give us a lot of emotional support. But I'm still trying to start a group for parents because I think we have different problems and different needs." Debbie is working in conjunction with Beren's department to establish such a group.

Although the Clearinghouse focuses mainly on health, welfare and aliyah issues, support groups are springing up in a wide variety of areas: people affected by the Scud missiles, mortgage holders and parents for better education.

Even immigrants from the Soviet Union are beginning to establish self-help groups of their own, and at a recent meeting of mortgage holders held in Russia, 400 people turned up.

The challenge to self-help activists in Israel is great, but they are certainly off to a healthy start.

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Women Professionals in Jewish Organizations: Climbing The Ladder But Not Reaching The Top

Is the Jewish communal world a good place for women professionals?

In an attempt to answer this question, the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Jewish Committee commissioned a study on the status of women professionals at local Jewish organizations and agencies. The resulting report, entitled "Status of Women in Jewish Organizations," notes that the situation that exists for women in Philadelphia, for the most part, mirrors that in other communities across the country. This study is a follow-up to two earlier AJC studies that focused primarily on the status of women who serve as volunteers or lay leaders. The 30-page publication was written by Nancy Isserman, coordinator of Temple University's Center for American Jewish History, and Lisa Hostein, news editor of the Philadelphia *Jewish Exponent*.

The data for the report is derived from questionnaires and selected interviews focusing on personal status issues as well as opinions about the work environment. Of the ninety-four respondents from Jewish

organizations and synagogues in the Philadelphia area, twenty-nine were male and sixty-five were female.

Among the major findings of the study was that while women have made progress in Jewish communal service over the past decade, particularly at entry and mid-level positions, few can be found at the top, heading up Jewish agencies. In Philadelphia, the fourth largest Jewish community in the country, only one woman has advanced to become an executive of a major agency. Such statistics are commonplace throughout national Jewish agencies. For example, in one of the earliest such studies, undertaken in 1977, the Conference of Jewish Communal Service documented that less than one percent of women in Jewish agencies held executive positions. A 1981 update reported minor progress, with women inching up to occupy two percent of the executive positions. Another study, commissioned in New York in 1981-82 by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, noted that "for every female executive director, there are ten male executive directors." The study also showed that almost all of

the female directors they referred to were found at Jewish community centers or hospitals.

As a direct result, the report continues, women in Jewish organizations earn salaries which cluster in the midrange. Ms. Isserman and Ms. Hostein note: "The dearth of women at the top level is striking when one considers that women comprised over half of the staffs surveyed."

The inability of women to attain top executive positions in significant numbers, in Philadelphia and elsewhere, is due to many complex factors, the authors assert. Among the barriers they cite: the "old boys network" which feels more comfortable with male executives and continues to influence hiring patterns; stereotypes about women and their role in the family which are held predominantly by older, male lay leaders; the assumption that women can't relocate for top positions due to family considerations; and the low turnover in high positions, as men often occupy top leadership positions for over twenty years.

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Despite the current situation for women in Jewish organizations, the respondent believe that the potential for change does exist. They cite a greater awareness and sensitivity among some lay leaders and executives to promote women to executive ranks. When asked "Do you believe there are obstacles that keep women from attaining the highest level positions in your organization?" most of the participants answered "no." With respect to issues of family accommodation and flexibility, the survey found that almost 75 percent of the professionals believe their organizations are sensitive to the needs of employees who are women and mothers, establishing formal and informal policies such as flexible hours, home work, sick leave for families, etc. However, at the same time, there is the perception that such benefits actually work against the ability of women to advance, especially if they are perceived as benefits only women take advantage of.

The authors, while encouraged that the issue of women in the Jewish professional world has been put on national agenda, stress there is still a long way to go. The American Jewish Committee recently co-sponsored a national conference to address this issue within the context of a wide range of topics affecting women in the economy.

Ms. Isserman and Ms. Hostein state: "Recent surveys in Philadelphia and elsewhere indicate a mixed bag when it comes to the status of professional women in the Jewish communal structure. Women have moved into executive level positions. . .However, a glass

ceiling does exist that has prevented women from moving up into the top slots. . .

They conclude their report with recommendations for helping remove the remaining barriers for women. They include:

- **Place the issue on the agenda of all Jewish organizations;
- **Develop a mentor system for female communal workers with professionals in the field;
- **Develop workshops for lay leaders regarding the role of women in executive positions;
- **Develop and plug into national training programs that would provide the leadership development skills necessary for women to move up in the field.





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"Food for Thought"



Fay Londner

The subject of food tastes and aromas do provoke immediate and intense responses. At a recent discussion group we began to talk about memories of childhood sweets. Several from the group are originally from the New York area and as they recalled visions of the neighborhood candy store. I saw their eyes begin to sparkle just like I had lit a gigantic bonfire under their souls.

another. "If you bit into it and it had a pink filling, you won a prize. If it didn't have pink in it, I spit it out."

"Not me, said another. "I always ate it either way."

We all know that scientifically food sustains our lives. What is it about food and the memories of an enjoyable dinner that sustains our deeper beings? Recently I ran across a very unique cookbook entitled *"Seasons and Seasonings of the Siegal Family, Favorite Recipes and Family Recollections."* There are a lot of cookbooks in the market these days, but this one is different. Compiled by Selma Mayer, Phoebe Cotton, and Shirley Berdie whose lives are rooted from Minnesota to Alabama and in between, the cookbook is divided into Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer and then subdivided into family events that occur during times such as the High Holy Days in the Fall, etc. Each season has a few paragraphs submitted by family members recalling their family history revolving around the recipes which the authors says "seasoned our
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"Mary Janes," one said.

...those yellow coated candies on a stick filled with peanut butter."

"No, no better yet. . .Charlotte Rouse?" another said telling me how these delectables came in a little cup with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

"Do you remember those candies that had white cream fillings?" said

Is it possible to have fond memories of a plate of hush puppies! Could a tuna casserole be a bonding experience between two people?

During the first writing workshop I participated in, our slight thirty something instructor tossed out an assignment. She told us to write for fifteen minutes without stopping. . .and the subject?. . .What did your childhood home smell like?

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lives.” The universality of their stories may be worth more than their recipes.

In a segment entitled “The Tree is Sustained by Its Roots,” Melvin Mayer writes about their ancestors.” In many cases a silver spoon, a copper pot, a down comforter, or a Shabbat candlestick were the only material assets our grandparents or great grandparents were able to bring with them when they left their homelands to come to America. They did bring with them their strengths, courage, belief in themselves and their religion and a strong moral fiber. In addition, they brought their recipes.

From the family “guggle muggle”, a snapps laden cure for winter coughs, to the “original Tsimmes recipe” remembered differently by family members, this book takes us on a journey through years of family bonding and making us feel like we are at their table sampling Lillian Gritz’s Orange Chiffon Cake and sweating away in the kitchen as the kreplachs are made from scratch. We share the families, mitzvahs and losses as we sample their recipes.

All of us have memories of our lives through food. My brother, Herbert, can tell you exactly where we last shared time with this relative or friend by detailing the eggplant parmigiario we shared the night we ate with that person. Sometimes after school when my parents might be away (the times when stores closed on Wednesday afternoons and my parents would drive to Asheville for the day) my Aunt Sophie Lessing would prepare an elaborate table of food for her daughter, Susan, and me. It was no

simple cookies and milk but a spread of maybe fifteen items laid out as if it was an afternoon snack for King Tut. It was the crispy hush puppies that I remember most, always vowing to not eat as many as the last time, always ending up eating even more.

My Aunt Fay Londner passed away a few months ago. Through my genealogy research I found out she was really 95 but no one in the family had the courage to tell her, she thought she was a couple years younger. Aunt Fay loved to cook, and she was good at it, too. She was also a strong-willed woman. When Aunt Fay and Uncle I.J. came to visit, my Mom sort of abandoned the kitchen so not to have any territorial skirmishes. When we told Mary Walton, our housekeeper, that Aunt Fay was coming to visit, she would look to the Heavens and say, “Lord, Lord” and walk away shaking her head.

One hot summer day Aunt Fay asked me to help her fix tuna casserole. I loved Aunt Fay and her asking me to help made me feel special. I didn’t really do very much and watched with astonishment as Aunt Fay must have mixed fifty different ingredients and spices into a big glass bowl. Suddenly I was filled with fear. What if I didn’t like this concoction when it was done? I certainly couldn’t tell Aunt Fay. As the casserole bubbled away in the oven, Aunt Fay and I talked about school and the stock market (I was a much better market guru at ten than I am now, and I was Aunt Fay’s unofficial broker). As we talked I still couldn’t help but be filled with horror of the impending casserole tasting that I would endure when the

final product was placed on the table, yet what was really happening in that kitchen that day was the making of quite an enduring relationship between Aunt Fay and me. One that lasted a lifetime. . .and more. My stock market tips never made Aunt Fay a fortune, but she made me feel like a million, and I knew that it was not fear but love that would enable me to swallow that tuna recipe, no matter what.

The time arrived. The tuna casserole was ready. Spiritual moments come at strange times. I quietly asked God to help me endure whatever it took to eat what was to be on my plate. It worked! God answered my prayers. The fifty ingredients canceled themselves out. The tuna casserole had no taste at all!

Of the many wonderful things that have occurred in my life, just knowing Aunt Fay ranks near the pinnacle. Time will not lessen the pain of losing her. I miss her more today than I did yesterday, but that is okay because some things in life need to hurt forever because they meant so much. I doubt my life with Aunt Fay would have been the same if not for that day in the kitchen with the tuna casserole. Legacies come in the most surprising recipes.

What did your childhood home smell like?

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Holocaust Survivors tell the story of their suffering because “only education can help”

By Kim Wessell.

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Herman Nove doesn't want to see Schindler's List, the Academy Award-winning movie based on the true story of Oskar Schindler, the German Catholic man who saved more than 1,000 Jews from the Nazi death camps.

He doesn't have to see it.

“It's not for us,” he said in a thick Hungarian accent. “We know. It's for the people in the United States who no was there.”

Nove and his wife, Rose, both in their 80s, were there. They lost their families there.

Nove lost his in Auschwitz. During World War II, Nazi Germany built the concentration camp in southern Poland to carry out Adolf Hitler's “Final Solution” - to kill all 11 million European Jews. Estimates of the number of people killed in Auschwitz reach 4 million, mostly Jews from all across Europe.

Nove was from Satu Mare, Romania, close to the Hungarian border.

At the time, he was married to Rose's sister, Auralia, and had three children.

He had already spent nearly two years in labor camps when, in 1944, his wife and children were taken to the ghetto and, eventually, to Auschwitz.



Herman and Rose Nove in the courtyard of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

Fifty years later, sitting back in a chair in the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, he tells their story as if it were his own.

People were loaded onto a train, anywhere from 90 to 100 of them cramped into boxcars otherwise used to deliver horses, cattle and sheep.

When they arrived, they were stripped of their clothing.

“They take the dresses from everybody,” he said. “Everybody was naked... Then come Dr. Mengele.”

Dr. Josef Mengele, known as the “Angel of Death” for his gruesome medical experiments on prisoners, was believed to have sent 400,000 people, most of them Jews, to the gas chamber at Auschwitz.

Mengele, Nove said, put all the children and the sick and elderly to one side, and all the young and healthy to the other.

“Only he don't say nothing,” Nove said. “He showed with his hand, he waved with the finger, ‘You go this way.’ To the sick, elderly, he say, ‘Now, we go for shower.’ Only no shower. It was gas chamber. No water come. Gas come.”

Nove didn't know of his family's fate until after May 7, 1945, when Germany surrendered, ending the war, and when his wife and children never returned home.

Friends and family, upon their return home, told him that his wife wouldn't leave their children, ages 9, 11, and 13.

“She don't want to let go of the children,” he said. “She don't give up the children... Many, many don't ever come home.”

Nove's wife, Rose, has trouble remembering.

She lost her first husband, Adolf,

to the Holocaust.

But when she looks down at the swollen, slightly bent little finger on her right hand - the one that froze from the cold while she was in Auschwitz - her eyes drift off, as if into the past.

Nove, however, tries hard not to forget.

He'd like to tell as many people as he can about what happened, because he knows that soon his generation - the survivors- will all be gone.

And no one who was there will be left to tell the story.

So for as long as he's still around - "Thank God, my mind is still working," he said - he'll talk to anyone who wants to listen.

He'll tell his story, a story that began in June 1942, when he had to leave his family for the labor camps.

"I don't have too much problem in labor camp," he said. "One time, I was beat. This was funny...."

Nove was a cook. One day, the lieutenant-the man in charge- sent his soldiers down to the kitchen to see Nove.

"They say he needs chicken paprikash for six people," Nove said. "I say, 'I don't have chicken. I can't make chicken paprikash with no chicken.'"

Then the lieutenant came down. "I say to him, 'Give me your gun and I go into town and get some chicken.'" The lieutenant, he say: 'You see this? I have 14 bullets. Thirteen are for Jews, and one is for me.' I say, 'Mr. Lieutenant, you take yours now, and we'll share the other 13 later.' Oh, he beat me terrible."

After two years and five months of sleeping on a straw-covered floor and eating mostly dry vegetables, Nove was able to do

what most others could only dream of - escape.

"I was special. I was a cook," he said. "I was in the back, and they don't watch over me like the others. I saw a chance. It was evening. Almost dark. I got out and dove in the street, you know, where the water runs. It was dry. And it was a little dark. When everybody left, I got out, and I go into town. I get help from the gentile people. And I get to go home."

Rose got to go home about six weeks later, and in 1946 the two were married.

They came to the United States 28 years ago. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, for about 10 years, then Florida and here.

They haven't been to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

And they won't be going to see Steven Spielberg's motion picture either.

Because they know.

"Very little people in United States really know of Holocaust," Nove said. "Only education can help. Nothing more. Just education."



Herman Nove with his first wife Auralia and their sons, Alexander and Diberiu

National Nursing Home Week: May 8 - 14

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| May 8 | Parents' Day Brunch, 12:15 p.m.
Steve Huyser, Informal Piano Music, 2:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | Spring Celebration, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |
| May 13 | Mayfest at BJH, Courtyard |
| | 10:00 am Proclamation of National Nursing Home Week;
Mayor of Clemmons, Nat Swanson |
| | 10:00 -11:00 Temple Emanuel (Winston-Salem) pre-school visit |
| | 10:00-12:00 Popcorn and lemonade |
| | 10:10 am Balloon lift off with Temple Emanuel Pre-School |
| | 10:15-11:00 Nina Cooper, ventriloquist |
| | 2:30-3:30 pm Resident and Staff Ice Cream Sundae party |
| | 2:30 pm "Centinel Squares" (Square Dancing) |



Two popular volunteer projects are the General Store and the monthly shopping trip. Above: volunteer Harold Simons assists Far Oaks resident Nellie Schwarz with her purchase in the General Store while other residents wait for their turn. Right: volunteer Jane Emerson assists new Fair Oaks resident Fay Simon with shopping and lunch on the trip to Hanes Mall. Call Sue Clein at 910-766-6401 to volunteer for these or other volunteer programs.



BJH Briefs

Marla Woods, Helena Giammarco and David Wachs present a concert for Passover.



North Carolina School of the Arts students Marla Woods, Daniel Wachs, and Helena Giammarco presented a stirring concert of Jewish music during the week of Passover. Residents hummed along to the soulful Yiddish melodies, familiar liturgical music, and to the sounds of Dayenu and Ma NishTanah, played on the French Horn and violin. Marla, a violin student from Greensboro, Daniel, pianist originally from Israel, and Helena, french horn player from Winston-Salem, are talented musicians who enjoy sharing their love of music with the Blumenthal Jewish Home residents.

Passover came alive at BJH weeks before it began, beginning with the ordering of special foods, followed by a cleaning campaign, preparation for the Seders and continuing with programming throughout the week to maintain the holiday spirit.

Seth Levy, who conducted a lively first seder on Saturday night, and the old tradition of volunteers Barry Strulson and Andrew Ettin who sang and assisted Sam Jacobson, Religious Director, with the second Seder on Sunday; Rabbi James Bennett of Charlotte who led a stimulating pre-Passover discussion at the weekly Rabbi's Hour program, North Carolina School of the Arts students who presented a beautiful concert of Jewish music during the week, and services the first and last two days of Passover in the Synagogue, led by Sam Jacobson. Of course, enjoyed all week were the traditional Passover foods and sharing holiday celebrations and meals with friends.

As is traditional, the Fair Oaks Commons Auditorium was filled for both the first and second Seders with residents joined by family, friends, and staff rejoicing together in this unique observance. This annual multi-generational event is a highlight of the religious programming at the Home.

Highlights of the holiday were: the new addition of Executive Director



Volunteer Polly Strasser introduces Lannie Miller at the April birthday party.

Lannie Miller, of Greensboro, clown, magician, comedian, and balloon artist, performed magic at BJH for the April birthday party. For about an hour, the audience was spellbound as the Auditorium was transferred into a place of fantasy filled with laughter and surprises. Residents, staff and volunteers delighted to Lannie's slight of hand tricks, good humor, and beautiful balloons. Lannie left behind a BJH fan club, an array of fanciful balloon creatures, and a crowd wondering "Where did that water go?"



Eva Kaplan shares the pleasures of the Seder at BJH with her son, Stuart, daughter in law Naomi and grandson.

Sue's News

Volunteer Brings IBM Grant and a Caring

Heart to BJH



Volunteer Joseph Manno presents a check for \$1,000, from the IBM Fund for Community Service to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

As a volunteer for a little more than six months, Joseph Manno shared his enthusiasm and his concern with the residents of BJH. He recently brought another gift to BJH by obtaining an IBM grant of \$1,000 for the Home.

Joseph began volunteering at BJH in September 1993 at a time when he found himself, in what appears to be a national trend, in the market for a mid-life career change. He came to BJH to see if we could help him as he explored a new career interest in the nursing profession. In the short but sweet time Joseph volunteered at BJH, he spent many hours a week socializing with residents throughout the Home. He assisted with B-2 activities, developed a regular card game with B-2 resident Regina Becker and assisted A-wing residents in menu selections.

Joseph's volunteer experience helped him to confirm his interest and he entered the nursing program at Forsyth Technical Community College this spring. While BJH helped Joseph onto his career track, his volunteer work provided a resource for the Home. His friendly personality and interest in and

concern for others enabled him to be a good listener and a friendly visitor to many residents. With an eye for bringing pleasure to others, Joseph had a friend create large scale wooden tic tac toe games to be used by residents with impaired sensory skills.

Before completing his volunteer work, Joseph wanted to do even more for the Home. As a former IBM employee, he was eligible to apply to the IBM Fund for Community Service. This \$1,000 grant can be requested by IBM employees who, working as volunteers in non-profit agencies, recognize a need or a worthy program which the grant would satisfy. The grant was requested to be used to purchase a much-needed portable stage for performances and programs held in the Commons Auditorium.

Congratulations to Joseph Manno for obtaining this \$1,000 grant for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Residents can now look forward to enjoying performances with greater visibility. We thank Joseph for his interest in the Home, his loving concern for the residents, and his vision in securing this gift.

Calendar Highlights

May

- 1 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 3 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 6 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 8 Parents' Day Brunch, 12:15 p.m., Fair Oaks Dining Room
- 8 Steve Huyser, Piano Concert, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 8-14 National Nursing Home Week**
- 10 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen's Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Leave for Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, Spring Celebration, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 13 Mayfest, activities in Courtyard all day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Brenner Concert, Community Youth Symphony, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 15 Eve of Shavu'ot, Services, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 16 First Day of Shavu'ot, Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 17 Second Day of Shavu'ot, Yizkor Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 18 Resident Council meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 19 Schmoozing with Seth, 10:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 20 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Brenner Concert, "Square Dancers," 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 24 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Bennett, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 31 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Sandman, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue



Fair Oaks resident Bernie Goodman shares a laugh with volunteer Ruth Jacobs at Sunset Cafe in Greensboro.



Lannie Miller entralls the crowd with his magic and good humor at the birthday party.

SuAnn Mayhue

Appointed Director of Social Services and Admissions



SuAnn Mayhue

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in May.

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Pauline Allen, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

17 years

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14 Years

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11 Years

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9 Years

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing

6 Years

Lois Slater, Nsg. Asst, Fair Oaks

5 Years

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4 Years

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SuAnn Mayhue joined the BJH Social Services Department in March, 1993. During the past year she has been the social worker on the B-1 Unit and has assisted with Admissions. BJH is pleased to announce SuAnn's recent appointment as the Director of the Social Services Department.

In this position, SuAnn will also serve as the Director of Admissions and continue as the social worker on the B-1 unit. She will supervise the Social Services department and staff members, Carol Robbins and Frandee Duggins, who serve as social workers on the Fair Oaks unit, A-Wing, and B-2.

SuAnn brings to this position a dedication and commitment to the Home and the residents. Her soft spoken and conscientious personality has endeared her to the residents and to the families with whom she has worked.

SuAnn is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a graduate of Salem College with a degree in Psychology and Sociology. Prior to coming to BJH, she worked with the Alzheimers Center in Winston-Salem.

SuAnn says she is excited about the

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Gertrude Monosoff enjoys the company of her son Murray and his family at the Passover Seder at BJH



Following the Rabbi's Hour program, Rabbi Robert Sandman of B'nai Israel Synagogue in High Point shops with his wife in Blumies Gift Shop.

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Editor
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THE FAIR OAKS CAPITL CAMPAIGN OF THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

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Greensboro Volunteer Anita Rubin gives BJH resident Claire Cass a hand getting to the birthday party.



Volunteer Darrel Mandelstamm escorts Sue Michelutte on the shopping trip to Hanes Mall.



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

"Honor Thy Father & Mother"

"Honor Thy Father and Mother." The Blumenthal Jewish Home takes the Fifth Commandment very seriously. If you were to visit our Home and walk the halls, you would see how we honor your parents and grandparents every day.

In the most skilled care wing, you would see our Alzheimer residents smiling because they recognize a tune being played by one of our recreation specialists.

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Visiting Friends

On April 7, Herman Blumenthal and Director of Development, Bruce Schlosberg, visited with friends of the Home in Kinston and Goldsboro. Below are pictures of Herman with Leo Brody of Kinston, David Weil of Goldsboro, and Bobby Kadis of Goldsboro.





BOOK & The Arts MEDIA Book Review

The Book of Words: Talking Spiritual Life, Living Spiritual Talk

by Lawrence Kushner

Jewish Lights 137 pp. \$21.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Lawrence Kushner's name is recognized as the author of *The Book of Letters*, *Honey from the Rock*, *The River of Light*, and *God Was in This Place and I, I Did Not Know*. All are published by Jewish Lights, a publisher in Woodstock VT that is selective in its publications. Its books attract people of all faiths who seek inspirational and educational reading. Lawrence Kushner is Rabbi at Congregation Beth El, Sudbury MA.

The Book of Words uses thirty words chosen from the Hebrew, with their usual translations into English and Rabbi Kushner's new definitions of them, using brief passages from the Bible and other classical sources. At the end of each passage, he adds *Kavanah*, which he calls "Living Spiritual Talk."

The book aims to guide the reader into a life spiritually enhanced. It surely leads to thought beyond one's

daily life. Most interesting to me is the portion on *Korbahnnote*, Sacrifices. We spend a series of Sabbaths reading portions in the Torah which deal with sacrifices, which seem irrelevant to us.

Rabbi Kushner refers to the philosopher Emil Fackenheim for a response to our questions about retaining these readings. I find the explanation valid. With the destruction of the Temple, animal sacrifices ended. Instead we are called upon to offer the most precious thing we have—time. We are called upon to surrender some of our limited supply of hours in gratitude for the blessings of our lives.

Truly, time is the only thing we cannot get any more of—it's worth the sacrifice of the one finite possession we have, while we fill that time with meditation.

This author is acclaimed by philosophers and theologians of many faiths, but his works are written for all of us. This book is adorned by his own calligraphy. It is a book to be read and reread, on which to spend some of our precious time in appreciation of the light it sheds.

Sandcastles: The Arabs in Search of the Modern World

by Milton Viorst

Alfred A. Knops 414 pp.

\$25.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The Arab world consists of twenty-one countries, and it is the "heartland" to which Milton Viorst devotes *Sandcastles*. This portion of the Arab World is called "Mashreq" in Arabic (note the similarity to the Hebrew "Mizrach" meaning "East"), extending from the eastern shore of the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf. The book includes chapters on Iraq, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait and Jordan, but within those chapters the other Arab nations in the region are included, and repeatedly the Palestinians.

The chapter on Kuwait is outstanding, and it is worth the price of the book. It contains the history of Kuwait and the background and developments which led to the invasion by Iraq and the Gulf War of 1991. Despite all of the coverage in the news media, I believe that the complete story is not to be found

elsewhere. It merits our interest and concern, and Milton Viorst writes in a manner that makes reading an exciting experience.

This author has specialized in Middle Eastern studies for the past twenty years. He was educated at Rutgers, Harvard, Columbia and the University of Lyons, France. He has written eleven books, and is highly respected for them and his contributions to such periodicals as *The New Yorker*, and for his columns in *The New York Times* and the *Washington Star*.

His understanding of the Arab nations is the result of his interviews with people in all segments and classes of their society. This book is objective and unbiased, inasmuch as it is possible to be, in my opinion. The history and politics and, inescapably, religion are intertwined, giving the reader a comprehensive understanding of this part of the world.

Centuries of failure to keep up with the rest of the world seem to be programmed into Arab culture, and the more they fail, the more their humiliation adds to their frustration and hostility. Unfortunately, Arab nations have been ruled by despots and tyrants, whether secular or Fundamentalist.

The subtitle of *Sandcastles, The Arabs in Search of the Modern World*, indicates a glimpse of hope by the author. He acknowledges that history is not finished, that "in recent years more Arabs have come to recognize that building a civilization on tyranny or fanaticism, however indigenous they may be, is like building

sandcastles." Moreover, as the number of Arabs who are becoming educated increases, many of them in the Western world, the likelihood of their progress grows.

Milton Viorst sees a chance for peace between Israel and Arab countries. He has an understanding of the Arabs and their world that is uncommon in the many authors we read in our struggle to understand a background and culture vastly different from our own. *Sandcastles* is a book we truly need to read to gain knowledge of Arab society.

Katerina
by Aharon Appelfeld
W. W. Norton & Co. 215 pp.
\$9.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Katerina is the story of a Christian peasant woman, a Ruthenian, who lives through the Holocaust. Her family and neighbors were vulgar, prejudiced and ignorant people. Some light is shed on the attitudes of Jews who lived in such places, which made them feel completely alienated. There could have been no attraction to such a society.

Cast out of her home when her father remarried after her mother's death, Katerina is taken into the home of a Jewish family as a

servant. She had no knowledge of Jews, their religion or way of life. As she is taught the rules of Kashrut which she must follow, and as she learns of their beliefs, she is led to embrace their values.

Conditions change, anti-Semitism increases, and her employers lose their lives. Utterly devoted to the children, she tries to keep them, but they are taken from her. Her life continues in connection with Jews, but the times are cruel, and she endures devastating suffering.

Her love of Jews does not lessen her pain; the strength she gains from their beliefs help her survive until the age of eighty, when this tale begins. The body of the work tells about her adult life. The final chapter is the same as the first, when she returns alone to what remains of her childhood home.

Katerina is translated from the Hebrew by Jeffrey M. Green, whose English narrative gives no clue to its not being the original language of the writer. Aharon Appelfeld is an Israeli who came out of that world in which Katerina lived. He has told her story from within the soul of this poor peasant who had the misfortune to be born and live her entire life in a time and place that were vicious.

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Vienna's High School Students See "Schindler's List" For Free

Vienna's Mayor Helmut Zilk has announced that the city's high school students are able to see Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List" for free during school hours in three theaters.

As of March 18, 35,000 of the city's 77,000 students in 8th grade or above have already seen the film or applied for tickets. The project will be continued after the Easter school break. Because of the strong demand, Mayor Zilk is sure that more than two-thirds of the students will eventually see the film.

After each performance, the students get the chance to question Holocaust survivors or other witnesses about the Nazi years. Witnesses may also be invited to classrooms for later discussions.

The first witness was famous Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who praised the project in the national and international media as a highly effective measure in combatting radical right-wing and racist views.



Steven Spielberg

Reconstructing Jewish History Award to Steven Spielberg Shines Spotlight on Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv

An award to Steven Spielberg, director of the Academy Award-winning "Schindler's List," has put the spotlight on one of Israel's most fascinating institutions-Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv.

On Sunday, May 1, the museum confers its Medal of Honor on Mr. Spielberg "for his contributions to the arts, Jewish memory and continuity" at a dinner in Manhattan's Plaza Hotel. Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, is dinner chairman.

"The achievements for which we honor Steven Spielberg conform precisely to the goals of the museum itself, which is to offer new perspectives and new insights into the Jewish experience," says Sam

E. Bloch, a vice president of American Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, the dinner sponsor.

The Museum of the Jewish Diaspora is the world's foremost cultural and educational repository linking Israel and Diaspora Jewry. Named for the late Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a founder and long-time president of

the World Jewish Congress, it is the first and only museum devoted to the history and culture of the Jewish people, covering 2,500 years of Jewish life in the Diaspora.

A Different Kind of Museum

The Institute heart of Beth Hatefutsoth is its striking permanent exhibition, which is divided into six main areas: Family, Community, Faith, Jewry Among the Nations, Culture and Return to Zion. This thematic structure-rather than the chronological approach-is a radical departure from the accepted notion of a historical museum. A "Chronosphere," a dome-shaped auditorium that serves as a giant screen for more than 30 synchronized projectors, depicts the story of the migrations of the Jews in relation to events in world history.

The second major deviation from conventional museum practices grew out of Beth Hatefutsoth decision to visually reconstruct the entire history of the Jews in the Diaspora. This history is told not, as in most museums, by presenting authentic artifacts-of which very few survive, except for sacramental objects-but by displays that include imaginative reconstructions of figures and situations based on historical sources; reproductions of objects and works of art; photographs, graphic exhibits (diagrams, tables, maps), film and audio-visual displays of all types, computer programs, music and

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texts. All texts, including the narrations accompanying films and audio-visual displays, are in Hebrew and English.

The public's response since the opening of the museum 16 years ago has been highly enthusiastic, and Beth Hatefutsoth stands today as one of the most popular institutions in Israel for visitors from the United States and around the world.

A Special Presentation to Yeshayahu Weinberg

In addition to honoring Mr. Spielberg, the May 1 dinner will include a special presentation to Yeshayahu Weinberg, founding director of Beth Hatefutsoth, who is now director general of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Past recipients of the Beth Hatefutsoth award include Elie Wiesel, Leon Uris, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Salo Baron, Richard Dreyfuss and Dr. Michel Chlenov,

chairman of the Vaad-the central organization of Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union.

In the United States, the American Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth has been organized to develop financial support for the museum. The Friends organization, headed by Abraham Spiegel of Los Angeles, also is responsible for placing traveling exhibitions from Beth Hatefutsoth in American museums and other settings as a service to the Jewish community.

OUT OF THE PAST: A life-size display at Beth Hatefutsoth-the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv-shows a Jewish-Greek dialogue in Alexandria in 40 C.E. Hananel, a Jewish craftsman (seated), discusses current issues with a Greek intellectual, who is not otherwise identified.



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- 1/2 cup unbleached flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- Fresh Raspberry Sauce (page 22)

Spray an 8-by 12-inch glass pan with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat oven to 350 degree F.

Beat 2 of the eggs in a large bowl and add the farmer's cheese, ricotta, sugar and lemon juice. Mix well and spread over the bottom of the pan. In the same bowl, combine the remaining 2 eggs, skim milk, oil, flour, and baking powder and beat with a wire whisk until well combined. The mixture will be thin. Pour this over the cheese mixture already in the pan. Bake for 45 minutes until the top is golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool slightly. Cut into 12 to 15 squares. Serve with Fresh Raspberry Sauce, strawberries, blueberries, or nonfat plain or vanilla yogurt.

Per serving (based on 12 servings): 207 calories; 13 gms. protein; 12 gms. carbohydrates; 12 gms. fat; 83 mgs. cholesterol; 74 mgs. sodium.





Pilgrimage
by Suzanne Tribble Cannon

*"By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion."
Psalm 137*

With what shall I catch my tears,
O Israel,
as I look behind me,
watch you fade into the distance,
not knowing if I will ever see you again?
It is only now that I truly understand
the weeping beside the streams of Babylon,
the longing for the soil
of Eretz Israel,
that seared the souls of your people
for more than a thousand years.
I, too, feel a piece of my heart
shorn from my soul,
left for eternity in the fields
of white poppies in The Galilee,
the stinging salt of the Dead Sea,
the ancient walls of Jerusalem,
the yellow carpets of wild mustard
blooming shamelessly everywhere.
Yet I have nothing with which to catch my
tears,
so I let them fall,
leaving drops of joy and sorrow
along the last path I walk in this holy
place.
I pray that where each teardrop falls,
the Lord will remember it,
and there sow a new field of poppies-
forever rooted in Israel,
as a part of my heart shall always be.

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Beth David Synagogue Greensboro, NC by Sam Moffitt

Pesach was certainly a highlight of the spring. The Beth David Community Second Night Seder boasted record attendance! Our synagogue was bursting at the seams when over 220 people came to share the Pesach Seder. The Beth David Men's Club "Passover University" was also well attended. More than thirty members participated in this unique event and left with new ideas and methods for celebrating and observing their Pesach holiday.

Other Men's Club activities in April included the Men's Club service in which many men demonstrated their newly learned skills such as Torah and Haftorah reading and leading davening. A special Newcomer's Oneg was held April 15 as part of our drive to reach out to the unaffiliated in our community; and prospective new members were also welcomed with an afternoon barbecue on May 1.

On April 16 Beth David was pleased to honor Philip Silver at a special service. Philip has tutored more than one hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvah students over the past nine years at Beth David. A big crowd

turned out to say a well deserved "thank you" to Philip.

Another successful event was The Women's League Torah Fund luncheon. The money raised at this event was earmarked for a new egalitarian synagogue at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

A study is currently being undertaken to determine the feasibility of opening a Ramah Camp to serve Southern Jewish Conservative Communities. A meeting concerning this possibility was held on April 10 with the Rabbi Charles Simon, National Director of the Federation of Jewish Men's Club. This Camp Ramah "Darom" (in the South) would also provide facilities for teacher training, family retreats, regional adult seminars on Jewish topics, etc.

Beth David was well represented at the recent Greensboro Jewish Community Organizational retreat where various Jewish organizational groups met to discuss common interests and resolve conflicts. Dr. David Elcott, Senior Educational Consultant for CLAL, led this day-long retreat.

On an even broader scope, Beth David continues to play an important part in our joint community efforts. Several of our members, including Rabbi Havivi, will be going to Israel as part of the Greensboro Community Interfaith Mission bringing leaders from various ethnic and religious communities within Greensboro together in Israel this May.

Back on the home front, May was brimming with activities at Beth David Synagogue. The Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz was quite interesting as those attending learned about "Jewish Law and Biomedical Issues." As has been the custom at Beth David, May 15 was the date of the late night study session (Tikun) on the first evening of Shavuot. These Torah study sessions were led by a variety of our members.

Michael Raileanu, Educational Director of Beth David Synagogue, has appointed himself new commissioner of the MBA-the Mincha Basketball Association!! Basketball games will be held Saturday afternoons in Beth David's gym affording Hebrew High School students the opportunity to play before they pray. What a great way to incorporate Jewish comraderie and religious participation! We pass along a hearty congratulations to Michael on his upcoming graduation with a Master's degree in Education from the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, CA.

Mother's Day weekend was a busy one. The Men's Club Mother's Day Brunch was, as always, a warm and enjoyable way for the families in our community to say "thanks" to their mothers. Confirmation was also held that weekend. Our confirmation students of 1994 are: David Hoffman, Aaron Lange, Molly Levinson and Daniel Newman. These students have completed Jewish studies through the twelfth grade and culminated their year by leading the service and speaking on various Jewish topics. In this age when so many young

adults drop out of Jewish life, we commend these students for their commitment to Judaism and Jewish study.

Since the beginning of 1994, we were pleased that several of our members became Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Jamie Bombart, Moriah Cohen, Abi Harris, Ari Medoff and Rachel Rosenthal. As Rachel was just beginning as a recent Bat Mitzvah, her father, Dr. Robert Rosenthal, was just completing his term as President of Beth David. Our new officers are: Alan Weinberg, President; Gerry Goulder, Dale Gurvis and Joyce Shuman, Vice Presidents. Their terms of office will begin in early June. We know that there will be new and great things to come at Beth David as we move forward this year with our new officers!

Temple Beth El

Charlotte, NC

by Lynne Cojac

The honor of your presence is requested at the Service of Confirmation on Shavuot, Sunday May 15th at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us that evening for the Temple Beth El Confirmation Class of 1994: Josh Berkowitz, Cara Brickman, Gregory Davis, Jill Freiberg, Sara Gentile, Beth Goldfischer, Melissa Gottheim, Michael Hirschel, Eric Katowitz, Lisa Martin, Cari McGrath, Dara Newman, Adar Norwood, Bryan Ostrower, Sharon Ostrower, David Shuart and Paula White.

The Temple's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held earlier that day, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvot for May

On May 7 Emily Datnoff will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Emily is the daughter of Rochelle Rudo-Datnoff.

Ryan Scher, daughter of Lisa and Corey Scher, will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 14. On May 21, Michael Zelickson will become a Bar Mitzvah. Michael is a student at Charlotte Country Day School and is the son of Barb and Dick Zelickson.

Josh Klein will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 28. Josh's proud parents are Sue and Paul Klein.

All B'nai Mitzvot Services in May will be at 11 a.m.

Education

During Religious School, Rabbi Bennett will conduct the PEP (Parallel Education for Parents) Program at 9:30 am on May 1st. Education at Temple Beth El is a family affair!

Women's American ORT will hold its Goods and Services Auction at 7:00 on May 7 at Temple Beth El. Included in the evening's fun will be an Italian Pasta Party Dinner. Your check for \$7.50/person in advance will be your reservation. ORT efforts to build vocational training schools all over the world are in keeping with its motto "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, but teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime."

All Temple Beth El High School Seniors will be honored at the family service on Friday May 13 at 7:30 pm. Religious School Teachers will also be honored that evening during this annual Faculty Appreciation Service.

Temple Beth El will host the May gathering of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel Post-Confirmation students at 5:30 pm on May 22. This gathering of High School Juniors and Seniors from the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies will focus on a program and discussion by Rabbi Jim Bennett and Rabbi Scott White on the topic of Sexual Ethics.

Liberty Youth

May will be a busy month for Liberty. Elections for the 1994-95 Liberty Board will take place on May 17. Liberty's High School students will take a Whitewater Rafting Trip on May 20. Liberty Shabbat will be observed on Friday May 27. Please call Jaime Cojac (541-3358) or Mark Resnik (846-4431) for further details.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood

Brotherhood will play softball and enjoy a cookout at 3 pm on May 1.

Sisterhood's April meeting was a delicious Chinese Buffet and Chinese Auction. The food, catered by Wan Fu, was wonderful. Everyone left with a great gift. Money raised that evening will help equip the Temple's kitchen.

The Congregational Passover Seder accommodated over 250 members and guests on March 26. This dinner was organized by Sisterhood of

officers for the 1994-95 year includes: Ana Resnik, President; Lisa Frucht, Tonda Rifkin and Renee Sutker, Vice Presidents; Cindy Katzman, Recording Secretary; Abbe Bryan, Corresponding Secretary; Seena Binder, Financial Secretary; Brenda Lutz, Treasurer; Fran Hirschel, Assistant Treasurer; Jo Minchew, Donna Ehrlich and Lisa Kaufman, At Large.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville, NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle met on March 12 at 10:00 at the Karpens'. The discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, was based on Chapters 8 and 9, "Endangered Jewry" and "Anti-Semitism," in Tough Choices by Vorspan and Saperstein.

The Brotherhood won the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods "Star Programming" Award "in recognition of its 'star' programming for the year 1993-1994" said Dick Braun, Brotherhood treasurer. "The award was made as a consequence of a survey conducted by NFYB last year of all affiliated Temple Brotherhoods," he continued. "Sponsorship of brunches, the picnic, and the annual Isaac Lichtenfels Interfaith Clergy Institute, in addition to our support of the Jewish Chautauqua Society and local Social Action causes were the factors leading to the award. . ."

In The News in the Asheville Citizen-Times on Wednesday, March 9, there she was, in full color: Shirley Berdie, holding a copy of her family cookbook *Seasons and Seasonings of the Siegal Family*. In an interview by Carole Currie, Lifestyle editor, Shirley revealed that the book is much more than a cookbook; it's a book of family history and family stories too. A joint effort by Shirley and her cousins Phoebe Cotton and Selma Mayer, the book, according to one enthusiastic reader, is entirely delicious.

The Sabbath of Reconciliation, on Friday, March 4, was arranged by Rabbi Ratner who invited Father Frank Cancro of St. Eugene's Catholic Church to speak on the Vatican's recognition of Israel. Also present on the bima was honored guest Rev. Daniel L. Martin of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. There was a full house, consisting of members of all three congregations and students in the Rabbi's class at UNCA.

The Ecumenical Seder at St. Eugene's, the brainchild of Rabbi Ratner, was a wall-to-wall triumph. 340 people attended, including a generous sprinkling of children. This model seder, led by Rabbi Ratner and held in the gymnasium of the Asheville Catholic Community School, brought together members of St. Eugene's Catholic church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Beth ha-Tephila in what was an occasion of friendship and heightened mutual understanding. Besides Rabbi Ratner, speakers were the Rev. David Martin, pastor of St. Mark's

and the Rev. Francis Cancro of St. Eugene's. Coordinated by Judith Cavallo of St. Eugene's, Susan Van Tassel of St. Mark's and Les Schachter of Beth ha-Tephila, the event's practical success was due in large part to the efforts of Rose Rose and Shirley Berdie, who literally slaved over a hot stove hard-boiling hundreds of eggs and roasting enough for the seder plates, roasting what must have seemed tons of lamb for the shank-bones, and generally, with the help of the church contingent, preparing all the edibles.

The Rabbi Gave Special Thanks to his children Josh and Shana Ratner for the "wonderful job they did in conducting services" for him while he was worn out from concern and from caring for his four younger children during his wife Susan's recent hospitalization.

Lunch With the Rabbi on March 7 was the occasion for further consideration of whether Jews should actively proselytize, and, if so, to whom they should direct their efforts.

Mommy and Me Passover Seder was held on Tuesday, March 22, from 10 to noon, with a "toddler-level seder, singing, dancing, stories and crafts," said Susan Ratner, originator and leader of the program.

The Temple Seder on the second night of Passover was attended by almost 200 people, including dozens of children. Bob Janowitz's famous matzo balls had, as usual, a starring role, and the rest of the menu was way up there too. It was truly a super-seder, led by Rabbi Ratner and coordinated by Julie Lee.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Shabbat Shalom Weekend

Marlene Breger-Joyce and Liz Nigrosh, co-chairpersons of the Shabbat Shalom Weekend honoring Helen Benninga, wish to recognize the following people. "Those who were instrumental in making the weekend so special were: first of all, Rabbi Birnham and Sara Birnham, who organized both the Friday night service and the Saturday morning service so beautifully; for Friday night's refreshments-Sara Birnham, Laurie Chess, Ruth Cooley, Anne Cooper, Laura Hellreich, Caren Kessler, Sherrill Knight, Mildred Jaffe, Barbara Laibson, Barbara Lewin, Adele Rose, Sonja Shulimson, and Sandy Slosman; for Saturday's luncheon-Julie Lee, who took total charge of preparing the delicious buffet and her crew: Elaine Bronstein, Hilda Ehrlich, Morris Fox, Ruth Fox, Ruth Gayne, Muriel Gelbert, Alice Green, Sue Greenberg, Beatrice Gullota, Suzy Isabella, Mildred Jaffe, Caren Kessler, Sherrill Knight, Natalie Kramer, Joanie Krebs, Alan Laibson, Barbara Miller, Gail Rosenthal, and the Laibsons, for donating the eggs and salad; for the perfect decorations: Carol Deutsch and her committee, Rosie Goldberg and Beth Reiser, and the American Israeli Chamber of Commerce for donating the flags; for organizing the mailing and compiling Helen's memory book-Linda Brandt, this was an enormous undertaking and

Helen was overwhelmed by the results; for sharing their creative talents, making for unforgettable moments, Bob Deutsch, Ileana Grams, Debi Miles, and Susan Wadopian; for everyone who participated in the service; for helping, as always, in every way, Kay Miller and Dale Houghtailing; and most of all, to Helen Benninga, for providing the inspiration."

Sisterhood

A Sisterhood update by Michele Heller tells us that Barbara Laibson and her committee were in charge of the Second Night Seder. The crowd who attended said, "We had a wonderful, scrumptious meal and a meaningful Seder service led by our Rabbi, with participation of all, which completed a warm Beth Israel family affair."

Muriel Gelbert and Alice Green directed a beautiful membership brunch replete with innovative decorations and delightful folk dancing with Pearl Rosenthal teaching the Sisterhood members.

Barbara Levy, Chairperson, Liz Nigrosh and Barbara Laibson, all wearing a different "hat," are in charge of the Nominating Committee. We know in their capable hands, a slate headed up by a President will measure up to the Presidency of Michele Heller, who is a "hard act to follow."

Adult Hebrew Classes

The first phase of the Adult Hebrew class with Walter Ziffer ended February 27 with students having learned how to read square script Hebrew. The second phase began on March 13 and offered an introduction to Hebrew language

study, vocabulary, grammar, translation, and simple conversation.

Homelessness and Judaism

Rabbi Birnham and Carol Lathurus from Hospitality House spoke on this very timely subject on March 11. The discussion was of particular interest since it is a little-known topic.

How to Enrich Your Seder

Rabbi Birnham conducted a class on this subject. It was a time for an enjoyable exchange of time-tested practical ideas. All shared their thoughts.

Inside the Torah in March:

March 5: "Vayakhel, Shabbat Parah": Exodus

Moses assembles the Israelites and reminds them of the commandment to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest. Question to ask ourselves. What do we do from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday night? How do we move away from the overactive week and begin to truly take care of ourselves in a deep spiritual sense?

March 12: "Pekude, Shabbat Hahodesh": Exodus

The tabernacle is finished. It is our people's second place (the first was Mt. Sinai). Today our homes and shuls are holy places. How are our homes a holy place? What kinds of things do we do (and/or not do) in a holy place? How does our home reflect that code of conduct?

March 19: "Vayikra": Leviticus

Sacrifices, sacrifices, and more sacrifices. In modern Judaism, prayer has replaced animal sacrifices, yet we still do make

sacrifices for our religion. What do we sacrifice for our shul, to make it even better?

March 26: "Tzav, Shabbat HaGadol": Leviticus

And still more sacrifices. Our tradition teaches us that all sacrifices and all prayers will be annulled in the Messianic Age, except those prayers offered for thanksgiving. What are we most thankful for? How do we express our thankfulness?

The exchange of ideas each week on Shabbat with Rabbi and congregants provide lots of food for thought for all of us to take stock of our lives.

Debi Miles has had the help of the young children in making Tiny Torahs. They were decorated by the children and have bells. They will be a lovely addition for the Shabbat Service. We are trying to have Tot Shabbat on the second Saturday of each month.

"In Tot Shabbat, we are trying to make a very scaled down version of the service so it will be fun for the kids," to quote Liz and Mark Nigrosh and Marty and Julie Lee, who are in charge of the program. They encourage all parents to participate and help.

Bob, Robin, and Andy Deutsch gave us their impressions and feelings about their Holocaust Memorial visit. We certainly thank them for sharing.

Thank you also, to Bob and Ellen Carr for donating the beautiful sculpture in memory of Ellen's mother, Sylvia Resnikoff. The

sculpture is located to the right of the main entrance to the sanctuary. Plans are being formulated for a dedication program.

And last, but not least, we can't help but notice the "something different" on our monthly bulletin, "The Shofar." It is a Shofar, designed and produced by Sim Gelbert. It really adds to the attractiveness of the bulletin. "Thank you, Sim."

Coming Attraction Updated

"What To Do With The Rest Of Your Life: An Evening With Harold Kushner," Tuesday, May 10, 1994 at the Diana Wortham Theater, Pack Place, Asheville. During the day-to-day routines that seem to sometimes consume our lives, it is so easy to lose sight of more important things. Caught up in the crush, we are often left with questions that we do not even know how to begin to ask, let alone solve. For example, why do bad things happen to good people? How can we believe in God in a world where such terrible things happen? When things do go wrong, why is it so hard to bring comfort to ourselves and those we love? Moving past these questions is often difficult and at times painful. For one very special evening, one very special man, Rabbi Harold Kushner, will

attempt to pull us back and give us a very different perspective, and perhaps a few ideas, of *What To Do With The Rest Of Our Lives*.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Diana Wortham Theater in Pack Place. Rabbi Kushner will discuss his own pastoral experiences and what he has learned in his more than twenty years as a theologian. Dr. Kushner's talk touches on the same issues from his best selling book, *Why Bad Things Happen To Good People*, and adds a few extra twists. A reception and cocktail hour honoring Dr. Kushner will follow during which people are encouraged to talk with Dr. Kushner.

Harold Kushner is best known as the author of *Why Bad Things Happen To Good People*, an international bestseller first published in 1981. The book has been translated into twelve languages, and was recently selected by members of the Book of the Month Club as one of the ten most influential books of recent years. He has also written *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, which was awarded the Christopher Medal for its contribution to the exaltation of the human spirit, *When Children Ask About God*, and *Who Needs God*. His newest book, *To Life!*, was published in 1993.

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BOTH LOCATIONS IN CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Temple Israel

Charlotte, NC

by Lisa Taub

Mark your calendars! Temple Israel proudly presents a Cantorial Concert on Sunday evening, May 22, at 8:00 pm. Noted cantor Louis Danto will be featured, with pianist Natalya Tyomkina. This promises to be a fabulous evening of musical entertainment and spiritual inspiration. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Temple Israel (362-2796).

Recent Events

On Yom HaShoah, April 8, Temple Israelites memorialized all those who perished during the Holocaust by lighting yellow candles provided by the Men's Club. This commemoration was made especially poignant in light of the Passover eve firebombing of the Luebeck synagogue in Germany. The somber mood of Yom HaShoah was followed closely by the festivities of Yom Ha-Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Temple Israel Religious School students celebrated with an all-school assembly on April 14 in which they had the opportunity to experience the tastes, sounds, and smells of Eretz Yisrael.

In other school news, Michelle Maslov became this year's winner of the Pransky Family Scholarship to Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA. Michelle has excelled as a student in the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies and is an able teacher's aide in the Religious School. Also, the Bet Class traveled to the Blumenthal Home on April

16 as part of its Mizvot and Tikkun Olam program. The students have become aware of people in our community who need comfort and assistance, and they have launched special projects with the goal of helping these individuals.

April's "Celebrating Life" luncheon was held on April 21 and featured Dr. Benjamin Entine, Ph.D., J.D., who presented a talk entitled, "Growing Old Is Not For Sissies." Reservations for future "Celebrating Life" programs may be made by calling Nell at the Rabbi's Study (362-2796).

Finally, on April 25, the Jewish Books Discussion Group met to discuss an anthology of Jewish poetry. The book club, which attracts approximately 20 people each month, is a lively discussion group that is open to the entire community. "Drop-ins" are welcome. Call Linda Levy at 366-6362 or Ruth Warat at 542-8278 for more information.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Eric Lerner and Alyson Kaufman on their recent wedding. Eric is the son of Mrs. Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner, and Alyson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kaufman, all of Charlotte.

Mazel tov is also extended to the families of the following new arrivals. Logan Olivia Vitale, daughter of Debbie and Rory Vitale of Plantation, FL, was born January 23. The proud grandparents are Connie and Paul Ostrow of New York, NY, and Harriet and Joe Vitale of Charlotte, NC. Trani Goldman, daughter of Yaacov and

Chani Goldman of Spring Valley, NY, was born February 11. The proud grandparents are Shlomo and Chana Goldman of Jerusalem, Israel and the proud great-grandparents are Mae and Julius Goldman of Charlotte, NC. Alexander Walne Rotker, son of Drs. Iris and Jonathan Rotker of Charlotte, was born February 16. The proud grandparents are Miriam and Chaim Walne and Judge Seymour Rotker, all of New York. Emily Joy Turk, daughter of Karen and Jeff Turk of Matthews, was born February 18. The proud grandparents are Eleanor and Morton Turk of Charlotte and Nancy and Donald Hodes of Worcester, MA. Shaina Michele Gleiberman, daughter of Marcia and Jeffrey Gleiberman of Charlotte, was born February 24. The proud grandparents are Charlotte and Ruben Bilsky of Memphis, TN, and Rhoda and Aaron Gleiberman of Charlotte. Daniel Joseph Ostrow, son of Elly and Lane Ostrow of Charlotte, was born March 4. The proud grandparents are Sarah and Fred Rice of Portsmouth, VA, and Connie and Paul Ostrow of New York.

New Members

Temple Israel extends a warm welcome to Liliana and Jorge Farber.



ORGANIZATIONS

CHARLOTTE YIDDISH INSTITUTE

Mother

by *Shelby Bonus*

A mother to the world
 the beauty of a quiet moment
 women reaching for the sun with
 one hand
 and a child's hand with the other.
 We fight our nightmares in silence
 and nurture our souls by caring
 for others.
 We look to God
 for courage and strength.
 We are granted the achievements
 of leaders,
 visionaries, and a spirit that can
 wipe
 tears away from children's eyes
 looking inside ourselves.
 Discovering the day to day
 miracles that we accomplish.
 Helping others
 reaching those who can't reach
 out
 and loving the precious gifts
 around us.
 We are the underlying souls,
 an inner light to the people
 that bring the world together.

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute's 16th season at the Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, North Carolina, will take place August 25-28, 1994.

The Yiddish Institute is open to women and men dedicated to enhancing their knowledge and

use of the Yiddish language and culture in a stimulating atmosphere of *Yiddishkeit*.

For more information and/or to be placed on the mailing list, write to: The Charlotte Yiddish Institute/JCC, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by *Linda Landau*

The ladies of Raleigh Hadassah got a headstart on Passover baking at the February meeting. Greta Schiffman, chef extraordinaire, discussed the traditions of Sephardic and Ashkenazy Pesach cooking. Beth Meyer's kitchen soon filled with mouth-watering aromas as Greta demonstrated the preparation of Passover Almond-Hazelnut Torte with Raspberry Filling and Pecan Meringue Layered with Chocolate Mousse. Needless to say, refreshments that evening were superb!

Dr. Larry Rudner, Professor of English at N.C. State, was the featured speaker at the March meeting. Dr. Rudner introduced Berman, the main character in his yet to be published book entitled *Memory's Tailor*, and Berman's attempts to preserve the memory of the Jewish people. Many trips to Poland and Russia provide the inspiration for Dr. Ruder's books.

CHARLOTTE RESIDENT ELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

Orlando-Susan Bruck of Charlotte, N.C. took office as President of B'nai B'rith Women at the organization's biennial convention here. She most recently served a two-year term as President-Elect and chair of the BBW Residential Treatment Center Task Force.

For the first time in BBW's almost 100-year history, its president and vice-presidents are women who also work outside of the home.

Bruck, a nurse at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, has served on various committee for Temple Israel and chaired women's health issues for Charlotte Blueprint: Women of the 80s, a local commission that reviewed women's issues.

A nursing graduate of Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Bruck is a recipient of the Max Hochschild Prize for Meritorious Nursing and the Frieda Schindler Kobre Memorial Prize for demonstrating excellence in the care of children.

During her 25 years as a BBW member, Bruck has served as chair of the national membership committee, and as a member of the national development and fiscal committees. In addition, she chaired BBW's Mid-Atlantic Region, which encompasses nine states and the District of Columbia. She also has chaired a number of local programs, including the settlement of Soviet Jews and led volunteer training sessions for BBW across the country.

Serving with Bruck are: Donna Perline, Wichita, Kansas, President-

Elect; Peggy Gartner, Charlotte, N.C., Vice President; Randee Lefkow, Hollywood, Florida, Vice President; Barbara Rabkin, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Vice President; Millie Sernovitz, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Vice President; and Joan Kort, Overland Park, Kansas, Counselor.

Orlando-Peggy Gartner of Charlotte, N.C., was elected as Vice President of B'nai B'rith Women at the organization's biennial convention. Over the past 4 years she has served as a member-at-large to the BBW executive board.

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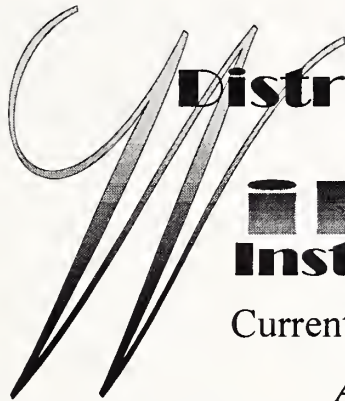
Gartner, a Grants Evaluator/Administrative Assistant for the Blumenthal Foundation, recently was a member of BBW's Action and Advocacy Task Force, which alerts members to legislative issues. From 1992-1994 she served as chair of the National Fund-Raising Committee and was the Public Relations Chairman for the 1993 Israel Mission.

In her almost 20 years as a BBW member, she has served as Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic region and South Atlantic Regional Boards from 1986-1990, and was President of Avodah Council of BBW.

Locally, she has chaired a number of committees for the Charlotte Jewish Federation and most recently served as Chairman of the Committee on Soviet Resettlement and the Committee on Jewish Education. Gartner also served as a Vice President of the Jewish Community Center in Charlotte and was President of the North Carolina Hebrew Academy for 3 years.

Members-at-Large are: Sondra A. Albers, Encinitas, California; Norma Berson, Tamarac, Florida; Alma Blecker, Monticello, New York; Anna Lee Firman, Beachwood, Ohio; Judy Fish, Akron, Ohio; Norma Foerder, Redwood City, California; Barbara Frager, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Lucille Gersten, Southfield, Michigan; Judith A. Goldbaum, Wilmington, Delaware; Lois Kaish, Springfield, New Jersey; Mabel Klein, Brooklyn, New York; Raelaine Radnitz, Dallas, Texas; Eunice Reichman, St. Louis, Missouri; Sherry Saltzman, Rye Brook, New York; Laura Sutton, Crofton, Maryland; and Sandy Unger, Eagan, Minnesota.

BBW, with more than 80,000 members in the United States and Canada, works locally, nationally, and internationally to strengthen the effectiveness of women, foster the emotional well-being of children, and perpetuate Jewish life and values.



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When, if ever, is it acceptable to perform an abortion? Is preserving life all important, or is it permissible to hasten the end of a life that is filled with physical pain and suffering? Who makes decisions about ending, prolonging, or preserving life? What role should patients, families, physicians play in treatment decisions? It seems that our technical abilities to apply curing technologies have outstripped our ability to deal with their ethical consequences.

euthanasia. Confidentiality. We read about these topics and issues in our newspapers, hear about them on radio and television, discuss them with our friends, listen to sermons about them in our synagogues. How do we as concerned laypeople deal with these complex issues of biomedical ethics? Some of these issues will, if they have not already, affect us directly. They are issues of personal values, but how do we know what is the "right" approach to take.

how and why do they disagree? What are the religious consequences of disagreeing with Jewish laws on such issues? What is a Jewish approach to biomedical ethics in the modern world?

Abortion. Living Wills. Genetic engineering. Patient autonomy. Physician paternalism. The right to life. The right to die. Do not resuscitate orders. Informed consent. Organ transplantation. Physician assisted suicide. Active

Furthermore, we as Jews want to know what laws or positions on these issues our religion has developed that can help guide us in our thinking. Do orthodox, conservative, and reform traditions agree on biomedical ethical issues? If not,

During our weekend at Wildacres, we will wrestle with these questions, guided by the information our expert faculty members present. They will offer lectures, lead discussions, engage in individual conversations, and in other ways help us to understand Jewish approaches to biomedical ethics and to think through our own positions on the issues. Part of the excitement of the weekend will be to work on actual cases in small groups where we can present our own thoughts and learn about each other's ideas on these tough questions.

Session Leaders



Rabbi Karsel Abelson

is presently Rabbi Emeritus of Beth El Synagogue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, serving the congregation as Associate Rabbi to Rabbi David Aronson starting in 1957 and then becoming Senior Rabbi in 1960 upon the retirement of Rabbi Aronson.

Rabbi Abelson is a graduate of New York University in 1943 and ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1948. He has a WHL and DHL (HC) from the New York Seminary.

He has authored several responses for the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and has written pamphlets on A Time of Sorrow and To Become a Jew.



Dr. Baruch A. Brody, Ph.D

is presently the Leon Jaworski Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Director of the Center for Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues at Baylor College of Medicine, Professor of Philosophy at Rice University and an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Institute of Religion in the Texas Medical Center.

Dr. Brody received his B.A. from Brooklyn College in 1962 and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1967. He studied at Oxford University as a Fullbright Fellow in 1965-66. He taught at M.I.T. from 1967 to 1975.



Rabbi Elliott Dorff

is currently the Provost and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Judaism and directs the Masters and Rabbinical programs. He was ordained a Conservative Rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary and earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Columbia University in 1971.

He is currently a member of the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Standards and its Commission on the Philosophy of the Conservative Movement. In the spring of 1993, he served on the Ethics Committee of Hillary Rodham Clinton's Health Care Task Force.

HILLEL

ACTIVITIES AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY DR. RICHARD KLEIN
FACULTY ADVISOR

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1994 semester with a Sunday Bagel Brunch on January 23rd. It was held at the home of Richard and Joyce Klein. The special guest at this event was Dr. Martin Slann, Professor of Political Science at Clemson University and a member of the Hillel Faculty Advisory Board. Dr. Slann's area of academic specialty is Middle East Politics and terrorism. At this brunch, Dr. Slann gave a very insightful talk on "Peace Prospects between Israel and the Palestinians." Nineteen students attended this event and enjoyed the food and fellowship as well as the talk and the ensuing question and answer period.

A trip to Greenville, South Carolina to see the epic movie Schindler's List was the next event sponsored by the Hillel Student Organization. Eleven members of the Hillel group accompanied Dr. Klein on Sunday, February 20th, to see this incredible motion picture. Greenville was the nearest location where the movie was playing at that time.

The next activity was an Informal Teaching Sabbath Evening Service that was held on Friday evening, March 11th. Mrs. Joyce Klein conducted the service and used the

facilities for us to conduct services, and we chose the location adjacent to the campus.

On Tuesday evening, March 29th, a Model Passover Seder was held at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Clemson. This interfaith event was co-sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel, Catholic Student Association, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Presbyterian Student Association, and the Wesley Foundation. Mrs. Joyce Klein led this very meaningful and relevant Seder celebration and meal, which took place during the week of Passover. (The students of the Hillel Organization did not attend a regular Seder



Hillel students at display of Passover foods at Model Seder at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

Likrat Shabbat prayer books. This particular book has excellent explanations of the different parts of the service and has very beautiful English readings. A supply of this prayer book was borrowed from Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville. Fourteen students came to this service and *everyone* participated. Interestingly, it was held at the Wesley Foundation, the Methodist Student Center. Actually, four Clemson churches offered their

as a group this year because the first two nights of Passover came during the "Spring Break.") Seventeen Jewish students attended the Model Seder. There were sixty three individuals all together who came to this memorable event, including several Ministers and a Nun. We used Haggadahs that were written by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Archdiocese of Chicago. These Haggadahs were borrowed from the Holy Trinity
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North Carolina Conference of Christians and Jews

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter of the North Carolina Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Charlotte Convention Center on April 19. The occasion was the 23rd Annual Awards Banquet, whose honorees this year are Harriet S. (Sis) Kaplan and William S. (Bill) Lee, both prominent citizens and benefactors in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community.

Chairing the evening's event was Dr. Billy Wireman, president of Queens College in Charlotte. In his opening remarks he reminded the assembly of about 1,000 people that NCCJ was founded in Charlotte by Harry Golden 50 years ago. "When the beast in us is all to apparent," Dr. Wireman quoted, "it's good to salute those who support NCCJ."

Among the speakers were Franklin McCain, NCCJ Board of Directors, who once joined student sit-ins, and who was rewarded for his courage by the Reynolds Foundation; Mayor Richard Vinroot and Parks Helms, Chairman of Mecklenburg County Commission.

Mayor Vinroot read the City's proclamation to NCCJ and its honorees. Mayor Vinroot and Park Helms paid tribute to "Sis" Kaplan for her contributions to education and to bringing people together to achieve a higher quality of life in the community, and to Bill Lee for using his talents to benefit everyone. The two recipients of this year's

award have worked for the enhancement of human dignity and have had a profound effect on all who have worked with them, earning the gratitude of our society.

Silver medallions were presented by Jack L. Bullard, of the Community Relations Committee, and Dr. Philip L. DeBois, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UNCC. Jack Bullard closed with a thought to remember, "Service is the rent we pay for living."

Dr. DuBois noted that Bill Lee has been honored recently when its new college was named the William S. Lee College of Engineering. It was noted that Bill Lee is a member of 15 professional societies, serves on the boards of directorship of 12 companies, and holds six honorary doctorates.

Besides her long involvement and leadership of the Community Relations Committee, "Sis" Kaplan initiated a program with the Chamber of Commerce which recruited more than 500 business volunteers to provide tutoring in public schools. Furthermore, she has worked for justice for all citizens and chairs the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Criminal Justice Commission and the Governor's Crime Commission.

In their acceptance remarks, both honorees expressed their need for service to the community and appreciation for those who have joined the efforts on behalf of all of us.

Rabbi James Bennett of Temple Beth El of Charlotte offered the closing benediction. Having joined our community within the past year, he said that he finds this chapter of NCCJ to be unequalled in spirit and accomplishments.

This organization deserves our support in its efforts to bring people together, notably in its youth program and operation of Anytown, where students from diverse backgrounds enjoy an inspiring experience together.

Lubavitch of North Carolina *by Rabbi Yossi Groner*

This year was a successful year at Lubavitch in Charlotte in terms of Jewish education. School enrollment has increased and so has the quality of education.

Spring holidays were especially exciting as there were many activities involving parents and children in the festive programs connected with Purim and Passover.

Purim night saw scores of children dressed up in colorful costumes which portrayed the images of Mordechai and Queen Esther. Some dressed in King Achashverosh or modern cowboys. A special thank you to Manuela Price (soon to be married to Marvin Baron) for her most striking costumes which added to the Purim spirit in a major way.



Binyomin Levin demonstrates Purim costume with son Moshe at preschool.

Purim Day was Purim and Pops at Lubavitch Preschool. Fathers and some grandfathers joined their young ones in real Purim fun. Fathers helped their children in Purim arts and crafts and got a close-up look at the school which has captured the imagination of close to 90 children.

Fern Sanderson, Director of the Preschool, was very pleased with the response of the many fathers who were enthralled with this unique program.

Day School students held a Purim carnival on Purim Day along with the traditional Purim feast led by Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss. There were Hamantaschen and cakes along with a full cooked dinner for this joyous event.

Passover came with much preparation. Students not only studied the history of the holiday, which is essential to our heritage, but also learned how to conduct a Seder.

On Wednesday, March 21, Day School students conducted a full model Seder along with a Passover performance. The entire student

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body participated in this educational and exciting event.

School Name Change

The "Jewish Day School of Charlotte" is the new name for the school. This came on the initiative of many parents and

from the school PTO. It was felt that the school's identity should portray the generic agenda of the school.

The new name both reflects what's taught in the school and also who attends the school. Since there is a cross-section of the Jewish community who send their children to the school, and since the curriculum is one which is very general, it only makes sense that its name should be one which is inclusive.

A community-wide forum was held on January 25 during which members of the administration and faculty, along with parents, explained the many virtues of the school and its name change. The school continues to be operated by Lubavitch.

Rebbe's 92nd Birthday in Celebrated with Prayer

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, celebrated his 92nd birthday on the 11th of the Hebrew month of Nissan, which corresponds this year to March 23.

The Rebbe is considered the foremost Jewish leader of today,

who has reached all corners of the world through thousands of emissaries and has changed the course of Judaism forever.

The Rebbe has been ill for the past two years and suffered another stroke on March 10. Hundreds of thousands of Jews prayed for his well-being on his birthday, which he spent at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

In Carolina communities many people gathered at the four Chabad-Lubavitch centers to pray to the Almighty for a speedy full recovery to the Rebbe Shliza.



David Ransenberg assisting son Jordan while Dr. Denneth Bergman helps son Harry at Purim & Pops.



Jewish Day School students at model Seder.

Personals

Aboard Ship Enroute From Somalia:



Goodman -Lerner

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Goodman of Charlotte, NC announce the engagement of their daughter Allison Rachel Goodman to Mark Stuart Lerner son of Mrs. Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Bernard and Beatrice Goodman of the Fair Oaks, Blumenthal Jewish Home.

She is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and is Benefits Specialist with First Data Corporation.

Mr. Lerner is the grandson of Helga and Hugo Rosenberg of Charlotte.

He is a graduate of Georgetown University and UNC Law School at Chapel Hill. He is associated with Lerner & Co. Real Estate.

An August 20th wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Charlotte.

Navy Commander Richard M. Levy, just promoted to Captain, is serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Inchon, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. The Inchon is the lead ship in the ARG, Amphibious Ready Group, sailing from Somalia.

With the Inchon are an amphibious transport dock, a dock landing ship and a tank landing ship. The ARG also includes more than 2,000 Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit based in North Carolina.

Units of the ARG and the aircraft carrier, USS Saratoga Battle Group, are part of a joint task force in the Mediterranean.

Designed to operate overseas and respond swiftly, the Navy and Marine Corps "sea-air-land" team is capable of a full range of action, from humanitarian relief to major offensive operations from the sea.

Levy, a 1968 graduate of Mount Tabor High School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is also a 1973 graduate of the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, with a BS, and a 1982 graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, with an MBA.

The Captain is the son of Elbert and Fay Levy, retired Executives of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, North Carolina, and is married to the former Audrey Green of Annapolis, Maryland.

Long-Time Retailer Dies At Age 77

Charlotte-Philip Datnoff, 77, of Hickory, died Feb. 17, 1994 at Frye Regional Medical Center, Hickory.

Born July 30, 1916, in Burlington, Vt, he was a son of the late David and Anna Witten Datnoff.

An Army veteran of World War II, he flew planes in North Africa and India. He was employed as the manager of the shoe department of Zerden Department Store.

He was a charter member and past

president of the Hickory Jewish Center (Temple Beth Shalom), a charter member, past president and a Man of the Year of the Civitan Club, a member of the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee at Frye Regional Medical Center, a board member of the American Red Cross and a volunteer of the bloodmobile program, a past state president of the B'nai B'rith, and president of the Glenn Zerden Lodge of Hickory. He was a past board member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons.

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He was a member of the American Legion, a past master of the Hickory Masonic Lodge 343 F & AM, a member of both the York and Scottish rites of Freemasonry, and the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. In December 1993, he received the Red Cap with its highly cherished title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor from the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rabbi Myron Datnoff.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn Zerden Datnoff; a son, Lawrence Elliott Datnoff; three granddaughters, Emily, Daria and Gabrielle; two daughters-in-law, Rochelle Rudo Datnoff and Elizabeth Gollub Datnoff; and four brothers, Simon Datnoff of

Baltimore, Md., Arthur Datnoff of Columbia, S.C., Abraham Datnoff of Birmingham, Ala., and Joseph Datnoff of Burlington, Vt.

Memorials may be made to Temple Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 9142, Hickory, N.C. 28603.

Harry and Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Episcopal Church in Clemson. Also very memorable was the preparation of the Haroseth at the Klein residence on the night before the model seder. Helping Mrs. Klein to prepare the Haroseth were the Methodist Campus Minister as well as students from the Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Hillel groups. The students also baked a

large quantity of Passover cookies.

The final event of the semester was a Pizza Party on Tuesday evening, April 5th at a local Pizza parlor. It has become a Clemson Hillel tradition to celebrate the end of Passover with a Pizza party. Thirteen students came to this event and enjoyed vegetarian pizza along with good fellowship. Because several of the students will be graduating in May, 1994, it was also somewhat "sad" when we all realized that this would be their last regular Hillel event at Clemson.

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Exercising in Water can Offset Effects of Osteoporosis. Research at Hebrew University of Jerusalem Shows

JERUSALEM-Exercising in water adds to bone mass in middle-aged women better than conventional exercise—thus providing an effective activity to mitigate the effects of osteoporosis, tests carried out at The Hebrew University show.

The tests involved two groups of volunteer post-menopausal women over the age of 50. This is a population that is particularly vulnerable to osteoporosis, a condition in which bone mass is lost, leading to fracturing.

The research was carried out at The Hebrew University by Esther Goldstein as part of her master's degree requirements at the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Supervising the project were Prof. Leon Epstein of the school's Haim Yassky Department of Social Medicine and Dr. Ariel Simkin of the Biomechanics Laboratory of the university's Howard and Mary Edith Cosell Center for Physical Education, Leisure and Health Promotion. Also providing support was Prof. Hillel Ruskin, head of the Cosell Center.

This was the first known research project which attempted to demonstrate in a clinically

controlled manner the influence of exercise in water on bone mass accumulation.

Public consciousness of osteoporosis has risen greatly in recent years, as have treatments designed to counteract its effects. The latter include hormonal-medical regimens, increased amounts of calcium in the diet, and exercise programs, among them one developed at the Cosell Center. The idea of exercise in water, however, had been rejected until now by experts because it was felt that the element of gravitational pull (or weight bearing) in conventional exercise was an essential factor in obtaining the desired benefits.

Goldstein, who teaches at the Zinman College of Physical Education at the Wingate Institute, felt that the safety and ease of movement offered by water-medium exercise would enable a wider sector of the population, particularly those with restricting physical limitations, to participate in and benefit from this type of therapeutic activity.

In order to test the effectiveness of both "dry" and "wet" exercises in terms of their condition to bone mass development, Goldstein developed parallel exercise programs for 50 post-menopausal women who had been recruited in

cooperation with Hadassah-University Hospital. They were divided into two groups with equal characteristics, each of which met at the Cosell Center for 45 minutes per session three times a week, for five months. One group exercised in the gym and the other in the pool, the latter using water-resistance techniques.

The results at the end of the experiment showed that there was significant gain of bone mass among those who did the water exercises, while those who were in the conventional exercise group showed little gain.

Goldstein suggests that prescribed water-resistance exercise can be of benefit for those who want to prevent osteoporosis as well as those already suffering its effects. This is particularly true for people who for reasons of injuries, chronic illness or brittle bone condition might not be able or want to engage in conventional exercise. The protective and gentler medium of the water would enable them to develop strength more gradually, with less pain and in a manner which would minimize the danger of new injury, she said.

Goldstein is hopeful that this research will encourage institutions training physical education teachers to develop programs for water exercising in community and physical therapy frameworks.

A Day in the Life of. . .Nael Zakut (A Palestinian Youngster Recounts a Vision of Peace with Israel)



Nael Zakut, 11, undergoing treatment for leukemia at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Jerusalem, sees how peace can work between Arabs and Israelis.

JERUSALEM—"If you'd asked me about a day in my life before, my answer would be different from now," says 11-year-old Nael Zakut of Tulkarem, in the Israel-administered territories.

"Two months ago, I'd have said 'I have four brothers and three sisters. I go to school most days. I don't get great grades, but so what? My dad builds houses, and that's what I'll do, too.' "

Today Nael looks back ruefully. How could he have known how things would change. The only indication was that he was growing tired and pale.

"My dad took me to the hospital in Kalkilya, and they sent me to the big hospital in Nablus," he says. "There they told my dad to take me to an Israeli hospital."

The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem confirmed the diagnosis of the Palestinian hospitals: Nael had leukemia.

Speaking from his hospital room at Hadassah, Nael explains, "I'm here with a bunch of kids doing the same as me—a week in hospital, a week at home for two years. We all get infusions. My hair is starting to fall out like theirs. I look at these kids and I think, they're doing OK. They mean to get better. And so do I."

Although Nael said he never thought much about Arabs and Jews before, his illness and his first-ever prolonged exposure to Israelis have changed the way he looks at life. "First," he says, "I want to be a doctor. These guys are making me well, and I want to be like them."

Second, the Pediatric Ward at

Hadassah has given Nael a new perspective on Israeli-Palestinian relations. "At first, I liked it better than the other hospitals because there's room with computer games," he says. "I'd be playing and other kids are waiting for a turn, but I never got thrown off. No one ever said to me, 'There's a Jew waiting. You're just an Arab.'"

"It's the same all over the hospital. The doctors and nurses treat Arabs and Jews the same. They don't take the Jewish kids first or give them the nicest things—they care about everyone."

His father, Abdel Fateh Zakut, puts into words for him, "What Nael sees at Hadassah is that we must work for more than being a people with our own country. Both of us—Palestinians and Israelis—must have respect for each other.

"Nael and I will be seeing the first years of the peace from inside Hadassah; this is good training for daily co-existence." And then, out of the boy's hearing, he adds, "The doctors can't say yet, but they have a good record in treating children with leukemia. I pray we'll be among the lucky ones, and Nael will be alive and well to help build the peace."

Nael Zakut, 11, undergoing treatment for leukemia at Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Jerusalem, sees how peace can work between Arabs and Israelis. Nael's father, Abdel, and Ronit Melber-Halperin, a Hadassah oncology nurse, share a story with Nael.

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Town of Billings, Mt Honored by AJCommittee for Its Crusade Against Anti-Semitism and Bigotry

Washington, DC, May 5-The American Jewish Committee today made a special presentation to the community of Billings, Mt, for their courageous crusade against anti-Semitism and intolerance in their town.

The award was presented at the Annual Dinner ceremonies of the AJC's 88th Annual Meeting, taking place through tomorrow at the Capital Hilton hotel. Accepting on behalf of the Billings community was Police Chief Wayne Inman and Wayne Schile, publisher of the Billings Gazette.

The community is being honored for taking action against local Ku Klux Klan members who, during Chanukah, targeted and vandalized the few Jewish homes that displayed menorahs in their windows. In response, Billings residents displayed their own menorahs, most paper pull-outs from their local newspaper, in an unmistakable display of solidarity with the Jewish families and as a warning to the hatemongers.

AJC Executive Director David A. Harris made the presentation.

"The easy path in life is often the one that allows you to close your eyes to unpleasantness, to look the other way and assure yourself that

what is going on around you will not touch you," said Mr. Harris. "History, especially Jewish history, has seen this scenario played out to its most painful, brutal conclusion. The community of Billings, Mt, was simply not willing to take the easy way out when confronted with pure, unadulterated hatred and bigotry in their own backyard. They made a conscious decision not to look the other way simply because the intimidation and violence was directed at a small group, but to confront the hatemongers head-on. By standing up and speaking out, by putting their own lives and property in danger for the sake not only of their Jewish residents but for all of Billings' residents, this small town made a giant, unequivocal statement about the quality of life they choose for themselves and their children. 'Intolerance has no place here,' they said. And with a mighty voice-empowered by the hearts and souls of good, decent people-their message was heard. We salute your courage."

In accepting the honor, Police Chief Inman stressed that the police department, acting alone, could not have effectively sent out this kind of anti-hate message.

"Although I have been active to mobilize the community to respond to hate and bigotry, many others deserve credit for the collective response to thwart the insidious goals of hate groups, particularly the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK was a problem that needed to be addressed by the entire community, not just the police department.

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Commercial TV Comes to Israel

by Gail Lichtman



(WZPS) It was a long road, but Israel's first commercial TV channel finally took to the airwaves in November 1993.

Resisted for more than a decade by various government bodies and political figures, Channel 2 functioned for more than a decade on an experimental basis and was financed from state coffers.

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) now coordinates and controls the New Channel 2's three new franchises-Tel-Ad, Reshet and Keshet. "This is a big step forward for Israeli TV," says Uzi Peled, managing director of Tel-Ad. "Israel needs pluralism in television broadcasting and competition is the best way to ensure improved programming. But a small country like Israel can't support more than one television channel. The only way is to finance them through commercial advertising."

STRA's 15-member council is chaired by Gen. (Res) Yossi Peled and directed by former army spokesman Nachman Shai. "We decided to base our regulations on the British/European model rather than the American one," says Ayelet Metzger, the New Channel 2

commercials and ratings control manager. "We make sure ads aren't longer than 90 seconds or less than 10 seconds and allow a maximum of six minutes of advertising per hour. US stations are allowed up to 12 to 14 minutes per hour," she says.

Ads for cigarettes, gambling, private investigative agencies, cults, escort services, contraceptives, firearms and ammunitions, pornography and political messages, are not accepted. Ads for alcoholic beverages, direct marketing, dating services and vitamins for children are limited. Popular TV stars cannot appear in ads one hour before or after their TV program, and 75 percent of the ads must be original productions made for the Israeli market.

"We have to be careful. The standards we set now will stand for years," says Metzger. "It's hard to define our criteria. On one hand, we don't want to become the nation's censor. But on the other hand, there are some things which just cannot be aired. A lot of it is a question of judgment. Therefore, before I ask for a commercial to be altered, I consult with several people, including our legal advisor."

What doesn't get aired? Metzger cites a commercial which was rejected for using foul language. "It was in poor taste," she explains. "We also rejected one commercial outright which made unfair comparisons between products."

Setting rates for commercials and selling the actual advertising spots is left to the individual franchises. And although advertisers can opt to air their commercials on programs from all three franchises, they have to sign three separate contracts.

Prices vary from franchise to franchise. "But the differences are not great," says Peled. Tel-Ad charges \$3,000 for 30 seconds of non-prime time TV, while prime time (8 pm to 11 pm) can cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Advertisers can request specific programs, "but if they don't know or are unsure, our advertising

department will suggest programs with audiences geared to their products," says Peled.

Tel-Ad has a budget of between \$20 and \$25 million dollars for its first year of operations, but no-one, admits Peled, expects any franchises to completely cover costs through advertising during this period.

"We have not started off too well," he admits. "We have only 40 percent penetration-which means that if there are 100 spots, we have only sold 40. But for prime time we are 80 percent sold and we may even reach 100 percent by the end of the first year. The problem is with non-prime," he confesses, "and the situation is similar at both Reshet and Keshet."

Nevertheless, Peled is confident that by the second year, Tel-Ad will break even with overall penetration of 75 percent, making a profit by its third year.

"The first year is a trial run for commercial TV," says New Channel 2 spokeswoman Tali Ben-Avi. "The important thing is that we have begun and I think the results so far are quite good."

As to the influence advertising will have on programming, Peled believes it is too early to tell. "Eventually, we need to derive 100 percent of our revenue from advertising," he says. "If we don't, then the shareholders will have to make up the difference. And if there are programs that we can't sell advertising for because of low ratings, they will have to be dropped.

So, I suppose there will be some influence on program content."

Commercial TV caught Israeli advertising agencies unprepared. After years of government delays, advertising agencies were not ready with home-grown commercials. Commercials during the first two months of operation were mainly those made abroad for international products such as Colgate and Lancia, existing ads being screened in Israeli movie theaters, or those inserted at the beginning of movie video cassettes.

"The advertising agencies are now working on developing commercials specifically for TV," says Peled, "and we are already starting to get new and original ads for the Israeli market."

Despite this slow start, viewers have expressed satisfaction with the ads. A Survey commissioned by STRA and carried out by "Teleseker" over a two week period in mid-November 1993, found 73 percent of viewers in favor of TV commercials and 69 percent comfortable with the amount of time devoted to ads. The survey also found 76 percent to be pleased with the overall quality of the commercials.

"Even though some of the commercials are the same as those in the movies, I still like them," enthused one Israeli teenager.

One of the most talked about ads, and also according to Metzger one of the most popular, is an ad for Castro, an Israeli clothing manufacturer. A young man, wearing a long coat, is seen from behind opening his coat. From the

expressions on the faces of the people in the street, it is clear that he is a flasher. The camera then shifts to an attractive young woman walking down the street wearing a full-length coat. The flasher approaches her and flashes. She keeps on walking and then turns, and with a sly smile opens her coat and flashes back at him.

TV advertising has already claimed its first victim-the closing of the Hebrew daily newspaper "Hadashot" in December 1993.

"Our decision to close was based on the forecast for the future financial performance of "Hadashot"," said publisher Amos Schoken. "Our forecasts showed that certain advertisers would reduce their investments in the newspaper."

Alex Giladi, director of Keshet, was not at all surprised that commercial TV was having a visible impact on the local media. "Israeli is no different from the rest of the world," he noted. "The introduction of commercial television is going to increase the advertising market as a whole, but it is also going to take a bite out of the share going to existing markets. The question that remains is the size of this share."

Reshet, Keshet and Tel-Ad will certainly be banking on a good sized one.





Summer Recipes

These delightful summer recipes are a real treat. Enjoy! Please share some of your favorites with our readers.

Gazpacho

1 clove garlic
 1/2 tsp. olive oil
 1 sm. cucumber, cut into pieces
 2 lbs. tomatoes, quartered
 dash Worcestershire sauce
 2 tps. white wine vinegar
 1 sm. green pepper, seeded and chopped
 2 tsp. salt
 1/3 tsp. ground cumin
 cayenne pepper
 1 roll or slice bread soaked in 2 cups water
 1 pt. light cream

Garnishes:

2 cups peeled chopped tomatoes
 1/3 cup finely chopped green pepper
 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
 1/3 cup finely chopped cucumber
 garlic croutons

Put garlic, olive oil, cucumber, tomatoes, and green pepper in blender. Add salt, cumin, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Add the soaked bread. Place in large bowl and beat with rotary beater until smooth. Add vinegar and cream. Chill. Serve very cold

with garnishes in separate bowls, so guests can take what they like. Serves 4.

Belgian Tomatoes

fresh firm tomatoes
 fresh (or frozen) chives
 salt and pepper
 Bermuda or Spanish onion
 oregano
 basil
 sugar

In flat baking dish arrange thickly sliced tomatoes, 2 or 3 slices per serving. Sprinkle each of the above spices and sugar lightly on each slice. Top with wafer-thin slice of onion. Marinate in any French dressing, cover with aluminum foil. Refrigerate 4 hours. Serve on a crisp lettuce.

Wild Rice Casserole

1/2 cup butter
 1 cup wild rice, raw
 3 cups chicken broth
 1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced (or canned)
 slivered almonds

Saute all ingredients together until golden brown. Place in covered casserole, add chicken broth, and bake in 325 degree oven for 1 hour or until tender.

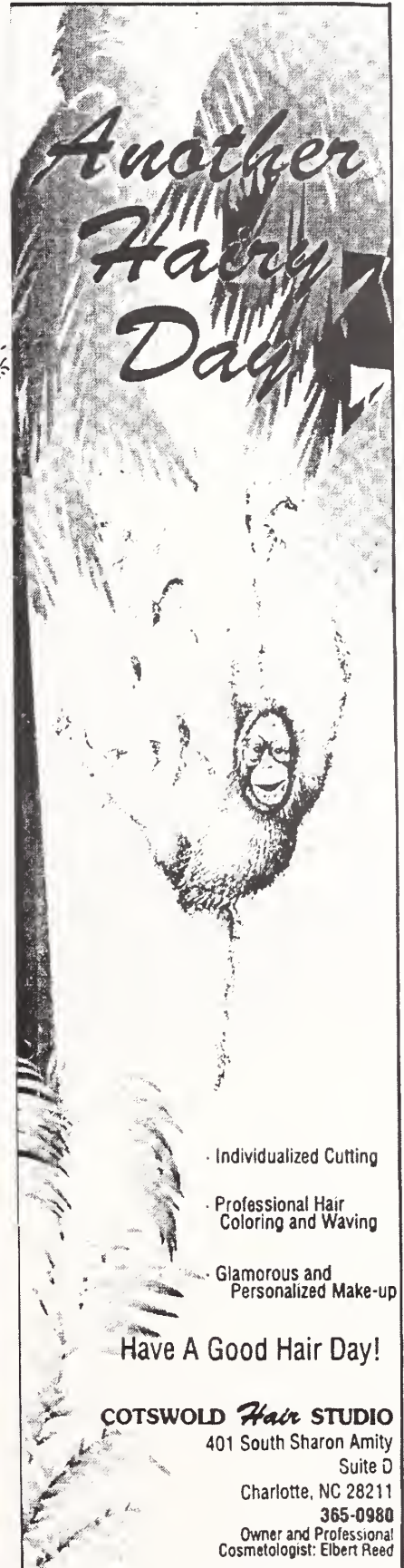
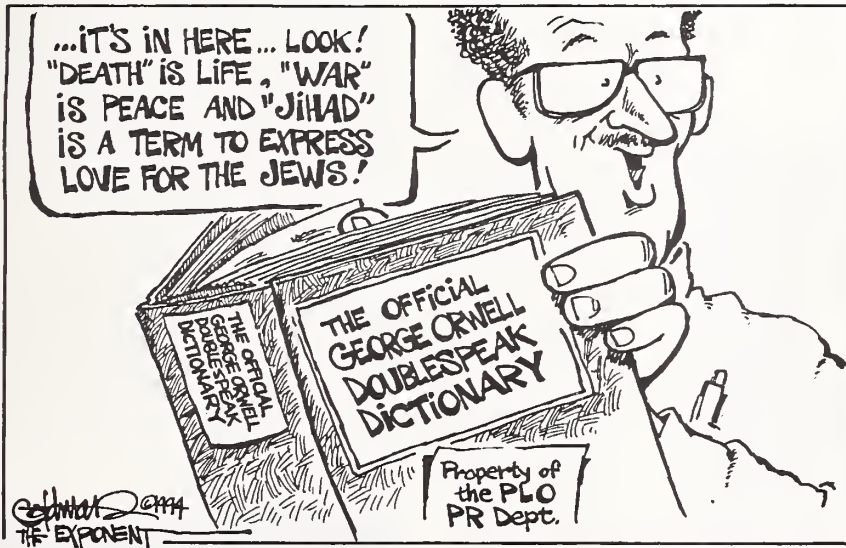
Barbecued Lime Chicken

3 young broilers (have butcher split lengthwise and cut away wing and backbone)

Marinate for 12 hours, turning occasionally, in:

2 cups Rose wine
 2 tbsps. sugar
 salt and pepper
 3 limes, juice and rind
 1 tsp. whole cloves

On a very hot grill turning only once (3-5 minutes on each side) let inside get black, then skin gets black. You're only broiling outside chicken, not cooking it. Wrap each piece in tin foil with 1/4 lime and 2 tbsps. liquid of marinade. Replace on grill as far away from coals as possible. Turn at least once and cook an additional hour or bake in a 325 degree oven, covered, 1 hour.



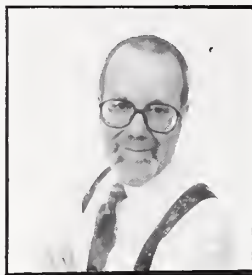
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"A Life Well Dunn"

not seen the likes of anyone like him. For the next forty-six years they would feel his contribution. . .the powerful impact of what many of this generation's children hardly even know the meaning of. . .the importance of the Main Street merchant in American life.

When David Moff of Greensboro dropped me a note to comment on my columns, he enclosed a few newspaper clippings of Louis Baer, his grandfather. I never knew Mr. Baer while he lived, but I immediately felt a "landsman" connection. For those of us that literally grew up on Main Street America, reading about the life of this remarkable man is at the same time both amazing and yet somehow very familiar.

His grandchildren would call him Poppy Baer (from Pappa Bear). As they would sit in rocking chairs on the porch of the family summer cottage at Carolina Beach listening to the ocean waves come ashore, Poppy would tell of his life B.D., Before Dunn. One of fourteen

children in Lithuania, Baer came to America settling in Altoona, Al, a small town outside Selma. Though he found success there, it was North Carolina that would eventually benefit from Louis Baer's brilliant life. In 1923 on his way to New York for a buying trip, he stopped at Fayetteville, home of the sister of his wife, Sadie. His in-laws took him on a relaxed Sunday drive which included traveling through a place called Dunn. The very next



Louis and Sadie Baer with 8 grandchildren

Top Row - Louis Baer, Sadie Baer 2nd row from top: Janice Moffwolkov, Ronald Kimmel. 3rd row - Deborah Weinstein-Goldberg, Barbara Kimmel Bland, Marcia Weinstein Simon. Bottom - Frances Kimmel Tornabene, Rob Weinstein, David Moff.



"Keep your eyes on Louis Baer," the signs read. Hundreds of them tacked to every available barn, country store, and garage that could be found. The year was 1923. The young man was quoted as saying he was "full of dynamite and just raring to go." Dunn, North Carolina had

morning at 6:30 Baer took the "Shufly," a short-run train, back to Dunn to look for a store location in a town that didn't have a paved road coming in or going out.

Like so many other Jewish merchants of his day, Baer would meet townspeople far different from his religious beliefs, but would become lifelong friends with strong working relationships. Former newspaper publisher Hoover Adams tells of how three of the town's business leaders immediately helped Baer look for a location and told him who owned real estate in town. Eastern North Carolina would become Baer territory. Sadie and he would have three daughters, Pearl (later Moff), Anna Lee (Kimmel), and Rosa (Weinstein).

Over the next ten years Louis Baer would have much success, but not everything would be perfect. The Great Depression would hit, making the First National Bank of Dunn fall hard with Baer's investment in it worthless. Then in one of the worst fires in the town's history, Baer's three story Department Store would be destroyed. He had \$13,000 worth of insurance on his \$70,000 inventory. The man who was said to always wear a smile had seemed to lose it.

Dunn's love and appreciation of Louis Baer then showed its true colors. Mayor George Cannady, George F. Pope, and John Henry Tart, three town leaders, came to call at the Baer home. "Louis," they were to have said, "we've noticed that you aren't smiling anymore. We've watched you ever since you came to Dunn, and we have faith and confidence in you. Let's get that

store open again." Baer called it one of the greatest moments in his life. He went back to work, and small town Southern history would record a remarkable comeback.

Perhaps from his father's dairy farming background in Lithuania, Baer also ventured out from retailing into agriculture. He bought, traded, and sold mules to farmers who could little afford tractors in the 1930's. He liked the idea of being a Jewish farmer and would eventually have extensive tenant farm lands, owing an entire community named Baersville outside of Dunn. He would describe his business career as being a m e r c h a n t , farmer, and owner of a "little" real estate. He took great pride in always knowing the farm families on his land p e r s o n a l l y including the names of all their children. Baer also ran one of the largest junkyards in the state. Baer believed in giving back to the community that supported him.

He was a ramrod leader in establishing the Dunn Tobacco Market, the Dunn Library, Dunn Chamber of Commerce, Dunn Dairy co-operative and so much more. A 1951 newspaper article by Hoover Adams mentioned Carl Warren as an employee of Louis Baer; an employee who had helped him unpack his bags almost thirty years prior. Today seventy-one

years later Louis Baer Department Store still operates. With Dave and Ronnie Kimmel, Louis's son-in-law and grandson in the leadership, the store's many employees have worked for decades; generations that knew the meaning of the word, loyalty.

Through all this Louis Baer had no use for vanity. "When a man gets cocky and starts boasting and thinks he's got it made, that's just when the bottom falls out and he's right back where he started-except older and less able to work," Baer was to have said. This from a man who had much to be proud of in being a part of making Dunn what it is today.



Louis & Sadie Baer

You all know I write a lot about growing up in Sylva and the appreciation for the small town Southern life. I miss deeply the closeness I had. . .so close that when one of our neighbors had c o m p a n y somehow they were our company, too. Today we think we feel warm and

fuzzy when a neighbor might just wave at us. That's downright pitiful! I must admit I think I may look back with a little too deeply tinted rose colored lenses at times. To be sure every town, small and big, had and still has what my Mom used to call "Momsaytem," people who just hate people, Jewish and others.

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Perpetuating a Treasured Heritage

by Graciela Berger

(WZPS) As Turkish singer and actor Izzet Bana broke into song at the Beit Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora's auditorium in Ramat Aviv, most of the 1,000 people present sang along-in Judeo-Spanish (or Ladino-the language of the Jews of Spain before their expulsion in 1492). This was The First International Encounters on Judeo-Spanish and was attended by participants from France, Spain, Turkey, Argentina, Germany, Greece, Bulgaria and Israel.

"The Judeo-Spanish language is being forgotten," said conference co-executive secretary and journalist Moshe Shaul, who has a daily, 15 minute program in Ladino at Kol Israel and also publishes the bi-annual magazine "Aki Yerushalaim" ("Here is Jerusalem"). "It is being used less and less by Sephardim to communicate among themselves, because many of them are completely integrated into the societies of the countries they live in."

The Encounters, initiated and organized by Dr. Gad Nassi, President of Morit-Heritage of Turkish Jewry, under the auspices of former Israel President Yitzhak Navon and with the participation of

the Spanish Ambassador to Israel Jose Luis Crespa de Vega, aimed to promote direct communication between institutions, publications, groups and individuals devoted to the preservation of Judeo-Spanish. It also hoped to establish a framework for devising strategies for saving the Judeo-Spanish heritage, which would decide on the most efficient ways to promote these objectives. This it did in the form of the Judeo-Spanish World Union.

Judeo-Spanish survived more than 500 years in the communities of the Diaspora, but, according to Navon, "the majority of Ladino speakers were murdered in the Holocaust. Twenty years ago, some 200,000 people still spoke Ladino," but no research, he pointed out, has been done since. "If we are to protect this heritage, it is first necessary to save its incredible treasure of music, songs, tales, literature and folklore, and to document testimonies. But I am pessimistic. I don't think that Ladino will flourish again on a large scale as a living language."

Nonetheless, 32 institutions from the eight countries represented at the Encounter, were lauded for their efforts in preserving and promoting Ladino through education, literature

and the media. Onur Goktche, the Turkish Ambassador in Israel, was also presented with a "Shield of Recognition" because the Judeo-Spanish language persisted and flourished within the boundaries of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey. The Israeli and Spanish Ministers of Foreign Affairs received shields for their initiative in promoting Judeo-Spanish in UNESCO as a minority language. "Israel and Spain have strong ties with Judeo-Spanish," said Shaul. In fact, both countries are presently collaborating on a multimedia catalogue containing some 3,000 Judeo-Spanish folk songs.

Marie Christine Varol, a professor of Judeo-Spanish at INALCO, a language institute in Paris, said, "The solution could be to organize more classes in Judeo-Spanish in Turkish and Israeli schools, where there is a Jewish Sephardi population that can perpetuate it."

Abraham Haim, Director of Sephardi Culture at Israel's Ministry of Education and Culture, pointed out that the Ministry already presently supports the teaching of Judeo-Spanish at the Midreshet Amalia high school in Jerusalem, though at present it is the only

program of its kind in Israel.

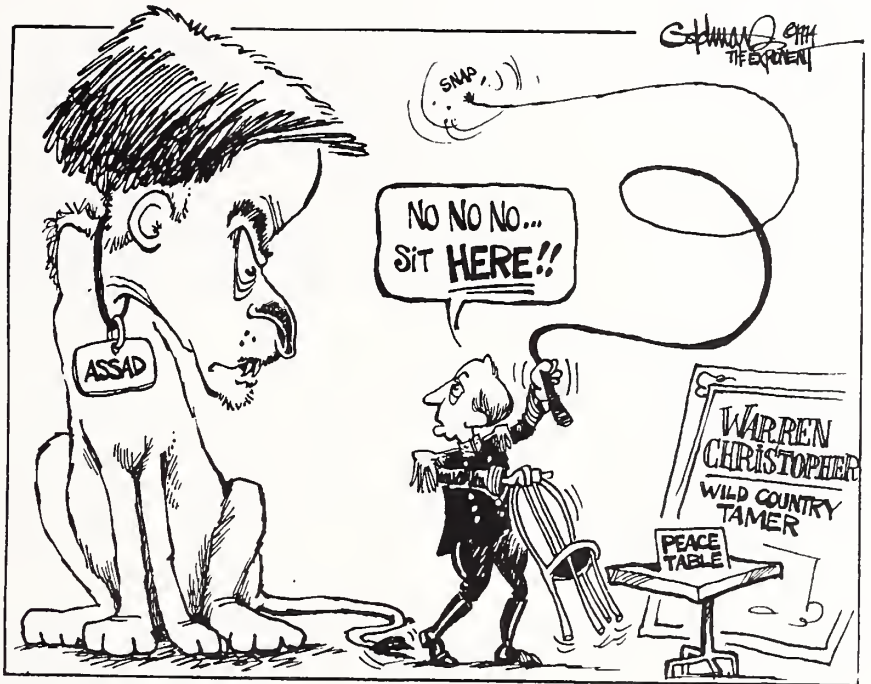
Dr. Busse, a linguist at Berlin's Open University, thought that "only by speaking Judeo-Spanish can one preserve the language." Linguists, he said, can also help by creating a grammar to make the teaching of Judeo-Spanish easier.

More participants agreed that something must be done about the lack of teaching materials, such as dictionaries, books, videos and cassettes. Haim felt that this process of returning to roots would automatically encourage researchers to look more deeply into sources and publish their findings.

The program included lectures, discussions and a round-table debate focusing on the question: "The Ladino language: where to?" as well as a videotaped presentation of theatrical activities in Judeo-Spanish in Canada, Israel and Turkey, an amateur performance of a one-act play in Judeo-Spanish, a multimedia spectacle, and the performance of Judeo-Spanish songs by the La Bos De Sefarad singing ensemble.

"Everyone says that Judeo-Spanish will disappear," said Professor Ivan Kanchev from Sofia University, "but it seems to me that the language is blooming. Its origins are being rediscovered and there is renewed interest in the language."

Shaul agreed, but added, "If everybody continues to say the language is dying and that nothing can be done, then it will die. But if we fight for its survival, it will live much longer."



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Among the criteria for scholarship students to fulfill is the writing of an essay evaluating their experience at the Institute and how it will influence their Yiddish involvement in the future. The following are excerpts from an essay written by Lauren Strauss, doctoral student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York who attended the 1993 Institute.

In his collection of scholarly articles published under the title **Yiddish, Turning to Life**, Dr. Joshua A. Fishman includes a section on "**The Lively Life of a Dead Language**" (John Benjamins Publishing Co., Philadelphia, 1991). His choice of contrasting images is an apt one; Yiddish is viewed simultaneously by many Jews with the bemused tolerance one reserves for a quaint relic and an intense nostalgia evoking every warm reminiscence

that an already memory-conscious community can muster. For those subscribing to the former view, I highly recommend a visit such as the one I made this past August to the Charlotte Yiddish Institute, which has convened in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina for the past fifteen years. There, anyone anxious to write an obituary for the language that characterized Ashkenazic Jewry for centuries will witness, through song, dance, speech, and general *freilichkeit* (joyfulness), the enduring power of Yiddish.

The program during the three-and-a-half day conference was full and high-spirited, with several events devoted to Yiddish music. To inspire our *ruach*, as if the tireless participants needed any encouragement, organizer Baila Pransky provided us with two incomparable Jewish entertainers. Shoshona Ron is a Polish-Israeli-American singer whose beautiful voice and sophisticated presence is matched only by the range of her multilingual repertoire. Zalmen Mlotek, who has combined his celebrated family's knowledge of Yiddish song with an outstanding and original musical talent, accompanied Shoshana on piano and sang myriad selections from his own vast repertoire. In addition to formal performances by this talented pair, Zalmen and Shoshana sang with us far, far into the night, every night, in what is clearly the Institute's annual apex. As long as my indefatigable companions held out, several offering solo performances of their own, so did Zalmen remain

faithfully at his musical post.

One detail must be noted at this point, if only to underscore the impressive nature of the energy generated at this gathering. I was, at age 27, the youngest participant by about 25 years, and clearly the only one attending by virtue of a generous scholarship from the Institute's organizers. I believe that the rest of the group ranged from their early fifties to age ninety. *Und dos is emes*—though normally a night-owl, I was far from being the last person awake after each evening's reveling.

Some in attendance were amazed that a "*yunger mensch*" was willing and eager to spend a weekend with one hundred members of the "older generation," and even more so that I am devoting years of my life to pursuing a Ph.D. in Modern Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (where I first began studying Yiddish last year). I was equally captivated, however, with the colorful stories I gleaned from the lives and memories of my fellow participants, and with their passion for *Yiddishkeit*. For them, I realized, speaking Yiddish is no scholarly exercise, no study of a long-vanished relic. Rather, the people with whom I shared that intense weekend in the mountains of . . . North Carolina! Go figure! . . . live the culture and the language in a way that defies academic description. Even if some thoughts were rendered in less-than-perfect Yiddish grammar, if some imagery was more culinary than literary, the richness of *Yiddishkeit* was everywhere in evidence during the

weekend. Adding to this wellspring of feeling and expression were selections from the Yiddish literary giants Mendele Mocher-Sforim, Sholem Aleichem, and Y. L. Peretz, which were read throughout the program by the dramatic actress and lecturer Ruth Barlas. If such writings are food for the mind and the spirit, then, as at all good Jewish celebrations, we were amply satiated.

Though I have focused on the spiritual nourishment offered at the conference, I must admit that physical sustenance was not lacking either. The plentiful and well-prepared meals were but one indication of the wonderful service provided at Wildacres, the wooded retreat where the Charlotte Yiddish Institute and a host of other fascinating weekend seminars are held every spring and summer. I had the opportunity to take a long walk into the nearby town of Little Switzerland with Herman (*Hayim*) Blumenthal, brother of the man who bought Wildacres in 1939 and current head of the family-owned venture. Not only did I receive a spirited account of Wildacres' history, but I was able to savor the kind of fresh air and incomparable scenery that a New York City resident can only dream about!

And what of my own sense of *Yiddishkeit*? What about my own relationship with the language of my *elster-eltern* (ancestors), whom I recalled during my introduction to the group on the Institute's opening night? I had already chosen to study Yiddish, even to attempt to transmit its fruits and flavor to my future students. Still, I confess to a feeling of ambivalence when older native

speakers tell me, "You are the future of Yiddish," as though my linguistic studies hasten the day when the *mamaloschen* will again ring out from thousands of Lower East Side vendors, and when the theaters of Second Avenue will flourish once again. I am torn between wishful thinking and reality. Yes, the majority of Hitler's six million Jewish victims were Yiddish-speakers, and the world of the shtetl lives for me only in the works of our national writers and in my grandfather's stories. Yes, most Jews in our world today are unfamiliar with more than a smattering of Yiddish phrases, or perhaps with a musical reference to "*Oyfn Pripetchik*" or "*By Mir Bistu Shain*." But then again, Jews are a stubborn breed, a "stiff-necked people," and it takes more than murderers to suppress our living culture. Though I do not foresee a day when Yiddish will again become the lingua franca of Ashkenazic Jewry, in my fellow "Instituteniks" I witnessed a Yiddish that breathes organically through both personal reminiscences and communal

rejoicing. This taste of "*emeser Yiddishkeit*" will undoubtedly sustain me through dry grammar lessons, and give me ammunition to counter acquaintances who ask why I spend so much time studying a "dead" language.

I left the Institute on Sunday feeling both younger and wiser. I realized at once how young twenty-seven can seem when viewed from the perspective of a seventy or eighty-year-old, and how young seventy or eighty can be when one has the *heshek* (desire) to rejoice with others who have a similar attitude. Throughout the weekend, I was reminded of a quote that I once observed on a wall-plaque: "If you can walk, you can dance. If you can talk, you can sing." In the spirit of an old-new tradition, I will take the liberty of translating that sentiment, which I feel so aptly fits the spirit of the Charlotte Yiddish Institute, its tireless organizers, and its unforgettable participants: "*Oib men ken gayen, men ken tansen. Oib men ken redn, men ken zingen.*" May it always be so.

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BJH Briefs

The Israel Independence Day Celebration at BJH was a joyous occasion. Rabbi James Bennett of Charlotte's Temple Beth El presented a beautiful program of Jewish music coupled with an historical overview of the holiday. Rabbi Bennett's warmth, good humor, and inspiration delighted his audience, which demanded a few encores to fill special requests.



Residents and staff pose in the BJH entrance way for photo-journalism book "7 Days in Winston-Salem."



Rabbi James Bennett entertains for the Israel Independence Day Celebration.

Temple Israel's second grade class conducted a unique shabbat service for the residents in the BJH Synagogue on April 16. The young students, led by their teacher, Denise Sussman, presented an original creative service. The residents were charmed by the students' enthusiasm and Jewish knowledge. Intergenerational Shabbats are heartwarming events at BJH; strengthened by the inspiration of teachers like Denise Sussman, Jewish traditions build bonds between generations.

The Anchor Club students of West Forsyth High School introduced residents to the fashion attire of 1994 at the Club's 5th annual fashion show held at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in April. Residents enjoyed seeing what is in style for the young woman of today if not for the "young at heart." This annual spring event has become a tradition and a lot of fun for students and the residents. The fashion show culminates a school year of monthly intergenerational activities between the students and BJH residents.

7 Days in Winston-Salem - A major photo-journalism book to be published by Riverbend Books, Ltd. this fall will feature the Blumenthal Jewish Home. A team of 10 national photo-journalists spent the first week in May chronicling, hour by hour, a week in the life of the Winston-Salem community and surrounding areas. This book will give a photographer's view of how people live and make a community.

Rob Levin, editor and publisher (grandson of Fair Oaks resident Minvera Levin) arrived with a national photographer on Thursday, May 5 to capture the beauty of Blumenthal Jewish Home. BJH residents and staff enjoyed the excitement of the photography session and are looking forward to seeing themselves in living color when the book is published.



Members of Temple Israel's 2nd grade class present a shabbat play for BJH residents.

IN MEMORIAM

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has lost a long-time friend and supporter with the recent death of Fay Levy, wife of former Executive Director Elbert Levy. Mrs. Levy died in Winston-Salem on May 24 after an extended illness. Fay Levy was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1921, moved to Winston-Salem in 1974 and was employed as the bookkeeper and office manager of BJH until her retirement in 1975. Her husband Elbert served as the Executive Director of the Home from its early beginnings until 1979. The Levys have been members of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. They have 4 sons and 6 grandchildren.

We all are saddened by the loss of Fay Levy, a woman of courage and dedication who spent many years working together with her husband to enable the Home to grow and fulfill the dream of its founders and supporters. We shall miss Fay Levy, a woman of valor, and our sympathy goes out to her husband and her family.

Calendar Highlights June

- 2 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 8 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 9 Schmoozing with Seth, 10:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 12 Steve Huyser, Piano Concert, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 12 Leave for Tanglewood Park, "Music at Sunset," 6:15 p.m.
- 14 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen's Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 21 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Activity Room
- 26 Leave for Tanglewood Park, "Music at Sunset," 6:15 p.m.

Sue's News



Greensboro volunteer Sharman Michaelson entertains for the May birthday party.



Charlotte volunteer Steve Huyser has his mother join him for an informal piano concert in the Commons on Mother's Day.

Winston-Salem volunteer Rebecca Schwartz assists Fair Oaks residents Shirley Shane, Henry and Lottie Maienthau at Spring Celebration.



Celebrating alone is just not any fun. At BJH staff and volunteers do their best to insure that there are many occasions worthy of celebration and that they are fun and are shared with others.

Birthdays are celebrated each month at the party sponsored by Greensboro Volunteers. Volunteers blow up balloons, transport residents to the Auditorium, serve cake and punch, bring flowers to all, and give each birthday celebrant a picture frame filled with a polaroid photo of the day. Most of all they give of themselves - a caring heart and a friendly smile and a hand to those who need it. At the May party, residents were treated to songs and music by volunteer Sharman Michaelson. Sharman played familiar Yiddish and Hebrew melodies plus original songs written by her for Jewish Holidays.

Steve Huyser, volunteer from Charlotte, added his special touch to the Parents Day Brunch, May 8th, a celebration in honor of Mothers and Fathers. Steve, who plays piano monthly for the BJH and Fair Oaks residents, shared the spotlight on Mother's Day with his mother, June Huyser, who was visiting from

Michigan. Both pianists entertained the Brunch guests with music on the baby grand in the Commons. After brunch, Steve, joined by his mother, presented an informal piano concert in the Upper Commons for residents and guests.

Spring is a reason to celebrate and BJH joined other Nursing Homes at the Spring Celebration sponsored by the Winston-Salem Department of Parks and Recreation and the Area Agency on Aging and held at the Fairgrounds on May 11. Twenty-six residents from Fair Oaks and the Nursing Home were able to attend the event, thanks to the generous volunteers and staff who gave of their time to guarantee everyone had a good time.

Games, prizes, entertainment, and a picnic lunch were the featured activities of the day. The highlight was the opportunity for residents, volunteers, and staff to relax and have fun together.

Our thanks to volunteers Gail Citron, Darrel Mandelstamm, Lib and Grant Queen, Rebecca Schwartz, and Fred Van Pelt and to the many staff members who assisted.

BJH
News
Editor
Sue Clein



Fair Oaks resident Robert Morrison and his wife, BJH resident Vera Morrison, celebrate her birthday with their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and David Combs.



New Fair Oaks resident Sondra Gevertter is greeted by Greensboro volunteer Sue Weisenfeld and BJH resident Raisa Bochkis.



Sue Klein, Director of the Charlotte Chai group, and members of the group visit the Home for lunch and a tour.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

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WELCOME

May you have a long,
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James Gallins
 Winston-Salem, NC

Sondra Gevertter
 Chapel Hill, NC



Fair Oaks resident Gussie Honig attends the Mother's Day Brunch with her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Ed Goldstein.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in June.

8 Years

Gail Smith, Nsg. Asst., B-1

7 Years

Lydia Sparrow, Controller

Donnelle Vaughn, Office Manager

6 Years

Keith Elliott, Maintenance

5 Years

Linda Smith, LPN, Fair Oaks

Arlene van de Rijn, Administrative Assistant

4 Years

Marlene Newell, RN, Unit Manager, Fair Oaks

3 Years

Linda Johnson, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Mary Pelham, Nsg. Asst., B-2

2 Years

Barbara Simmons, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

Leslie Anderson, Nsg. Asst., A Wing

1 Year

Charlotte Lewis, Nsg. Asst., A Wing

Cynthia Wilson, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Suzy Atkins, RN, B-2

Kathy Rucker, Nsg. Asst., A Wing

Christy Miller, Dietary

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

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BJH is Happy to Announce Its Selections for Employee of the Month

Elizabeth Vance Marketing/Development/ Volunteer Services March, 1994

Elizabeth Vance joined the staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home in September, 1992 with expectations of staying busy and being involved in a variety of aspects of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. According to Elizabeth, she has not been disappointed. "I have been able to work with and for several departments and I have enjoyed learning about the different facets involved in the administration of the Home. The best part of the job is, of course, the people. The amiability and cooperativeness of the staff is outstanding and makes my job easier and more fun. Plus, the residents are always friendly and take a special interest in sharing stories of their past and offering advice. I appreciate their personal interest and sharing attitude."

Elizabeth, a native of West Virginia, migrated to North Carolina to attend Guilford College in Greensboro, from which she received a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and Public Policy Studies in 1992. Since graduation and employment at BJH, she has spent most of her free time volunteering with young people and working toward a Paralegal Certificate. She enjoys reading, cooking, hiking and camping in the



mountains, and likes to travel to West Virginia to visit with friends and family, which includes parents, a brother, a nephew, and sister, her grandmother, and "way too many other relatives." Elizabeth lives in Winston-Salem with her twin sister, Christy.

Elizabeth has been a dedicated staff member, meeting each new challenge of her job with skill and commitment; she is a deserving recipient of this honor.

Lynda Johnson Nursing Assistant, B-1 April, 1994

Lynda Johnson celebrates her third anniversary employed at BJH as a nursing assistant on B-1. She works the second shift and "whenever else I need her, she is a delight," says her supervisor, B-1 Unit Manager Libby Carter. A native of Spruce Pine, NC, Lynda moved to Winston-Salem at the age of 18 with her family and now lives in Clemmons. Encouraged by her father to become

a nursing assistant, Lynda says she has worked in rest homes and nursing homes for 14 years. She says it is a job she loves because "you learn something new from each resident if you take the time to sit and listen. I am here to serve the residents but they are serving me, this is my life. Each resident means a lot to me and I have had the chance to learn about the Jewish religion from the residents."

Excited about being chosen Employee of the Month, Lynda shares the honor with her co-workers, saying, "It takes a whole team to be a good employee with everybody working together through good and bad times."

Lynda's hobby is collecting brass and crystal. She says she spends her free time shopping yard sales and polishing her collection and spending time with her two sons.



Lynda's home may be filled with shining brass and crystal, however their sparkle is surely matched by the sparkle in her eye when she speaks of

her residents and the joy she finds in her work.

BJH congratulates Lynda Johnson; she is a devoted employee and a pleasure to have on our staff.



What's Developing

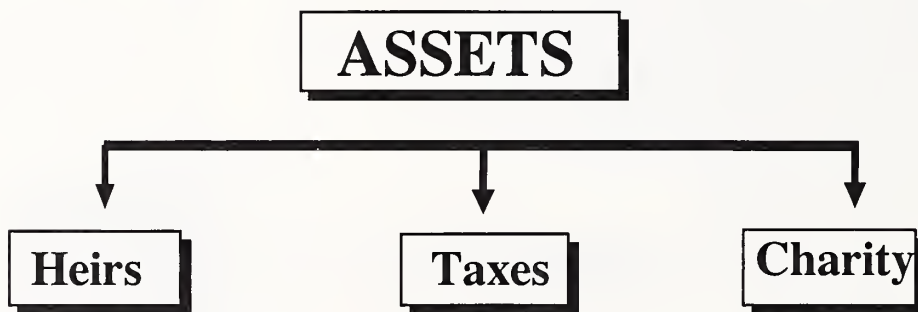
by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

PLANNING WITH VISION

THE ENHANCEMENT OF ESTATE AND RETIREMENT GOALS

The assets that we accumulate during our lifetime and do not consume can only be distributed to three ultimate recipients:

- **Heirs** the tax system will prevent us from directing all our assets to our heirs.
- **Taxes** the federal estate tax system (with rates as high as 55%) can consume a significant portion of our estate.
- **Charity** distributions to charity can help reduce our taxable estate but without planning can also curtail distributions to heirs.



Quite often we consider taxes and charity as entities that are contrary to our goals of optimizing distributions to heirs. This is true unless proper planning is used to resolve this apparent conflict. Were an opportunity to exist that would allow us to “*donate taxes*” to charity and enhance the benefit to heirs, we would immediately become philanthropists! But in reality we are all involuntary philanthropists who annually “contribute” (on April 15th) and at death (estate taxes) to government bureaucracies that use taxes to create “**Social Capital**” that provides for the environment, the sick, the homeless, and other of society’s needs.

Typically, our contribution to this form of “**Social Capital**” results in:

1. no influence or control of how dollars are used
2. on occasion some of the dollars may be used for purposes with which we philosophically disagree or that we disavow
3. traditionally inefficient government administration and use of dollars in programs of questionable merit and utility
4. dollars are used in areas that do not directly benefit our local community.

As an alternative let us consider planning with foresight. Through sensible and logical planning we can reduce much of the loss allocated to taxes and redirect these same dollars to charity (become voluntary philanthropists).

By doing so we can:

1. reduce taxes (income, capital gain, gift and estate taxes)
2. increase inheritance, current income or both depending upon circumstances or goals
3. obtain current income tax deductions to offset current taxes
4. compliment and complete existing estate and retirement planning and goals.

Simultaneously we will be creating our own **Social Capital** to address the needs of society (environment, sick, homeless, as above) but with significant and material differences:

- A. we will have influence and control over how funds are used - both the assets distributed to heirs and the assets that are distributed to charities (*the assets distributed to charity in traditional planning would have been lost to the government tax authorities*)
- B. we will be assured no funds will be used in areas or programs that we ethically, morally or philosophically oppose
- C. we will be able to monitor the efficient and effective use of capital in charities with far greater certainty
- D. specify that funds donated are used within the local community or in a specific sphere of interest
- E. The philanthropy we create will be permanent capital - to be used in perpetuity, not exhausted or spent after one use.

As a result, the questions that must be answered are:

How Do We Want To Create Social Capital?
How Much Wealth Do We Want to Control?

Why not create **Social Capital** where you direct and control the benefits rather than government bureaucrats.

Through available tax benefits the "cost" of giving is reduced by both income and estate tax reductions. (**Note:** *For definitive tax advice please consult your tax and/or legal advisor(s).*) By coordination with other wealth planning strategies charitable estate planning can provide:

1. enhancement of income - both current and deferred
2. fulfillment of financial objectives
3. control over all assets, not just those that will be distributed to heirs.

The above article was authored by Vincent J. Gallo, CLU, ChFC, RFP

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A Special Appeal

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Volunteers provide a special touch. Seen above are Winston-Salem volunteer Gail Citron and long-time family friend Bessie Schwartz at Spring Celebration. Below: Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson welcomes her good friend Eva Weinber to the monthly luncheon.



Conscience & Courage

by Eva Fogelman
Anchor Books 393 pp. \$23.95

Some sheltered one Jew for a night; others hid several Jews for years. Some performed a single spontaneous act of heroism, like the baker who saved the author's father in Poland in 1942; others were part of an anonymous network. These brave people, along with the well-known rescuers Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg, had this in common: they were gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazi regime. In her deeply affecting book, Fogelman recounts the stories of these Europeans—housewives, businessmen, telephone operators, farmers, diplomats, nurses—and tells how the state of Israel has honored them with the title “Righteous Among the Nations.” The author, a New York City social psychologist who directs the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers, ponders deep questions: Why did these particular individuals become rescuers? Can moral integrity be taught and then applied? Is there such a thing as altruism? She explains that one of her reasons for

writing the book was “to give altruism back its good name.” Her study of extraordinary instances of moral courage will appeal to a broad audience.

Through her knowledge of psychology and her experience studying altruism, Eva Fogelman shows how, given the right circumstances, a person predisposed to altruistic feelings becomes a rescuer. She also shows how the opportunity to rescue as well as the motivation to rescue are equally important for rescuing to be possible. Rescuers were motivated to help for different reasons; for some the motivation was religious, while others became rescuers out of

ideological differences with the Nazi regime; still others were horrified by the inhumanity of the Third Reich, and their moral outrage compelled them to act.

Conscience & Courage: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust analyzes the lives of those who were rescuers by showing what in their upbringing predisposed them to feelings of altruism and how they were able to translate those feelings into action. This book is a tribute to their bravery.

Eva Fogelman, Ph.D., is a social psychologist, psychotherapist, and filmmaker. She is a founding

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director of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers (ADL) and is the codirector of Psychotherapy with Generations of the Holocaust and Related Traumas at the Training Institute for Mental Health. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Social Research at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center. She was a writer and coproducer of the PBS series *Breaking the Silence: The Generations After the Holocaust* (1984). She lives in New York City.

A Gathering of Angels

by **Morris B. Margolies**

Ballantine Publishing Group
288 pp. \$10 paperback

Chaim Potok has said that *A Gathering of Angels* by Morris Margolies is a well-researched and clearly written guide through one of the most fascinating aspects of Judaism: the multifaceted world of angels from the sacred time of the Bible to the secular time of Isaac Bashevis Singer. A captivating work that will well reward the reader.

What better critique could be desired? Rabbi Margolies told *Time* for its year-end cover story on angels, "We're living in an era where disaster confronts us on all sides. People are looking for simple answers." He admits difficulty with easy answers and offers instead the Jewish premise of the battle between good and evil in each of us.

In *A Gathering of Angels (Angels in Jewish Life and Literature)*, he presents an entertaining and informative guide through 3,000 years of literature and lore, exploring

angels who shape and reflect Jewish beliefs, hope and fears.

The stories are seen not as real events, but as metaphors for obstacles faced in modern life. "We are our own angels," the author said in an interview.

Rabbi Morris B. Margolies was a rabbi for 43 years, and after his retirement became professor of Jewish history at the University of Kansas, where he teaches now. He holds a masters degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate in Jewish history from Columbia University. He has been book reviewer for *The Kansas City Star* and has written articles for newspapers and magazines and scholarly books and articles, as well.

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., and the Ideological History of American Liberalism

by **Stephen P. Depoe**

University of Alabama Press 216 pp. \$29.95

Reviewed by **Estelle Hoffman**

Those of us who remember the years of John F. Kennedy's administration in Washington recall Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., who was a major spokesman of the White House.

We are less likely to recall his theories of liberalism and conservatism in American politics, partially inherited from his father. Stephen Depoe, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Cincinnati, offers this analysis of Schlesinger the historian, who supported the concept of "tides" in national politics.

This study covers American liberal politics from Andrew Jackson to Franklin Delano Roosevelt to John F. Kennedy. Schlesinger was an active historian who attempted to influence politics, and in a measure he succeeded.

He served during World War II in the Office of War Information in London, Paris and Germany, and attributed much of his understanding of history to those years. In 1945 he received a Pulitzer Prize for *The Age of Jackson* and was appointed to the Harvard history department when he was 28 years old. He did not remain in an ivory tower.

Although Schlesinger accepted the reality of the conflicts within our society, he clung to his optimism. Never an extremist, vitally opposed to communism, he believed that a forceful leader would arise in the United States to guide us through every crisis.

During the 1960s events became complicated by the Vietnam war and assassinations of three great leaders. Depoe tells of the adjustments that had to be made in the theory of his subject, as Schlesinger watched the decline of liberal dominance in national politics.

Because everyone is directly affected by politics, this book, which summarizes the effects of rhetoric and communication in the public arena, will help to clarify our recent history.



Heroes of the Holocaust
 by **Arnold Geier**
Londonbooks/USA 272 pp.
\$14.95 paperback
 Reviewed by **Estelle Hoffman**

Arnold Geier, who is a survivor of the Holocaust, has written *Heroes of the Holocaust*, not only because, in his words, "We must not let the world forget," but to commemorate those who helped some victims to survive.

This author believes that these cases teach that individuals can make the difference between good and evil. He interviewed people during three years, then selected 28 testimonials of the survivors. He hopes that this will contribute to hope and inspiration for good behavior in our troubled world.

Abraham Foxman, national director of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, has written an introduction in this book, praising the efforts of Arnold Geier to honor those who risked their lives to save helpless people. A fraction of the total number of heroic rescuers has been discovered, and the total can be only estimated.

The author has allowed each survivor to speak for himself. The accounts of all of them are extraordinary, but within their stories of triumph are the reports of many more who perished.

This book has won praise from Elie Wiesel, from Rabbi Harold Schulweis, who is Chairman of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers of ADL, and from Christian clergy.

These are voices shouting down those of revisionists who deny the Holocaust, important voices recounting tales we need to hear.

The Art of Passover
 Compiled and edited by Rabbi **Stephan O. Parnes**
Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc.
Macmillan 119 pp. \$35.00

The Art of Passover is a collection of more than 50 full-color photographs of art that celebrates Passover. They were selected from arts and crafts from various countries, dating back to the Middle Ages.

Explanatory text is written by Rabbi Stephan O. Parnes of Torrington CT. Comments from an artistic perspective accompany the illustrations offering entertaining and informative reading, written by Bonni-Dara Michaels and Gabriel M. Goldstein, curators at Yeshiva University Museum in New York City.

This is a beautiful book for a gift to grace any coffee table. The purchaser will, of course, carefully and admiringly appreciate it before it is gift-wrapped.

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Beth David Synagogue Greensboro, NC by Sam Moffitt

The summer brings to a close a year full of activities in our religious school and our Beth David community. Our spring activities brought out many congregants for a variety of events. More than forty adults and youngsters participated in a special Shabbat service honoring Philip Silver's nine years of teaching more than one hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. Participants read Torah, led Hebrew chanting, and took many other roles in the service. Their participation was certainly a testimony to Philip's hard work and dedication.

The Beth David Men's Club Torah Academy enrolled fifteen participants, both men and women, who learned about Torah, perhaps even touching the Torah for the first time. They learned how to hold and lift the Torah, open the Ark and take part in an Aliyah. The Beth David Synagogue Women's League (Sisterhood) Annual Torah Fund event was again a success under the leadership of Esther Leader and Muriel Hoff. Over fifty women attended, many becoming patrons in supporting various funding for

students at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rabbi Mayer E. Rabinowitz, Scholar in Residence, spoke to a large congregation audience about the Conservative approach to Jewish law and current biomedical issues. He covered a wide range of topics ranging from abortion to surrogacy, to end of life to living wills, to treatment of the terminally ill.

Our Shavuot holiday was full of activity at Beth David. On Shavuot night, we held a late evening Tikun, Torah study session. Classes and discussions were led from 10 pm to 2 am by several congregants. In keeping with the holiday spirit, cheesecake was served. In the synagogue bedecked with greenery on Shavuot morning surrounding the reading of the Ten Commandments, some of our students read essays that they had written about the Commandments. Later that afternoon, many families met at a nearby park for a Yom Tov picnic.

Other activities continued through the spring months. By popular demand, our MBA (Mincha Basketball Association) continued to drive forward with an expanded program. Now this program is not only for high school students, but for seventh and eighth graders as well. Youngsters meet on Shabbat afternoon to play basketball and then attend Mincha services.

As the religious school year came to a close, we were very proud of our Hebrew High School students.

Our students attend through twelfth grade, meeting every Tuesday evening for a variety of classes. The last meeting of the year was May 10, and they attended a Greensboro Bats baseball game. The culmination of our Hebrew High School program is confirmation. This year's confirmants are David Hoffman, Molly Levinson, Aaron Lange, and Daniel Newman. On Shabbat morning, May 14, each student read from Torah, led some part of the service, and spoke about an element of Judaism and the Conservative movement.

Another highlight of the year occurred on June 1 when over forty children from Beth David Religious School and B'nai Shalom "Bowled with the Rabbi." These students earned this reward by attending fifteen or more services during the year.

Finally, the last pre-flight meeting of the Greensboro Community Interfaith Mission to Israel was held at Beth David Synagogue. The group was privileged to hear from two members from Birmingham who have embarked on similar interfaith missions. Several of our Beth David members, including Rabbi Havivi, are participating in this interfaith, interracial pilgrimage to Israel. They hope to build stronger bridges within our community as a result of this Federation and NCCJ sponsored mission. The travelers will have just returned from Israel about the time that you are reading this issue of the Times Outlook. We look forward to hearing about their thoughts during their travels to Israel. We also look forward to a wonderful summer at Beth David Synagogue.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Lynne Cojac

Temple Beth El's June and July calendars are full with B'nai Mitzvot! Please join us as we celebrate these special life cycle events:

June 4: Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Katzman, daughter of Cindy and Craig Katzman

June 11 B'nai Mitzvah of the children of Patti and Steward Scher; Bar Mitzvah of Josh Scher, Bat Mitzvah of Amy Scher

June 18 Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Linderman, son of Beth and James Linderman

June 25 Bat Mitzvah of Vivian Michelle Resnik, daughter of Ana and Alan Resnik

July 2 Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Meier, daughter of Suzie and Dan Meier

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle met on April 2 at the Karpens'. After a brief service and refreshments supplied by Ruth and Ike Chicurel, the group focused on Chapter 10, "Economic Justice," in **Tough Choices** by Vorspan and Saperstein. Discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, closely followed the source material. The consensus was that

education is the most important factor in achieving economic justice.

Sisterhood held its annual rummage sale on April 17 through 19 in Unger Hall, under the capable direction of Lillian Bieber. An unusually rich assortment of goods was offered; proceeds benefitted the Temple Religious School.

On April 10 the Sisterhood meeting featured an eye-opening demonstration of accessorizing by the effervescent fashion-maven Ronna Resnick, owner of Clothes Encounters, a resale and elegant-new-clothes shop for, as Ronna puts it, people who are allergic to retail prices. Even those who thought they knew it all learned a few new tricks. Ronna is the daughter-in-law of Jules and Cecile Resnick.

The following slate of officers was presented at the April board meeting: A Presidium, consisting of Shirley Berdie, Fran Aaron and Sylvia Meyer; Treasurer, Ruth Weber; Financial Secretary, Judy Haller; Recording Secretary, Shirley Rapoport; Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Schachter. Members of the nominating committee, chaired by Hilde Hoffman, were Irene Braun, Helen Pozner and Ruth Weber.

Among the committee heads proposed were Lillian Bieber, Fundraising; Rosalie Schrier, Good and Welfare; Ellen Gilreath, Uniongrams, and Ruth Chicurel, Judy Haller and Liesel Sullivan, Telephone Committee; Leslie Sipes, Membership, and Debi Drecksler and Irene Braun, Membership.

The Brotherbrood Brunch on

April 10 took wing with a talk and slide-show about birds and butterflies by the highly qualified Dr. Hal Mahan, who earned his Ph.D. in Zoology/Ecology at Michigan State University. Dr. Mahan and his wife, who has a Master's degree in Botany, are the proprietors of the Compleat Naturalist, which they say is "not only a unique nature store, but a learning center and information resource for promoting amateur nature study." Dr. Mahan was invited at the suggestion of Ted Rose. The classic brunch spread was produced by Kerry Friedman, Harris Livingstain, Dick Braun and Frank Gilreath under the direction of Bob Janowitz. Everyone who came was glad they had.

The Mail brought another affirmation of the excellence of Rabbi Ratner's concept of the recent Sabbath of Reconciliation Service: *"Dear Rabbi Ratner-Sincere thanks to your congregation for inviting parishioners from St. Mark's and St. Eugene's to your March fourth service. This is the spirit of cooperation and desire for mutual understanding that should continue to move forward among our congregations, in fact among all people. From my fellow Catholics at St. Eugene's who attended, I heard similar comments.*

I look forward to fruitful exchanges and interactions among our religious groups. . . maybe even beyond; somewhere down the road.

*Sincerely,
Lou Rinkus*

Young Judea participated in the

community-wide Israel Independence Day Celebration in Weaver Park on April 17. All the Youth Groups met, and Jason Wunsch and Josh Ratner gave certificates to the Young Judeans graduating to the next older club. There was Israeli dancing and a community kickball game. The youngest group had a bake sale and raised \$75 in scholarship funds for the spring convention at Camp Judea.

A Warm Welcome to new Temple members Arthur and Pat Sweid, and Marlene Breger-Joyce and her daughters Amy, age 10, and Annie age 7.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Scholar-in-Residence

Karen Golden, Beth Israel's 1994 Scholar-in-Residence, the "Oy, What A Story Teller" Story Teller, amused us, amazed us, entertained us, and involved us with her portrayals. Her stories, ranging from sages to Shetl to "Goldeneh Medina" (what else, her name is "Golden") and music, and adding a teaching workshop after Shabbat, enhanced this special time. The congregation gives thanks to Caren Kessler and her committee for planning this super weekend.

Center for Jewish Studies Presents David Blumenthal

The Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA is pleased to announce the 1994 Phyllis Freed Sollod Memorial

Lecture, "The Angry Psalms," by David Blumenthal, professor of Judaic Studies at Emory University, on Monday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Owen Conference Center, UNCA. This lecture is free and open to the public.

In his innovative work, Professor Blumenthal has created a bridge between Holocaust and child abuse as two forms of survival, in an effort "to frame a religious and spiritual response which takes into serious account the rage of survivors." In the Sollod lecture, Professor Blumenthal will develop these ideas through a careful examination of several psalms.

Professor Blumenthal is the author of numerous books, including *Facing the Abusing God: A Theology of Protest, Understanding Jewish Mysticism*, and *The Place of Faith and Grace in Judaism*. He has made significant contributions to a number of fields of Judaic Studies including Jewish spirituality and mysticism, Jewish Studies in the university, and Holocaust studies.

Dr. Walter Ziffer, a Holocaust survivor, gave a very informative lecture on Jewish Passive and Active Resistance to the Persecution at UNCA. This lecture was open to the public.

Picnics

We had our Passover picnic and May picnic on the grounds with games, fun, and community.

Thank You

Thank you to Sid and Sandy Tureff and family for their donations of green plastic round tablecloths for the Synagogue, to Beth Israel's

Sisterhood for the light blue plastic tablecloths, to Rabbi and Sara Birnham for the dark blue plastic tablecloths, and to Morris and Pauline Tenenbaum for the white plastic tablecloths. Thank you to Joe Karpen for his donation of a new Torah breastplate for the sanctuary in honor of his son, Simon, becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Andy Deutsch for winning second prize in the Champions Photo Contest, sponsored by the Asheville Citizen-Times and The Health Adventure.

Yom Hashoah Memorial Service

At the Yom Hashoah Service this year, held at Beth Ha-Tephila, the winner of Hadassah's recent essay contest, "Why We Must Remember the Holocaust," was announced. She subsequently read her essay. The winner was Erwin High Senior, Holly Westall, and Asheville High ninth graders, Jessica Greene and Andrea Berkey, second and third place winners.

Lordy, Lordy, The Rabbi Is Forty

Rabbi Birnham celebrated his birthday with Sarah, and son, David, and congregation on April 21, following Saturday services. He assured all, he was to be congratulated on reaching this milestone, considering the alternative.

Grammy Winner

Beth Israel is proud to announce one of its congregants, Eliot Wadopian, recently took home music's big kahuna, the Grammy, for his work with the Paul Winter Consort. The band won the Grammy for Best New Age Album.

Sisterhood News

Michele Heller, President, wishes to express her "thank you" for all who attended the Second Night Seder and for the usual incredible job that Barbara Laibson and her committee did (and always does) in organizing this year's event. "Their hard work made us feel they were celebrating with family," the President said.

Coming Attractions

Coming attractions are the final Sisterhood General Meeting on Sunday, June 5. On June 16, will be the Joint Luncheon and Installation of Officers (with Hadassah and Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ha-Tephila). At that time, the Beth Israel Sisterhood's "Light of Torah" award for 1993-1994 person will be announced.

Inside the Torah

Frank Goldsmith gave a bird's eye view summary of what was coming up in April (Leviticus: Shemini, Birkat HaHodesh, Tazria Metzora, Ahare Motkedoshim and Emor.) It left us feeling, we need to know more, what's coming next.

Seudat Shlisheet

Thanks to Ruth Gaynes for her beautiful presentation of the Tallith during February's Seudat Shlisheet, and to the Hey Sunday School class for a beautifully written and orchestrated evening in March. We look forward to more of these enjoyable evenings.

Poet's Corner

A charming winner came across my desk, which I thought I would share. Thirteen year old Davene Chaya Grosfield (niece of Lillian

Wellisch), won the middle school competition in Montgomery County, Maryland with this piece. This is now entered in competition for the State of Maryland middle schools.

A Gift To The World

Davene Chaya Grosfeld (13)

*I see the sun as I'm walking along, its majestic glow getting dimmer,
the air is cold like a winter night. Yet it is merely fall.*

I stop to rest, but still I know the sun won't stay here long,

Its beauty is overpowering, still its rays shine with little effort.

And then it is dark.

Not only so that I cannot see, but I cannot smell or hear;

As if a shadow swept over me, I shiver; cold and afraid.

I curl up next to an oak tree, and slowly shut my eyes.

And then I sleep.

I sleep as if I'd never slept, and I dream more than I've ever dreamt.

A dream of birds and sunshine; of sparkling light in the sky.

A beautiful day is awaiting me.

And then I sadly remember I'm dreaming, and I fear that I will

never see the sun again.

So I open my eyes-it can't be true! I see light everywhere!

In the sky, shining through the trees, allowing me to see!

And although there are few birds, and the air is still cold,

I lie in the sunshine, and soak up its little warmth.

A beautiful day is truly awaiting me.

If I could give the world something-anything,

I'd give the everlasting beauty of light.

Temple Israel

Charlotte, NC

by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

May was an exciting month at Temple Israel. One of the highlights of the month was the Cantorial Concert held on May 22, featuring Cantor Louis Danto. The concert was a musical treat for all who attended. Other important events involving Temple Israelites included the installation of the new Sisterhood Board on May 25, the Consolidated High School Teacher Appreciation Dinner on May 18, and the Consolidated High School luncheon featuring guest speaker Irene Opdyke, "Righteous Gentile." The "Celebrating Life" luncheon this month prepared participants for "Summertime. . .and the Aging is Easy." On May 23, the Book Club met to discuss Eva Hoffman's **Lost in Transaction**. This was the last Book Club meeting before a two-month break. Meetings will resume in August.

One of the most joyous events at Temple Israel during May was Confirmation Exercises on May 16. Mazel tov to the Temple Israel Confirmation Class of 1994: Michael Aron, Marc Flash, Jason Gold, Lea Goryn, Michael Jacobsohn, Ilana Kavadlo, Josh Kaye, Ilana Klein, Shayna Kossove, Lauren Monosoff, and Eric Seitlin.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Judy Miller for receiving the 1994 Light of Torah Award for outstanding leadership and exemplary service to Sisterhood. The award was presented at the recent Southern Branch Conference

for Women's League of Conservative Judaism.

Mazel tov to Laura and Steve Levine of Smyrna GA, on the birth of their daughter, Jordan Miriam Levine, on March 15. The proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Salmon of Tucson AZ, and Milton Levine of Charlotte.

Mazel tov to the following recent B'nai Mitzvah: Jonathan Stern (April 9), Stuart Shapiro (April 16), Rachel Hockfield (April 23), Rachel Berkowitz (April 30), Rachel Gold (May 7), and Josh Klemons (May 14).

New Members

Temple Israel extends a warm welcome to Tanya and Michael Umansky, Anita and Alexander Biedermann, and Joyce and Bruce Mehlman.



*I look down at my child's face,
I feel the miracle.
I see the eyes that hold the glory
of the New
combined with the innocence of
being lost.
The beginnings of teaching what I
have learned
I bring light to the stage and
together we build.
I hope to tame the fears that
close the doors, but open her
eyes
to the passions which will rule her
days.
I wish to show that battles can
become victories
and love is precious as life itself.
Watching the awkward bloom
as roses to beauty
Believing in the spirit we bring
each other
as mother to daughter.
Guiding hands that will catch the
falls
and hugs to give
I help the ideas become results.
I glance away only to remember
the girl inside,
where dreams were unique and my
own.
But mothers can always bring
that smile to a frowning face and
nourishment to hungry stomachs.
I feel the miracle!
sitting with me the young face I
can watch grow.*

by Shelby Newman

ORGANIZATIONS

BBW

Approves Name Change

Orlando-B'nai B'rith Women will enter its second century with a new name.

Delegates to the volunteer philanthropic organization's Biennial Convention unanimously approved changing the name. A new name will be submitted to the delegates for a vote next spring. BBW will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1997.

"The delegates have taken a bold step to position this organization for the next century," said Joan Kort, BBW President 1992-94.

"Our work revolves around Jewish issues and concern for children and families. We need a name that makes that clear," said Susan Bruck, BBW President 1994-96.

In the United States and Canada, the organization has focused on issues of family violence, prejudice reduction, Holocaust awareness, and children of interfaith families. At the convention, BBW launched a landmark study into the rising rate of violence perpetrated by girls.

The organization also celebrated 50 years of support of its children's

Residential Treatment Center in Israel which has had remarkable success in treating severely emotionally disturbed boys. For three decades, BBW has provided a forum for dialogue through the Arab-Jewish Project, which has been called an "oasis in the desert of bigotry and hate."

Delegates also elected new officers for the 1994-96 term: Susan Bruck, Charlotte NC, President; Donna Perline, Wichita KS, President-Elect; Peggy Gartner, Charlotte NC, Vice President; Rande Lefkow, Hollywood FL, Vice President; Barbara Rabkin, Gaithersburg MD, Vice President; Millie Sernovitz, Milwaukee WI, Vice President; and immediate Past President Joan Kort, Overland Park KS, Counselor.



CELEBRATING CHANGE - Officers of B'nai B'rith Women celebrate after delegates unanimously voted to change the name of the nearly 100-year-old organization during BBW's biennial convention in Orlando, Florida. Celebrating the historic moment are (from left) Executive Board Member Raelaine Radnitz of Dallas, Texas; Vice President Donna Perline of Wichita, Kansas; Past President Harriet Horowitz of North Miami Beach, Florida; 1992-94 President Joan Kort of Overland Park, Kansas; Past Vice President Carole Romer of North Miami Beach, Florida; Vice President Rande Lefkow of Hollywood, Florida; and 1994-96 President Susan Bruck of Charlotte, NC. Delegates will vote on a new name next spring. (Photo by Robert A. Cummins)

North Carolina Hillel The Foundation for Campus Jewish Life

"Hillel of the 1990s is all about building Jewish community on North Carolina's campuses," said Rabbi Andy Koren, new Executive Director of North Carolina Hillel. Together with Julie Anne Zupan, NC Hillel's Program Director, Rabbi Koren has tried to touch the lives of as many Jewish students as possible. "We have to open as many doors as possible, inviting Jewish students throughout this state to take pride in their Judaism. The college years are critical years in a person's life and Hillel is there as the campus Jewish community center."

During the school year, North Carolina Hillel sees hundreds of Jewish students at social programs, Shabbat dinners and holiday services, Mitzvah Corps community service projects, and field trips. Hillel's wide range of programs celebrate Jewish diversity and reach out to otherwise forgotten constituencies of Jewish university students.

Here is a sampling of NC Hillel's programming calendar from this past academic year:

BosniAid: an Evening of Hope for Bosnia, sponsored by Hillel, saw Jews and Muslims joining as allies to raise awareness of the human tragedy in the Balkans. Hillel also registered over 135 Jews in the National Bone Marrow Registry, sponsored a statewide trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington

DC, initiated an Arab-Jewish dialogue and most recently an African-American-Jewish dialogue, and formed a Jewish Women's Group and a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Jewish study group. During the week of Passover, hundreds of students attended Hillel functions, including traditional, interfaith, teaching and feminist Seders, Passover lunches, and informational tables. During Celebrate Israel Week, students enjoyed Israeli dancing, music, film, and foods. Many students appreciated the three-hour crash course in Hebrew language offered as a supplement to the modern Hebrew classes which meet twice a week at Hillel. An average of fifty students join us for Shabbat services and dinner every week.

This has been a year of tremendous growth for North Carolina Hillel. In December, Irma Moss joined NC Hillel's staff as Outreach Coordinator for the Greensboro area. She serves approximately 175 students on the four area campuses- Greensboro College, UNC-Greensboro, Guilford College and Elon College. Under Irma's guidance, students successfully planned social and Shabbat programs and reached out to previously uninvolved students. Some especially noteworthy programs this semester were a Joint Shabbat Service and Tu B'Shevat Seder at UNC-G, Purim

Hamentaschen and mask making, Guilford College's annual Interfaith Passover Seder and Shabbat celebrations every month.

NC Hillel increased its presence at North Carolina State with monthly Brickyard tables, movie nights and religious celebrations. Through our first faculty, staff and student brunch and small get-togethers with students on campus, we are continuing to identify and better address the needs of every Jewish student.

Undoubtedly, the momentum of this year will carry over to next semester as North Carolina Hillel continues to expand its network of campuses served. We also look forward to welcoming incoming undergraduates and graduate students to the campus Jewish community.



First year students Barbara Greenberg (Fayetteville) and Maissa Tiamfook (New York) enjoy Hamantaschen baking as part of the NC Hillel's Jewish Creativity Series.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by Linda Landau

North Ridge Country Club was the site of Hadassah's annual Donor Dinner on Tuesday, April 5, 1994. The scrumptious buffet dinner was followed by a timely commentary by Sheila Lebowitz, a member of Hadassah's National Board and the Washington Speaker's Bureau. Israel, the peace talks and the latest "happenings on the hill" were the highlights of Sheila's talk. The evening continued on a lighter note. Richard Deutsch, accompanied by Nan Dickman on the piano, sang a medley of showtunes including favorites from "Fiddler on the Roof." Proceeds from the Donor Dinner will be utilized by Hadassah Medical Organization and its Bundle of Joy campaign. Hadassah Hospital is opening a new maternity wing, offering the most comprehensive and up-to-date care in the region.

Installation of the officers of the 1994-95 board will take place at the May general meeting.

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These people seem unable to differentiate between their brains and their "tuchas." Yet, for the most part, for every one "momsaytem" there were four or five times as many mentshen, and many gentile mentshen, at that. People that dramatically helped and appreciated their Jewish neighbors and knew that in their prosperity the Jewish merchant also usually went the extra mile for the town that enabled them to acquire that prosperity. It was trailblazers like Louis and Sadie Baer in Dunn who were living examples of what a Jew was to many people who, in some cases, may have never even seen a Jewish person let alone know one. In many small towns it was the Main Street merchant, not a rabbi or rebbitzin, that was the day to day role models of what a Jew was. It was a big responsibility, but so many North Carolinians from Murphy to Manteo took the opportunity and lived a life which eliminated many bumps and curves from the lives of those who came after them.

It is easy these days to think that the neighborhood merchant is becoming extinct or not appreciated anymore. On the morning of April 18, 1994 I was sitting in the Huddle House eating breakfast and ran across a Charlotte Observer article by Jeri Krentz "200 Pay Respect To Shop Owner," the headline read. It was another senseless murder. Jung-Sup Pak, a Korean businessman, had been shot in a robbery attempt as his wife had gone to Hardees to get them lunch. Before his funeral, Josephine Autry, who lived near the shop, plastered the display window of Pak's little store with posterboard so that everyone in the

neighborhood could come by and write a small note expressing how they felt about the loss of the merchant and to let his widow know their concern. I felt so saddened by the article for the merchant, but felt deeply touched by the scribbles on the posterboard. In these days when it seems only the faceless retailing giants control our shopping, it was good to hear that the neighborhood merchant still meant something. When there are no more Main Street and neighborhood merchants, we'd better leave this planet on the first spaceship out. But as we go let us not forget to find as many barns and billboards as we can, so that we may scribble onto them our feelings. "Yes, Louis Baer, and many more like you, we did keep our eyes on you, and what a life we saw. In a blink you were gone but not to be forgotten; for what you gave us should not and cannot ever be replaced."

This article is dedicated to the memory of long-time retailer, Philip Datnoff of Hickory, who passed away February 17, 1994, and whom I remember fondly from the days at Horowitz Kosher Boarding Home in Hendersonville NC.

The following articles were used as reference in this article:

Insight by Marcia W. Simon (granddaughter of Louis Baer), Charlotte News, 1982

Editorial by Hoover Adams, published in 1951 in Dunn.

(Continued from page 2-Billings, Montana) intolerance and encourage hate and bigotry to grow," Chief Inman continued. "They are rewarded for their efforts when the community does not speak out. Silence is perceived as acceptance. The victims are isolated and targeted for harassment and intimidation when there is not opposition from the larger community."

Chief Inman stressed that when the KKK attempted to breed hatred in Billings, Mt, they got more than they bargained for.

"In Billings, the KKK and the Skinheads encountered a community that recognized the threat to the peace and safety of all its citizens. If hate groups harass one member of our community, they challenge us all."

Mr. Schile, whose newspaper printed up the full-page, pull-out menorahs for homeowners, churches and storekeepers to display, spoke about the role and responsibility of a local newspaper to the community in times of turmoil.

"We found it intolerable that minorities in our community had become the targets of Skinhead violence and intimidation," said Mr. Schile. "The citizens of Billings wanted to send a message that hatred directed against any group is intolerable. We wanted to act as one community. The local newspaper, when it functions at its highest calling, has the ability to achieve that end. By working together with various individuals and groups, the Gazette not only publicized the story so that everyone knew what was

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Personals

A GALA ROSH HASHANAH-LABOR DAY SINGLES GETAWAY

A special Jewish singles event will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the world-renowned Arizona Biltmore Hotel, September 2-6, 1994. This elegant affair includes an opening dance, 2 meals daily, a 50's party, a Sunday night New Year's black-tie optional dinner dance, and Rosh Hashanah singles-only services. This national event will bring Jewish singles (35-65) together from coast to coast. All hotel amenities are included with golf and tennis available. For special package rates and reservations call Lenora Stein (602) 998-2521 or Bonnie Gaby (602) 951-0556. . .or write Professional Jewish Singles, 7349 Via Paseo del Sur, Suite 515-194, Scottsdale AZ 85258. Limited space available.



Gordon Gets Citizen Award

by Nancy Baker
Statesville, NC

Saul M. Gordon, an active member of the Statesville and Iredell County community for many years, has been named as the 1993 Citizen of the Year. Gordon was honored today during the annual meeting of the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to the community.

Gordon, president of L. Gordon Iron & Metal Co., has been with the family firm for 44 years. He has been past president of the Southern Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel and a past director of the national board of the Institute. He has conducted educational seminars for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries for 20 years.

In the community, Gordon has served on a number of boards including non-profit human service agencies, governmental and business boards. He is a past board member of the Statesville Airport Commission and the Iredell County Planning and Zoning Board and past chairman and current member of the Statesville Appearance Commission. He is chairman of the NationsBank Advisory Committee in Statesville, is a past president of the Statesville City Club, a past vice president and current member of the Chamber, and past president of the Statesville Kiwanis Club. He was co-founder of the Tar Heel Classic Horse Show, sponsored annually by the Kiwanis Club.



Gordon has also been a director for many of the community's service agencies.

In 1988, Gordon was nominated for and received the Rex Whittington Award, the school volunteer of the year award presented jointly by the North Carolina Association for Community Education and the N.C. Center for Community Education. He was nominated by individuals at Alan D. Rutherford School, where he participated in the modified Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. When he became involved in the program, Gordon "adopted" not only a child, but a school as well, donating time, supplies, "little extras," and support. He shares his enthusiasm for the program, speaking and recruiting others to join, and provides release time for employees to participate.

A native of Statesville, Gordon is a graduate of Statesville High School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married to Gene L. Gordon and they have three children, Mrs. Charlotte G. Margolis of Chapel Hill, Craig R. Gordon of Davidson, and Mrs. Susan G. Sandler of Charlotte. The Gordons are members of Temple Emanuel.

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CAJE Announces Winners of the 1994/5754 Creative Projects of the Year Awards

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas region, is pleased to announce the award winners of its seventh annual statewide Creative Projects of the Year awards competition—a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching. Three \$50 cash prizes were awarded to the top prize winners in each of three divisions and \$25 cash prizes were awarded to each of their schools:

First Place-Individual Lesson
Judith Carle, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Congregation, Charleston SC;

Progressive Model Seder for Passover

First Place-Ongoing Unit

Sue Brodsky, Rabbi James Bennett, Roz Cooper, Jennifer Foley, Arthur Kramer, David Lash, Susan Lepow, Irwin Manes, Vicki Neumann, George Shelden; Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte NC, "Tikkun Olam-Repairing the World 8th & 9th grade Retreat"

First Place-Early Childhood

Susan Aizenman, Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Charlotte NC, "Chad Gadya Playlet"

A special award certificate and a book was presented to Cammie Sklar, a high school junior and a Madricha (teacher assistant) for the third grade class taught by Karen Fox of Temple Israel in Charlotte NC in recognition of her creative project, "Presentation of the Weekly Sidra, Pekuday." Cammie is an 11th grade post-confirmation class student in the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte. Certificates of recognition were awarded to all participating teachers who submitted projects to the competition. A list of the entries follows.

Projects were judged on their Judaic content, replicability, age appropriateness, completeness, overall presentation and of course, Creativity! All project entries become a part of the CAJE Resource Center permanent



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curriculum bank in Charlotte. In addition, copies of all projects will be published in the **1994/5754 CAJE Creative Project of the Year Idea Book**, available fall, 1994.

For more information, call or write CAJE at: Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte NC 28270, (704) 366-5007, ext. 272.

Kol ha-kavod-congratulations-to all the winners.

Creative Projects of the Year Awards 1994/5754 Certificates of Recognition

Rabbi Robert Waxman, Jay Kapner, B'nai Israel Synagogue, Wilmington NC, "Jewish Music Workshops"

Tami Bernat, Temple Beth El, Charlotte NC, "What Prayer Am I? Charades"

Linda Killian, Rabbi Robert Waxman, B'nai Israel Synagogue, Wilmington NC, "The Few Against The Many-Understanding Hanukah Military History"

Deborah Miles, Barbara Miller, Elissa Brown, Beth Israel Synagogue, Asheville NC, "Dance of Creation"

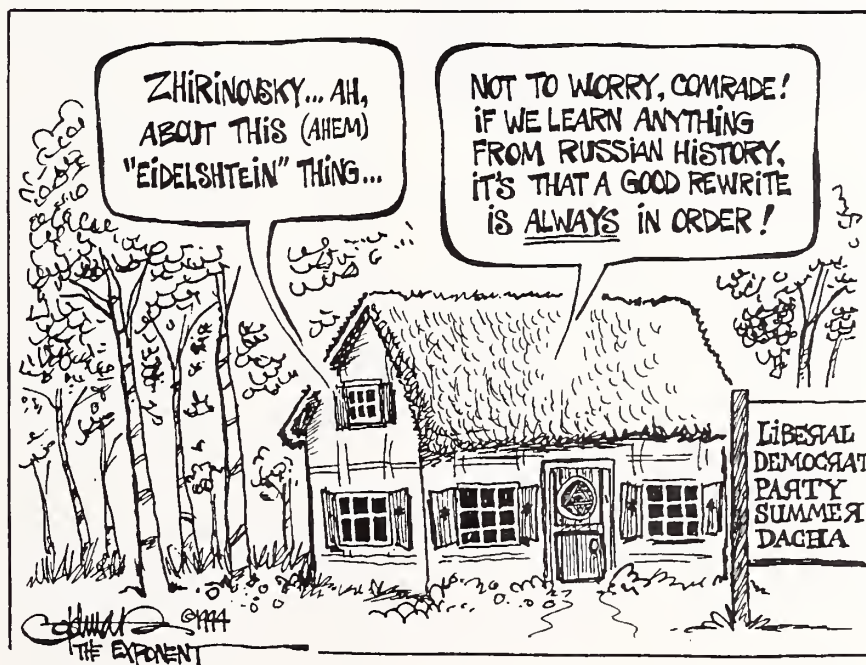
Tamar Seigel, Jewish Community Center Infant Toddler Program, Charlotte NC, "Purim for the Very Young"

Lee Keene, Temple Beth El, Charlotte NC, "Sunday School-Jewish Diary"; "Jewish Comic Book"

Roger Meyers, Suzie Meiers, Temple Beth El, Charlotte NC, "Video of Passover/Exodus"

Cheri Wolff, Annmarie Mancusi, Debbi Block, Robbie McGinley, Patti Weisman, Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Charlotte NC, "Overhead Movie-The Story of Passover"

(Cont. from page 38-Billings, Montana) going on, but, by printing up the menorahs we allowed everyone to show unity of purpose. And we are proud that so many people-of different ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds-seized upon that opportunity."





Head of Diabetes Unit at Children's Medical Center of Israel, an International Pioneer in the Field, Seeks a Cure for the Disease via Pancreatic Islet Transplants



Dr. Pnina Vardi

An Israeli physician who has pioneered in the early detection and prevention of juvenile diabetes is among an elite group of international experts now working on plans to cure the disease by transplanting insulin-producing pancreatic islets into youngsters whose bodies cannot manufacture insulin.

Dr. Pnina Vardi of the Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI) said on a recent visit to the United States that the transplantation procedure could become fully functional before

the end of the century, thus freeing diabetic children from the strict medical regimen of daily insulin injections. Dr. Vardi is director of the Henry and Myrtle Hirsch National Center for Juvenile Diabetes at CMCI's Institute of Pediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology in Petah Tikva.

Islets are cells in the pancreas that secrete insulin. The body's failure to produce sufficient insulin causes diabetes. In juvenile diabetes, the islets that are responsible for insulin secretion are destroyed by the body's own immune system. In her pioneering experimental work, Dr. Vardi has successfully transplanted pancreatic islets between rodents.

Prof. Moshe Karp, director of the Institute of Pediatric Endocrinology, and Dr. Vardi believe that by the year 2000 they will be able to successfully transplant pancreatic islets from human to human. The National Center of Childhood Diabetes is the largest unit of its kind in Israel. The Center's staff is composed of eight

physicians plus nurses, psychologists, social workers and dieticians. The Center serves 700 active juvenile diabetes patients, with 50 to 60 new patients each year from throughout Israel. In addition, its staff offers services to diabetic children in northern Israel through the Lin Clinic—a unit of the Kupat-Holim health organization that serves the northern part of the country.

National Islet Bank

Dr. Vardi plans to establish a national bank at the Children's Medical Center for preserving human pancreatic islets, where cells from organ donors will be cleaner and frozen pending refinement of the transplant procedure. The project also entails establishing an animal laboratory and acquiring specialized equipment to harvest pancreatic islets. "Because one transplant requires islets from four human donors, pig islets—which most closely match those of humans—are likely to be used in the majority of transplants," she said.

\$2.5 Million Endowment Needed
This project, which Dr. Vardi said

would require an endowment of \$2.5 million, is being carried out in collaboration with Dr. Richard Nakash of the Department of Organ Transplantation at the Beilinson Medical Center, a neighbor of CMCI in Petah Tikva, and with the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

At the same time, Dr. Vardi and Prof. Karp are helping to build a highly-specialized team of surgeons and diabetes experts for whole pancreas transplantation, making CMCI the national referral center for this procedure as it becomes available.

Preventing juvenile diabetes or reversing the process of the disease through early transplantation is the primary goal of Dr. Vardi, a native of Baghdad who studied in Italy and received an M.D. degree from the Technion in Haifa. A leader in developing early diabetes screening and prevention programs while a Research Fellow at Harvard University from 1985 to 1987, Dr. Vardi continued her work at Rambam Hospital in Haifa before coming to CMCI last November. Screening for the disease is now routinely performed on every sibling of a juvenile diabetes patient in Israel, since diabetes is a hereditary disease.

Dr. Vardi is the founder of the Arab-Israel Diabetes Foundation and, together with investigators at the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes in Denver CO, is involved in a major research project on the genetics of diabetes. This collaborative research, carried out with the cooperation of a Bedouin family treated by Dr. Vardi, seeks

to characterize the genes responsible for juvenile diabetes. The first results of this study were presented at a meeting last month in San Francisco organized by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

Israel is one of only a few countries in the world where pilot studies in early screening of juvenile diabetes are routinely performed, and is one of only three countries that have begun to use insulin as a preventive agent. Today this approach has been adopted by the National Institutes of Health in the United States and by most of the European countries forming a world-wide international research project. Dr. Vardi leads the only team in Israel conducting these studies.

The Children's Medical Center of Israel is the only critical care pediatric hospital in the Middle East. The 224-bed hospital is open to all children, regardless of religion, race, nationality or ethnic origin, and serves as a humanitarian bridge to peace to Israel's neighbors throughout the Middle East.

Israel's President Hosts Young Cancer Patients from Children's Medical Center of Israel

Israel's President Ezer Weizman played host recently at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem, Israel's White House, to 20 younger cancer patients being treated at the Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI).

The children's trip from the Medical Center in Petah Tikvah to Israel's capital was arranged by peace activist Abie Nathan at the request of actress-writer Gila Almagor, who works extensively with seriously ill children. The youngsters, who ranged in age from 8 to 17, are at varying stages of treatment.

President Weizman and his wife Reuma were clearly moved by their young visitors. When he turned the floor over to his guests after some brief welcoming remarks, there was only one request: "Can we have our picture taken with you?"

The President, who as a rule is not overly fond of photographers, was exceptionally cooperative, agreeing to pose for individual and group shots. In the more informal atmosphere around the buffet table, curiosity overcame shyness and the young visitors plied the President with questions.

At the end of the visit, Mrs. Weizman made arrangements to visit the Medical Center to renew her friendship with the youngsters and to see for herself CMCI's advanced facilities.

Following their meeting with President Weizman, the youngsters visited the Biblical Zoo and the Western Wall, where they were blessed by Rabbi Yehuda Getz, rabbi of the Wall.

Dr. Ian Cohen, Deputy Director of the Department of Hematology-Oncology at CMCI, told President Weizman that upwards of 150 new cases of children with cancer are diagnosed and treated each year at CMCI, Israel's only critical care

medical institution for children. CMCI treats 65 percent of all children diagnosed with cancer in Israel. The Department, which is equipped with highly specialized diagnostic and research tools, serves children with blood disorders and malignancies on an in-patient and out-patient basis. Every effort is made to enable the children to continue normal activities throughout the course of treatment, Dr. Cohen said.



CMCI patient at Beit Hanessi—A young cancer patient at the Children's Medical Center of Israel, the only critical care children's hospital in the Middle East, is greeted by Israel's President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem. The President and his wife Reuma welcomed 200 youngsters undergoing treatment at the Medical Center to their home—Beit Hanessi, the President's House. It was the highlight of an all-day outing to Jerusalem from the Medical Center, located in Petah Tikvah.

The Children's Medical Center serves all children in need—regardless of race, religion or national origin—from Israel and the region. It treats

infants, children and adolescents suffering from the most serious and life-threatening diseases and injuries.

Children's Medical Center of Israel will Participate in Cooperative Medical Agreement Signed by Egypt-Israel Senior Egyptian Delegation Visits the Medical Center

The Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI), the only critical-care hospital for children in the Middle East, will be among the first Israeli institutions to take part in joint medical projects with Egypt.

A senior Egyptian delegation headed by Mahmoud Abd El Halim Elshahawi, Deputy Director of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, came to Israel last month to sign a number of cooperative agreements in the fields of science, education, and medicine.

The accords marked the first such agreements between two nations since 1980, according to Uri Bar-Ner, Deputy Director General for Science, Culture and Academia of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. He announced that CMCI would be part of this cooperative agreement.

Physician exchanges between Egypt and Israel are expected to begin within two months under the agreement.

While on their mission to Israel, the Egyptian officials visited the Department of Hematology-Oncology at CMCI, where they saw two eight-year-old boys from the Gaza strip who are receiving bone-marrow transplants. Minister Elshahawi said he and his colleagues were delighted to visit the advanced-treatment medical center. They also met a physician from Gaza who is receiving special training in pediatric hematology-oncology. Dr. Eliahu Wielunsky, Deputy Director of CMCI, said that the hospital, which opened last year in Petah Tikvah, "is the realization of a dream of creating a bridge of peace between Israel and its neighbors."

Another highlight of the visit by the Egyptian delegation was an emotional meeting with Dr. Yehezkel Waisman, director of CMCI's emergency unit, who was held captive in Egypt for two months after the Yom Kippur War. When asked by one of the delegates, Muhammed Kamel Khalil, nephew of former Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, if he enjoyed his period of captivity, Dr. Waisman replied:

"It would be hard to describe it as enjoyable. As a P.O.W. I met an Egyptian doctor, a wonderful man of morals who supported me, understood me and helped me get through the hardest days. I was treated humanely, and that's what is important."

Violinist Yitzhak Perlman Leads First Western Wall Tunnel Tour for the Disabled



Yitzhak Perlman navigating the Western Wall Tunnels



Above: Surrounded by admirers, Itzhak Perlman signs autographs for young patients at the Children's Medical Center of Israel.

with physical disabilities and visual or hearing impairments.

“As part of our efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families, the Joint has already been involved in making such popular Israeli sites as Neot Kedumim, a recreated Biblical nature reserve, and Tel Dan, an archeological site, accessible to the disabled,” says Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, president of JDC. “People with disabilities will now be able to visit many sites of religious and historical importance which have been closed to them until now.”

The tunnel project was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, the Holy Sites Authority and the Jewish Quarter Development Company.

Violinist Yitzhak Perlman, a strong advocate of equal access for the disabled, inaugurated the new facilities in the tunnels under the Western Wall in Jerusalem, now made accessible to people with disabilities by an extensive project initiated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Work in the tunnels and the Old City was made possible by a special contribution from Larry and Lenore Zusman of Dayton, Ohio.

through the tunnels under the Western Wall, by means of wheelchair lifts, ramps, elevators and other facilities.

The route, which is wheelchair accessible, will eventually include such sites as the Cardo, an ancient Roman marketplace thoroughfare, which has been renovated and is the site for many shops in the Jewish Quarter, and the Burnt House, which is a recreated house from the Temple period. A visitor's guidance center will also be available for information on access in the Old City for those who are disabled-including those

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Double Feature: Schindler's List/Roots

by Abraham H. Foxman

"Schindler's List," the movie, is a remarkable film and a remarkable phenomenon. Steven Spielberg's realistic portrayal of the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust has reached a popular audience of millions of Americans. The vast majority of those millions have been touched by the film, as well. But not all.

Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan, his controversial disciple, Khalid Muhammad, and his other representatives and supporters, are crisscrossing America on a crusade to convince African-Americans that Jews are responsible for all the ills of society affecting them-historically and contemporarily. They also denigrate the Holocaust as inconsequential compared to the suffering of their people.

Of particular concern are young people. When stories appear of large crowds of Black college students attending Nation of Islam lectures and actively participating in anti-Semitic chants, serious questions arise about the particular susceptibility of the young to the message of hatred, especially when

it is mixed in with proper proportions of Black pride and independence.

As a result, there has been a rush to address the issue. Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, in one of her earliest moves, announced her Initiative Against Intolerance, and invited students-Black and White-to free showings of "Schindler's List" across the state. Her intent was clear: show kids the very real consequences of anti-Semitic rhetoric and ideology. Since then, other examples of this approach have surfaced throughout the country. From coast to coast, tens of thousands of students have seen or are scheduled to see the film.

As well-meaning as these initiatives are, there are serious questions about the direction they take in addressing a real and profound problem. What is missing from these programs is a conceptualization of a broad approach to manifestations of hatred. Black kids see violence and instability around them. In that environment, is it fruitful for them to be exposed in a vacuum to the horrors of the Holocaust? Does it not

require an unrealistic leap of the imagination for youngsters living in difficult circumstances to conclude by watching the Jewish tragedy that they should reject today's messages of anti-Semitism? Might they not sooner wonder what this has to do with their lives and that they are the ones facing oppression, not the Jews, so why are they being taken to see such a thing?

The point is not that having inner-city youths see "Schindler's List" is a waste of time. It can be useful if it is connected to things that are real and immediate in their experience. That means more people, like Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Coretta Scott King, Harry Belafonte and Betty Shabbaz, going into the schools and explaining what Martin Luther King had to say about hatred and bigotry of any kind, and what Malcolm X had come to learn about the same subject before his life was snuffed out. There ought to be programs demonstrating that Louis Farrakhan has far more in common with the white supremacists of our country. . .the David Dukes and the Tom

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RULING THE MARKET,

BLANCING THE BOOKS

by Netty C. Gross

(WZPS) If God was offering the Torah today to Israelis, he would have to check first whether Eri Steimatzky would carry it.

Steimatzky, whose 110 white and green stores are in every shopping mall, major pedestrian thoroughfare and five-star hotel in the country, sells 40% of all Hebrew language books published in Israel and 100% of all foreign language books imported to Israel.

By comparison, total U.S. sales of major American booksellers—Waldenbooks, Dalton's, Crown and Barnes and Noble—account for less than 20% of retail American book sales.

“For the Western world our sale percentages are very high,” says company President Eri Steimatzky, 51. “And they are only increasing.”

By virtue of his extensive inventory, housed in a 70,000 square foot warehouse in Bnei Brak, and his well-oiled distribution system, Steimatzky is also a wholesaler of

both Hebrew and international reading material, including newspapers and magazines to some 1,500 newsstands. Some of his best customers are, to their chagrin, his competitors—other retail bookstores.

Steimatzky's is also a publisher in its own right, having published the political memoirs of Chaim Herzog, Yitzhak Rabin, Teddy Kollek, Golda Meir and Ezer Weizman. But the catalogue of powerful names doesn't throw Steimatzky. He says what impresses him most about a book is “how many copies it sold.” The political heavyweights may decide the country's fate, he says, but he decides what the country reads.

For competing Israeli publishers, this makes the super-successful Steimatzky easy to hate. They characterize his octopus-like presence on the Israeli book scene this way: “If Steimatzky doesn't carry the book, it's dead in the water.”

According to Eli Granit, president of Keter-Granit, a 20-outlet bookstore

chain, the depiction of Steimatzky as a hard-driving business mogul who plays to win is accurate.

“But there is another side to all this,” said Granit, whose chain lives in Steimatzky's shadow. His competitor, he says, is a ruthless businessman who “threatens and bullies” and uses his dominant position to “stifle the publishing industry in Israel. Everyone is afraid to complain about him because it's known that he takes revenge. He dictates prices and tastes.”

Bookseller to the People of the Book is a role which Steimatzky inherited from what he calls his late father's “unabashed imperialism.” In 1925, Russian-born Yechezkel Steimatzky, 25, arrived in Palestine via Berlin, where he had worked with revisionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky on developing a Hebrew atlas.

By 1948 he had bookstores in Beirut (which operated until 1956), Damascus, Baghdad, Cairo and Alexandria. “King Farouk [of Saudi Arabia] was a customer,” notes Steimatzky, who entered the business in 1963 when the chain had four stores. Twenty years later the count was up to 36 stores, and in the last decade alone 66 stores were added.

Spinning equally fast, though in the opposite direction, were the rest of Israel's bookstore chains. The Keter, Motza, Carta, Lyric and Modan chains (the latter operated 40 stores) all closed.

In an attempt to break Steimatzky's domination of the market in 1986,

the giant Keter publishing house entered the retail business using a formula that mirrors Steimatzky's. They opened spacious, well-stocked stores in 38 prime locations. Their jewel in the crown was a swanky, three-story flagship store trimmed in glass, brass and wood on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street.

Six years later, on the verge of collapse and unable to maintain a stable inventory of books, Keter mailed its last rent check. According to Keter's lease, they had to return the store to its original state and strip it of all its expensive fittings. But the cruelest cut of all was yet to come for Keter. The new tenant at the pricey Dizengoff location? Steimatzky.

In 1991, Eli Granit acquired control of Keter's stores (now called Keter-Granit) and he remains Steimatzky's sole competing bookstore chain.

Despite the rigor mortis in the rest of the retail book business in Israel, Steimatzky shows no signs of slowing down. Jerusalem's colossal new shopping mall in Malha boasts three Steimatzky stores and in Tel Aviv, within a radius of two miles from the prime Dizengoff Center, Steimatzky now operates four major stores. In Haifa, aside from the university bookshops, all the bookstores are Steimatzky's.

Independently-owned bookstores—there are 300 of them—are, says one industry insider, “always under financial pressure. They always hurry to return unsold books to publishers, keep a low stock and every month are chasing down their checks.”

“I am proud of what we have accomplished—we worked very hard to get where we are,” says Steimatzky, who maintains a low profile and rarely agrees to media interviews.

Steimatzky is well-versed in dealing with the M-word-monopoly. “To be declared an effective monopoly in Israel,” says Steimatzky, “you have to control 50% of the market. When it comes to locally published books, we don't. Nor do I want to. I am not anxious to have the government breathing down my neck, examining my books.”

While Steimatzky's exclusive licensing arrangements with international publishers obligates the latter to sell only to Steimatzky, it does not forbid Israelis from directly approaching the publisher, purchasing a quantity of books and shipping them to Israel.

But few bookshop owners can do this. “They lack the line of credit, the financial strength to absorb ‘mistakes’,” says Steimatzky. “It's easier to purchase the books from us.”

Granit disputes Steimatzky on both counts. “On the local scene, he definitely is in a position to dictate prices and does,” says Granit. “Publishers are always on the defensive, subject to his price demands. On the international front, Steimatzky has repeatedly threatened foreign publishers warning that if they supply his competitors, he will refuse to purchase from them. I have letters to prove this.”

In 1987, Bronfman Inc., Steimatzky's tough competitor in the imported newspaper and magazine market, went bankrupt. After a complex series of behind-the-scenes dealings, Steimatzky picked up Bronfman's clients.

Despite his total domination of the newspaper and magazine market, which accounts for 20% of his profits, it is not considered a monopoly. “People have subscriptions,” says Steimatzky, “which gives them the product at a cheaper price. We are not the only source of supply.”

While Steimatzky acknowledges the feeling of animosity toward him due to his commanding position, he chalks it up to professional sour grapes. “It's a combination of envy and a fear of dependency. I don't think people have a reason to be afraid. It wouldn't be wise on our part to apply inappropriate pressure. We certainly don't come off as brutally as we could.”

When it comes to his success, Steimatzky says he has succeeded where others have failed because his competitors did not understand the Israeli customer.

“Our competition, it turns out, is not other bookstores,” he says. “Rather it is candy shops, household goods emporiums and flower shops. Israelis frequent bookstores to buy gifts as well as purchase books for themselves.”

THIS RABBI



Runs for His Life

by Sheryl K. Gutes

Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe was a swift runner who counted his blessings—married to a wonderful and beautiful woman, the father of two adorable little girls, the admired spiritual leader of a vibrant congregation.

In 1978, Rabbi Jaffe ran the New York City marathon wearing a tee-shirt emblazoned with his moniker, "The Running Rabbi." As he crossed the Verrazano Narrows Bridge into Brooklyn, Hassidim were staring at him and exclaiming, "that's a rabbi?" As he crossed the 59th Street Bridge into Manhattan his wife Judi, daughters Rachel and Nina and

friends Jim and Marcia Rudin cheered him on. He made the V-sign for victory.

In 1980, Hirshel Jaffe visited our American hostages in Iran, bringing them a sense of hope and spiritual comfort. In 1981 he went to the White House to help greet those freed Americans.

Hirshel Jaffe was in the prime of his life. The "Running Rabbi" felt indestructible.

Little did he realize that he would soon have to run a different kind of race—a race for his life.

By the spring of 1982, Hirshel was alarmed by his rapidly diminishing stamina during his daily runs. Within just a few weeks he could not walk even a quarter of a block. By early June he was in the hospital for tests.

A hematologist gave him the grim news: "Rabbi Jaffe, we are virtually certain that you have a rare form of

cancer-hairy cell leukemia." Summoning his fighting spirit, his running spirit, he asked, "How long do people live with this disease?" The doctor replied, "Six months, a year, five years." Hirshel countered, "I'll take the upper limit, doctor."

One inescapable thought kept going through Hirshel's mind—"Why Me?"

His treatment began with a splenectomy, but the operation did not go as well as had been hoped. Complications and further surgeries caused him to become emaciated.

He could not conduct High Holy Day services that fall. Sitting with his congregation at Yizkor time on Yom Kippur afternoon, as he listened to the names of the deceased being read, he thought to himself, "maybe next year they'll be reading my name."

While the splenectomy had put Hirshel into a brief period of remission, his condition continued to deteriorate. Chemotherapy was unsuccessful. 95% of his bone marrow was malignant; he had fevers of 105; he had contracted a rare form of tuberculosis. Hirshel Jaffe was dying.

Fighting for his life in the hospital, he was heartened by the news that in Chicago seven patients with hairy-cell leukemia had responded well to the then experimental drug interferon. Hirshel prayed that he might be eligible for inclusion in the study. His diagnosis did not fit the parameters of the experiment, but his doctors appealed to the Federal Drug Administration for an exception. Following an angel of mercy fight to the University of Chicago Hospital, he learned permission had been granted.

But the disease, the treatment, the accompanying pain and his already weakened body and spirit had plunged him into a severe depression. He felt that his life, his emotions—indeed, his very being, were totally and irreversibly out of control.

His doctors worried about Hirshel's will to live, that he had given up hope. They stood at his bedside and said, "Rabbi Jaffe, we know you're having great difficulty, but there are other people here who need your help and your guidance. Maybe if you could reach out to other patients, it will help you regain that fighting spirit. Hirshel, why don't you be a rabbi?"

That one simple challenge had a profound impact on Hirshel Jaffe.

In the physical therapy room Hirshel saw a young man in a wheelchair. He had spinal cancer. Grunting and

grimacing, he was trying to lift himself from his wheelchair onto the parallel bars. The staff was cheering him on: "Come on, Jerry, you can do it." Finally, and with great effort, he lifted himself up, maybe an eighth of an inch. Hirshel thought, "Boy, that young man really has guts." And remembering what the doctor said-



Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe

that he needed to get out of himself and minister to other people—that he needed to be a rabbi—Hirshel decided to go see Jerry that night.

Hirshel wheeled himself into Jerry's room and saw him lying in bed, shivering with fever. Jerry started the conversation. "How you doing, fella? Did you see your doctor today?" Hirshel replied, in despair, "I think they're avoiding me. They don't want to tell me the bad news." "Just wait a minute, Hirshel," he

said. "Aren't you a rabbi?" Hirshel nodded. "Well," he continued. "I don't know much about your religion, but I heard somewhere that the Jewish people are a people of hope. Why don't you practice what you preach?"

Hirshel was stunned by Jerry's comment. Here was a young Christian who was more in touch with the yearnings of the Jewish spirit than was he, a rabbi. Hirshel prayed with Jerry. The irony of this encounter brought Hirshel to a cross road, a transformation.

Instead of reciting the prayers and psalms by rote, as he had done for so many years with congregants, he began to pray personally. He never asked God for a cure; he never asked for a miracle. He asked only that God hold his hand, give him hope and keep him from falling into the abyss of his illness.

Just as he had done as a runner, he learned how to rally his spirit. He began to set small goals each day. He accepted the comfort of family and friends, and he allowed himself to let God carry him over the rough spots. And after his journey to the very edge of life, Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe says he is running the ultimate race-to life. *L'chaim.*

In the next two months the leukemia loosened its grip. The fevers subsided and some strength began to return.

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He was still very ill, but no longer saw himself as a victim, as a man whose life was out of control. He resolved to leave the hospital, and in thanks to God for his own life, he would encourage and help others who struggle with serious illness.

This has become the guiding Mitzvah of Hirshel Jaffe's life. His illness has taught him about the healing power of prayer. And his faith in God grew stronger. From his book, *Why Me? Why Anyone?*:

"... I don't think God is up there pulling strings and saying, 'Hirshel will get better, Hirshel won't get better.' Yet somehow I've learned to trust my fate more to God. . . It's not that He'll intervene directly or pull off a miracle. But God isn't so abstract for me anymore. I use the word 'God' and it means more to me. I'm saying, 'I can't do it all on my own, so You take over a little bit, God.' For the first time I'm seeing God as a loving, caring parent you place your burdens on. Maybe that's an unsophisticated concept of God for a rabbi. . . but that's how I feel."

Hirshel also learned about the power of the mind over the body in coping with serious illness:

"I didn't choose my illness; I didn't ask for this painful experience. But I can choose my attitude toward it; I can forge my own response to it. Since it is happening to me, I can choose to make the best of it; I can use it and learn from it and grow from it, shape it into a positive force in my life. I've definitely been transformed through this experience. . . I fully enjoy every aspect of my life. Every moment is special to me."

The message is extraordinary in its clarity and simplicity: Ask for God's guidance. Ask for God's help. And always hang on to hope.

Hirshel Jaffe believes that his illness made him a better rabbi. He believes he has survived for a special purpose, to help others in need. People tell him he is more deeply spiritual—a resource that helped get him through his struggles. He is gratified that this spiritual reawakening seems to inspire people. And he is humbled that his story gives them courage to face their own problems.

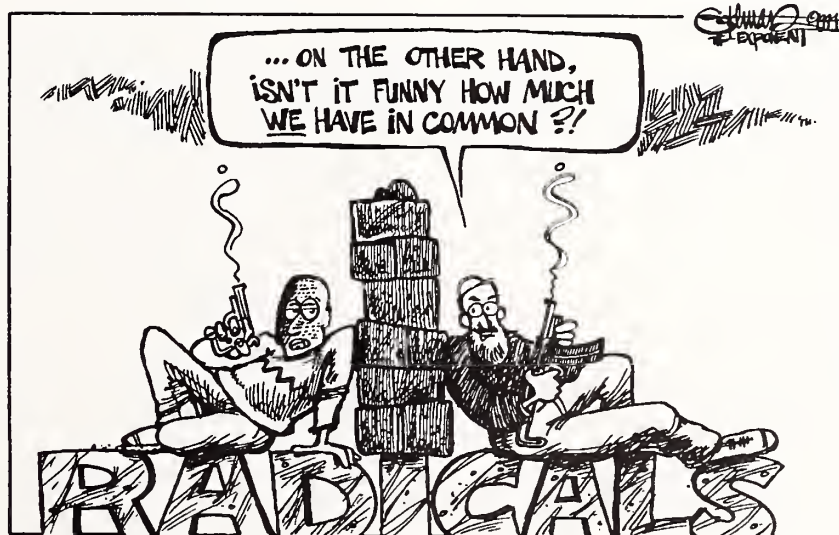
While still serving as rabbi of Temple Beth Jacob in Newburgh NY, Hirshel Jaffe has devoted his life to counseling people of every faith who face serious illness or other adversity. He speaks throughout the country and often appears as a "Celebrity Against Cancer." In 1988 he returned to the White House, where President Reagan presented him with the American Cancer Society's Award of Courage.

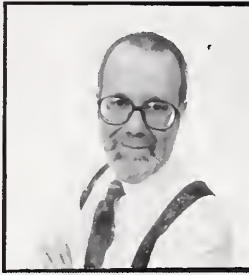
For the last three years, at the New York City marathon, this "Running Rabbi" has joined the Leukemia Society team at the 20 mile marker and run the final 6 miles to the finish line.

Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe's leukemia remained in remission until the spring of 1993, when his health began to fail again. He was given a new and experimental drug and, today, there is no longer any evidence of the disease in his bone marrow. He is cancer free. His doctors believe he has been cured.

Hirshel Jaffe believes in miracles. And he never gave up hope.

Together with James and Marcia Rudin, Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe has co-authored *Why Me? Why Anyone:* (1994 Jason Aaronson Press) which chronicles his ultimate victory over leukemia and his spiritual triumph over despair. Sheryl K. Gutes is a freelance writer living in Hauppauge, NY.





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"A Man In His Golden Years"

"God works in mysterious ways," the large white lettering advertises on many old Western North Carolina barns. Dr. Allen Sher of Hendersonville NC might attest to that. He has traveled many different roads; educated from Brooklyn to Nebraska, teaching from Harlem to Rutland Vt. One of Sher's avid interests has been to restructure the old spelling bees into a team competition, both in the public schools and in civic clubs. Throughout all these facets of his life, Sher has taken some unusual turns, but one of the most interesting curves may have been when he retired to North Carolina in 1991. Even Sher would never have believed how living near the home of Carl Sandburg on the backroads of Flat Rock NC could have actually led him right back to the history of the Lower East Side of New York.

Sher has become a lecturer on the life and times of Harry Golden. "When did you become interested in Golden's life?" I asked Sher as we chatted in a fast food restaurant. "After we moved to Hendersonville, I became interested in Carl Sandburg

and his home, Connemara," Sher said.

"Sandburg and Golden became acquainted in 1948 when Sandburg spoke at Davidson College. Their backgrounds have much in common." Sher proceeds to tell me that both Sandburg and Golden, were products of poor immigrant families, though far different nationalities. Both would also become vocal Socialists, too. Golden would eventually publish a book about Sandburg in 1961.

It's hard to know just why we do certain things, but it seems as if Allen Sher's Southern retirement intersected head on with one of the South's greatest and most controversial Jewish writers, giving Golden a new visibility to many people of my generation and younger who may have just heard the name and not known the deeds.

His name was Harry Goldhirsch until he ventured South. His mother, Anna, was a seamstress. As he would shop with her under the Williamsburg Bridge he would later tell of always carrying a newspaper

under his arm, so the butcher would give him free liver to take home for "the cat." Sandburg would tell a similar story about going to the butcher, but he was charged with acquiring a free slice or two of bologna. When Anna Goldhirsch would scrub the floors of their 171 Eldridge Street apartment, she would put down newspapers. When the newspapers started to tear in about three days, she would scrub the floor again and put down fresh newspapers. Golden was to have reflected, "I never saw the linoleum of which she was so proud."

Golden attended P.S. 20 which was at the corner of Delancey, Rivington, and Eldridge Streets. Many other graduates of P.S. 20 would be famous citizens, such as George and Ira Gershwin, Edward G. Robinson, Paul Muni, and Jacob Javitis. Golden sold newspapers for 2 cents, about 100 a day; 150 if they had a good headline. The street kids would also compete for who would sweep the sawdust off the Lower East side saloon floors on Sunday mornings with the winner getting to keep the coins they found as they swept. Golden would be a hat sizer, a floor

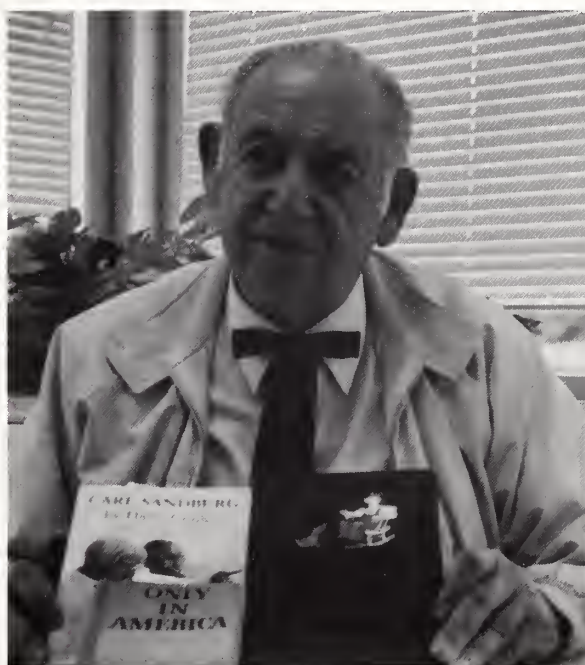
boy for a furrier, and later a stockbroker for the firm of G. Goldhirsch. His sister, Clara, had become the first brokerage on Wall Street to be owned by a woman. Golden would advertise for her, "Noah was prepared for a rainy day, Are you?"

It would become more than a rainy day for Golden on Wall Street; more like an almost life-threatening flood. Golden eventually left his sister's firm and became a nominal partner in another brokerage. It seems Golden left his socialist learnings in the dust for awhile. It was here that Golden came up with a brilliant but evidently illegal scheme involving stock options on the payment plan presumably remembering his mother's Singer sewing machine payments made at 25 cents a week. When the stock market crash came, he was caught up in a puts and call stock dilemma somehow involving not having the stock that his investors had paid for. He was sentenced to five years in jail for mail fraud after his customers complained to the New York Attorney General. Golden ended up serving three years, eight months, and twenty two days of his term in the Atlanta and Fort Mead prisons, and in July 1933 he was released from incarceration.

With the help of his brother Jake, Golden went into hotel management in New York. He managed the Markwell Hotel where he would meet many Damon Runyon type characters such as Mike the Horse who was a bender. Never heard of a bender? Some of the craps players

didn't like to bend down to roll the dice or pick up the winnings, thus the need for a . . . bender. Later Golden worked for the New York Mirror, and in the late thirties he moved to Norfolk VA to work the Times-Advocate Newspaper. It was during these years that he changed his name to Golden.

Upon moving to Charlotte NC he



Dr. Allen Sher

worked for the Labor Journal, a weekly published by the AFL-CIO. Golden lived for a time at a boarding house on Emerson Street. In the early 1940's he was hired by I. D. Blumenthal to advertise the unique automotive products of the Radiator Specialty Company.

It would also be during these times that Golden started the Carolina Israelite which was published irregularly during the early years. From 1944-1968 the newspaper was published out of his house with a few commercial ads. One of these ads

would be from Katz's Delicatessen of his beloved lower East Side which used two popular slogans: "Buy a Salami For Your Boy in the Army" and a picture of a plate of salami with the sign "A Shtickle For A Nickel." Golden's paper would include many anecdotes and memories from growing up on the Lower East Side. In later years the paper became a controversial platform for Golden's social agenda. He became active in the civil rights movement, speaking out against racism and for trade unionism. He felt the South was on the verge of a new social order and used his paper as a tool to unite Jew, Gentile and Christian into the fight. Golden would introduce his Vertical Negro Plan which advocated taking the seats out of lunch counters like Woolworth's and in doing so immediately create a social equality where all stood side by side.

In July 1958 upon publication of his book, "Only In America," Golden appeared on the Dave Garaway Show. The forward in this book was written by his friend, Carl Sandburg. It was said that the book's entire publication sold out in just one day after his appearance on the show. In 1959 the book, "For Two Cents Plain," came out. In 1960, "Enjoy, Enjoy," followed by "You're Entitle" without the d was the way Golden's father always pronounced the word. Later "Eat, Eat My Child," "The Right Time," and "Long Live Columbus," were published. Eventually Golden wrote over 25 books.

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It has been commonly believed that in 1958 while Golden was lecturing in New Jersey, the Carolina Israelite operation was burned by an arsonist. It actually was a furnace malfunction. His files were thought to be destroyed until Charlotte Police Chief Littlejohn used a fluoroscope and camera to miraculously recreate some of his files and subscription lists. The fire gave Golden national attention and support, and he often thanked the Charlotte police for saving the paper.

Golden died in 1981. He had been married to Genevieve Gallagher, an Irish Catholic, but after their divorce in 1926 never remarried. He had four sons; Richard, Harry Jr., William, and Peter.

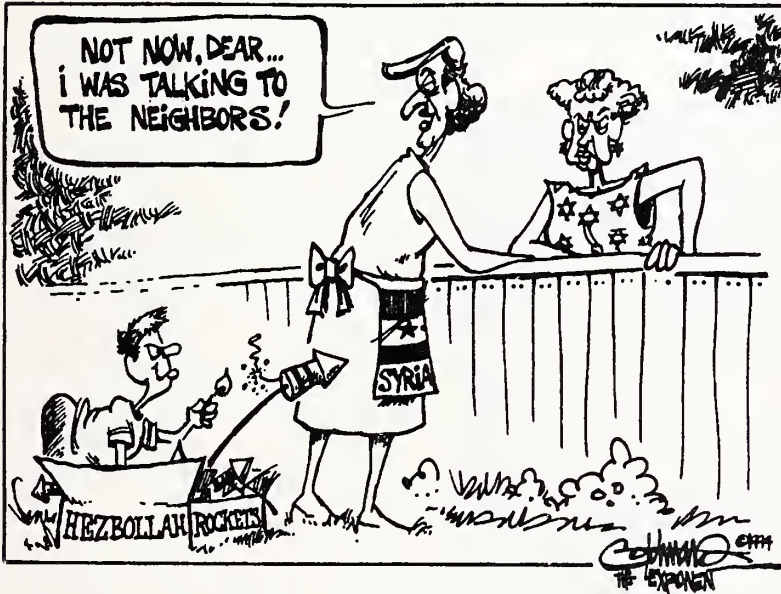
Andy Warhol is often quoted as saying each of us will get our fifteen minutes of fame. Allen Sher's lectures prove some people's fame can last a lot longer and with his help get a new lease on life. Many of Golden's stories were about the little things, small happenings that all of us can relate to even if they were about another time very different than today. We all have had Mothers and Fathers; good times and bad, happy laughs and sad cries. Our lives may be as different as night and day, but a giggle is still a giggle if you are the King of England or a taxi driver, and a tear is still a tear if you are the maid of the Plaza Hotel or the owner of it. When we peel back our heavy layers of protection and experience we pretty much end up at the same place. Humans; black, white, red, and in between, male and

female, Christian, Jew, and Muslim, and Buddhist all just trying to understand what this life is really all about before our Father turns out the lights. When we get to the basic core of things, leaving out reasons we should eternally hate "the other side" here and across the world, we are all the same very scared and very equal people. Maybe through the common, simple story, we find that was moral of Harry Golden stories.

Dr. Allen Sher is available as a lecturer on the life and times of Harry Golden. You may contact him at 925 Kanuga Road, Hendersonville NC 28739 or call (704) 693-0340.

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Gardens Work Magic



Afredia Roach and Martha Mayer begin the planting in the raised garden planters



Elsie McCarthy receives some instruction from volunteer Cathy Tyndall



Florence Weiner begins her floral arrangement with roses.

"A rose is a rose is a rose," said the writer Gertrude Stein. But at BJH, a rose was found to be much much more. In May, a rose was a loving gift from the heart of a volunteer, a rose was an inspiration to creativity, a rose was the beauty of nature which brought forth a blossoming of talent, a rose (with a little help from a friend) was a touch of magic.

Cathy Tyndall, avid rose grower and gardener, visited BJH in May with buckets overflowing with roses of every shade, a variety of perennials, and trimmings for flower arrangements.

Cathy came to share the rewards of gardening with our residents. Her enthusiastic demonstrations, charming personality and beautiful flowers easily encouraged residents to try their hand at creating an arrangement of their own. Cathy brought the joys of a garden inside BJH, the flowers performed their magic and everyone's spirits were lifted.

Outside in the BJH courtyard the raised garden beds, planted by residents and activity staff were beginning to blossom. Established last year with the guidance of Lee Nading, horticulture therapist, the

wheelchair height garden beds are enjoyed by residents. Planting, weeding and checking the progress of flowers and vegetables are popular activities. Gardening can be adaptive to the needs of the gardener; stiff fingers or knees or poor eyesight doesn't have to keep one from gardening. The therapeutic nature of gardening, touching the soil, nurturing a plant, seeing new growth, sharing flowers with friends, promotes wholeness; it is a social, physical, and spiritual activity.

For the older person, gardening is also hopeful. Something new is always happening out in the garden.



A student nurse assists the residents in placing their plants in the planter.

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Residents take delight in the Beautiful flower arrangements they created.



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July

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Rosa Kay
Geneva Neal
Jennie Novey
Sadie Parmet
Willie Reynolds
Jane Rosenberg
Mickey Samet
Shirley Shane
Lilla Stallcup
Jacob Williams

August

Hannah Ackerman
Paul Davis
Yvonne Gray
Korrie Lyons
Robert Morrison
Lee Sample
Felix Schmerz
Therese Serxner
Fannie Simon
Myrtle Williard
Lena Zimmerman



Karl Cahn

Karl Cahn was born in Lambchein, Germany in 1904, to a family active in the life of the Jewish community of Lambchein, the synagogue, and the general community. His father had been an officer in the German Army under Kaiser Wilhelm. Karl, the oldest of three children, became an excellent soccer player and played for his college team.

It was in Germany that Karl began working as a salesman, a career he carried with him wherever he lived. Karl describes himself as a born salesman and, always the salesman, shows off a pair of shoes he is still wearing made by the company he worked for in Germany.

When the Nazis came to power, life changed for Karl as for all European Jews and in 1938 he came to America with his wife Paula and young daughter Alice. They arrived in New York with \$87, having left all their possessions behind them. Karl's first job in New York was as a salesman for 27 1/2 cents an hour. Eleven years later, they moved to Greensboro NC, to be closer to extended family, where Karl worked as a salesman until his retirement. In 1985, following illnesses, both he and Paula came to live at Blumenthal Jewish Home.

According to Karl, being active and occupied "is the best medicine." He can often be seen assisting the front

Spotlight on a Resident!

office staff by sorting residents' mail and helping to deliver it to the units.

An avid stamp collector, Karl has sustained this hobby for many years, not merely for his own pleasure but to bring pleasure to others. Karl has requested stamps in Jewish magazines such as Moment only to send the stamps to hospitals in Israel. The stamps are then distributed to disabled children and wounded soldiers who can share in the pleasure of collecting. Quite proud of his accomplishment, Karl says over the years he has collected thousands of stamps to send to Israel and received an award for collecting the most stamps between 1940 and 1950.

If you would like to assist Karl Cahn with this Mitzvah, simply send your canceled domestic or foreign stamp to: Karl Cahn, Blumenthal Jewish Home, 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012.



The young and young at heart enjoy the Mayfest festivities.



Mayfest- A Celebration for all ages

Everyone's eyes gazed skyward as the colorful balloons lifted off into the clear blue sky. It was a beautiful sight and a perfect beginning for the Annual Mayfest Celebration at the Home. This traditional rite of Spring at BJH brings together both residents and staff, along with children, teachers, and parents from the Temple Emanuel Pre-School to enjoy a day filled with activity in the courtyard.

Mayor Nat Swanson of Clemmons began the festivities with a proclamation announcing National Nursing Home Week May 8 - 14. A

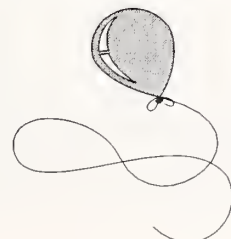
ventriloquist to please all ages provided delightful entertainment and the morning was complete with a program of songs presented by the pre-schoolers.

A sunny afternoon found everyone back in the courtyard to watch the colorful, fast-stepping performance of the Centennial Square Dancers. Ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings topped off a perfect day filled with sunshine and smiles for everyone.

Our thanks to the BJH Activity Department for a celebration enjoyed by all.



Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman welcomes the Mayor of Clemmons to BJH



Calendar Highlights July

- 1 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 am, Friendship Room
- 4 Watermelon Party, 3:00 pm, Individual Units
- 5 Tropical Bird Program, 10:30am, Commons Aud.
- 8 General Store, 10:00 am, Mansion Library
- 10 Music with Steve Huyser, 2:00 pm, Upper Commons
- 12 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 am
- 12 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 pm, Commons Auditorium
- 14 Schmoozing with Seth, 10:00 am, Pre-Assembly Room
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 am
- 19 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 pm, B-1 Dining Room
- 20 Leave for Stevens Center, Broadway Preview, "Swing," 1:15 pm
- 21 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30am
- 22 General Store, 10:00 am, Mansion Library
- 24 Brenner Concert, Clemmons West Bluegrass
- 29 BJH Staff Fashion Show, 2:30 pm, Commons Auditorium

Calendar Highlights August

- 2 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 pm, Commons Auditorium
- 5 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 am, Friendship Room
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 pm, Upper Commons
- 9 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 am
- 9 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 pm, B-1 Dining Room
- 11 Schmoozing with Seth, 10:00 am, Pre-Assembly Room
- 12 General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 am
- 14 Brenner Concert, Sam Sanger: 4 piece band, contemporary and folk music, 3:00 pm, Commons Auditorium
- 17 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 am
- 18 Bill Swirin, Master Gardener, 10:30 am
- 19 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 am
- 26 General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 am
- 26 "Beach Bash," Commons Auditorium, 2:30 pm

Sue's News



BJH Volunteers honored at Celestial Luncheon



The stars were out while the sun was shining, a rare phenomenon, but not so rare at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. For the stars are our volunteers who bring their bright light and rays of sunshine to the Home every day. The event was the Celestial Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on June 15. It was the 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, a time to give recognition and thanks to the volunteers who give so much to the Home.



Sue Clein, Director of Volunteer Services, presents volunteers with awards for outstanding service. Pictured from the top are: Tony Schwertfeger, Joey Strasser, Lib and Grant Queen.

During the year 1993-94, over 135 volunteers provided more than 4400 hours of service to our residents and to the Home. We welcomed 17 new volunteers, 19 Sisterhood Sweets volunteers from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, and volunteers who participated as members of school groups, organizations, and as entertainers.

Volunteers were thanked and recognized for the immeasurable gift of time and of caring that they give to the Home each year. They are our sunshine and because of them there

are no rainy days at BJH. Volunteers receiving BJH name badges in recognition of giving 100 hours were Orrel Chapel, Joseph Manno, Lib Queen, Grant Queen, Joanne Clarkson, and Evelyn Rodberg.

Star-studded gifts were presented to volunteers who have given over 100 hours of service to the Home during the year 1993-94 and gold name badges were presented to volunteers who have shared more than 1000 hours of their caring with BJH during their years of service, and silver to those with 500 hours.

Certificates for outstanding volunteer service to the Home were presented to the Anchor Club of West Forsyth High School, the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, and the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men.

Our volunteers are diverse individuals of all ages and many talents, each a shining star in our eyes; together they form a galaxy whose brightness warms our hearts. We treasure them.

Volunteers recognized for over 100 hours of service:

Volunteer	1993-94 Hours	Total Hours	Years of Service
Frank Bionde	198	451	2.5
Orrel Chapel	132	140	1
Janie Douthit	240	1,157	5
Eleanor Leverenz	531	2,448	6.5
Darrel Mandelstamm	168	1,759	7
Tony Schwertfeger	560	3,055	10
Millie Slatkoff	100	650	6.5
Rose Solomon	481	1,227	3
Polly Strasser	100	280	5.5
Edna Temples	268	1,545	12

*We welcomed the following
new volunteers in 1993-94:*

Rabbi James Bennett	Joseph Manno	Rebecca Schwartz
Helen Burchette	Shana Miller	Peggy Shea
Gail Citron	Evelyn Rodberg	Harold Simons
Stacy Doline	Alice Roemer	Alison Slatkoff
Gladys Foster	Anita Rubin	Peggy Weisner
Andrea Kabat		Rita Wittenberg



*Audrey Madans,
President-Elect
of the
Home's Board of
Directors,
brings greetings
to the volunteers.*

*Volunteer Edna
Temples receives a
gold name badge for
12 years and more
than 1500 hours of
service.*



Below:

A few of the volunteers who traveled to attend the Volunteer Luncheon are: in the front row, Polly Strasser, Ruth Jacobs, and Anita Rubin from Greensboro and in the background, CAJWM Remembrance Chairman Ruth Leder from Raleigh and Lillian Bayer from Charlotte.



Above:

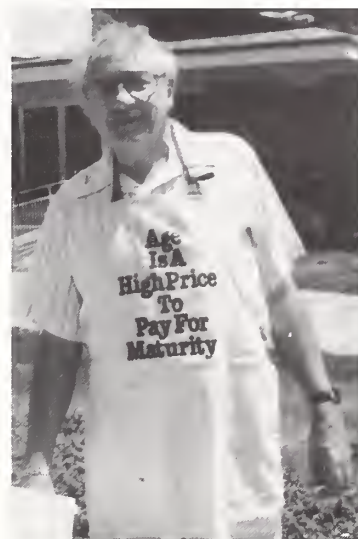
The BJH chorus entertains the volunteers with a medley of warm-hearted tunes, a beautiful thank you to our volunteers. Seen from left to right are: Flo Sag, Shirley Shane, Eva Kaplan, Bessie Schwartz, Hannah Ackerman, and Rae Glickman.





Millie Slatkoff receives a silver award for over 500 hours of volunteer service

★ Volunteers are our Stars!



Darrel Mandelstamm acts as Chef at summer cookouts, just one of his volunteer jobs.

Rose Solomon can be seen twice-weekly calling bingo.



Polly Strasser welcomes Fair Oaks residents Goldie Sandler and Shirley Shane to the monthly luncheon.



Volunteer Howard Friedensen shops at the mall with Mickey Samet



Teen volunteer Hilary Glazman is seen at the Greensboro luncheon with Lottie Maienthau.



Volunteer Frank Bionde plays chess weekly with Herman Nove.



Happy Anniversary

*Congratulations to the following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries of employment in July and August*

July

18 Years

Lena Wall, Recreation

12 Years

Penny Pierce, Nsg. Asst., Fair
Oaks

10 Years

Rory Blackwell, Housekeeping

8 Years

Sue Welch, RN, B-1

6 Years

Ann Canter, LPN, Fair Oaks

5 Years

Lessie Smith, Nsg. Asst., B-1
Melody Rash, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

3 Years

Tad McClamrock, Director of
Maintenance

Jonathan Wright, Dietary

2 Years

Barbara Salmons, Housekeeping

1 Year

Anthony Watson, Dietary
Gail Litten, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

August

17 Years

Marie Doty, Laundry and
Housekeeping Supervisor

15 Years

Jean Garland, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

11 Years

Vikki Donley, Nursing Admin.

10 Years

Mary McLaurin, Nsg. Asst., B-2

9 Years

June Sealey, RN, B-1

Janet Sowers, Dir. of Computer Services

7 Years

Jesse Clawson, Maintenance

5 Years

Mo Ward, LPN, B-2

Wayne Dieser, Director Dining
Services

4 Years

Harry Cooley, Maintenance

3 Years

Joan Armstrong, Laundry
Mitzi Malinzak, Administration

Jesus Sanchez, Housekeeping

Bruce Schlosberg, Director of
Development

Pam Snowden, LPN, B-2

2 Years

Randell Ketchie, Maintenance

Debra Bryant, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Sally Terreni, Recreation

Sylvia Taylor, RN, B-1

1 Year

Jeanna White, Pharmacy

Monte Jones, Dietary

Harold Pinson, Dietary

Lena Phelps, Housekeeping

Katherine Shrader, Laundry

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What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

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Firsts

George Carp was the first Jewish freshman class president at Columbia University. Bernice Goldfinger was the first female president of Hillel at Penn State University.

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French for Mrs. Katz: All the French a Jewish Mother Could Possibly Need

by Anna Sequoia and Louise Sarezky

Illustrations by Paul Oxborough Ballantine
96 pp. \$10.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The mother in *French for Mrs. Katz* is named Estelle Katz, perfect for this reviewer, whose name is Estelle and who loves cats! Of

course, I could not ever be guilty of the hundred "motherisms," not necessarily Jewish (I know Italian mothers exactly like Estelle Katz).



Answer me this, how could a woman wear a *schmata* like that to her only son's wedding?

If you understand French, or if you do not, this book packs many laughs. The line illustrations, cartoons, add to the humor, and for those who can laugh at themselves, it's a good buy.

In the current trend toward the "politically correct," it would not pass, but in honesty, these are

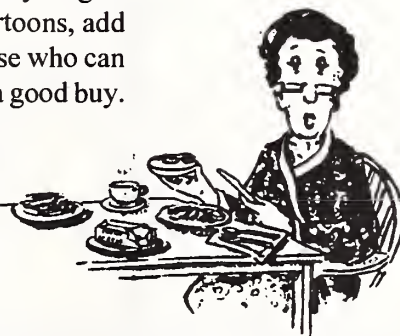
direct quotations from my own

mother and possibly yours.

French for Mrs. Katz was inspired by the bestselling *French for Cats*, one of my

Chanukah gifts last year, since as a cat lover, I receive books about cats and countless other items which are feline inspired.

The author, Anna Sequoia (nee Schneider) is author of nine books. Louise Sarezky has lived extensively in France where she polished her



Caviar schmaviar, I like a nice piece of lox.

fluency in the French language. The idiom is great! The illustrator, Paul Oxborough does not know French, but does have a Jewish mother.

The book is 4-1/2" x 6-1/2", hard cover, partially cloth bound.



You're a what?

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If your travels take you to any of the following places take advantage of some of the cultural events around the globe. Have a great summer!

9 *Lenox MA*

Violinist **Gil Shaham** with the Boston Symphony Orchestra

13 *Cupertino CA*

Violinist **Itzhak Perlman** at Flint Center

5-16 *Dallas TX*

Pinchas Zukerman with the Tokyo String Quartet, Alica de Larrocha, Jaime Laredo, Sharon Robinson, and Christopher Adkins at the Dallas Summer Festival

10 *Chicago IL*

Gil Shaham at the Grant Park Festival

19-21 *Safed, Israel*

Sixth Klezmer Festival
A celebration of Jewish Jazz music.

19-30 *Jerusalem, Israel*

Khutzot Hayotzer Arts & Crafts Fair

7 *Philadelphia PA*

Violinist **Shlomo Mintz** with The Philadelphia Orchestra at Mann Music Center.

12 *Los Angeles CA*

Violinist **Itzhak Perlman** at the Hollywood Bowl

29 *Vienna VA*

Violinist **Gil Shaham** with The National Symphony Orchestra at Wolf Trap

7 *New York NY*

Pianist **Mordecai Shehori** at Alice Tully Hall, 8PM

12 *Chicago IL*

Violinist **Gil Shaham** at the Grant Park Festival

30 *Highland Park IL*

Violinist **Itzhak Perlman** with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

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7 *Interlochen MI*
Violinist **Itzhak Perlman**
with the World Youth
Symphony Orchestra

17-18 *Highland Park IL*
Pinchas Zukerman with
Florence Quiviar at The
Ravinia Festival

1-8 *Jerusalem, Israel*
Eighth International Puppet
Theater Festival

13 *Saratoga Springs NY*
Violinist **Shlomo Mintz** at
Saratoga Performing Arts
Center

27-30 *Eilat, Israel*
Red Sea Jazz Festival

2-3 *New York NY*
Violinist **Itzhak Perlman** at
Avery Fisher Hall

14 *Lenox MA*
Violinist **Itzhak Perman**
with Dennis Russell Davies



5-6 *New York NY*
Violinist **Shlomo Mintz**
at the Mostly Mozart
Festival, Lincoln Center

14-18 *Jerusalem, Israel*
Artists' Week
Chamber Music and
Arts Festival





Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ended the season on May 14 with a covered dish picnic lunch at the Meyers' in Hendersonville. After a brief Sabbath service, Rabbi Ratner led a discussion of "Life and Death Issues" based on Chapter 12 in *Tough Choices* by Vorspan and Saperstein. Among the issues considered was assisted suicide, about which no consensus was reached. The Rabbi proposed approaching the subject again in the future.

SISTERHOOD Sabbath, scheduled for May 27, was arranged by Shirley Rapoport.

THE BROTHERHOOD held its annual Ike Lichtenfels Clergy Institute session starting on Monday night, May 23. Rabbi Lucy Dinner of Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, spoke to Temple Beth HaTephila members and guests on "Judaism of the Matriarchs and the Patriarchs." Her talk the next morning for the visiting Clergy was titled "Oscar Schindler: from Villain to Mensch."

IN THE NEWS on May 11, on the first page of the "Asheville Citizen-Times" North Neighbors section, was a picture of Morris Karpen accepting an award of appreciation from Patricia Crisco, director of Buncombe County Parks and Recreation.

The accompanying article, headlined "Soccer scores. . . Businessman donates two new playing fields," said in part, "A few years ago, people in the valley approached Morris Karpen with genuine concern for the children. He and his wife Leah listened. Then they responded. When it comes to children, the couple want to do all they can. Even if it means donating more than four acres of prime industrial land. . . And for that generosity, Karpen was honored in a special dedication ceremony April 30 on the new soccer fields.

Karpen said he specifically asked the land be designated for soccer fields only, believing soccer to be the fairest of all sports. . . "We do a lot of things for children, this was just one of them.' "

MAZEL TOV to Dick and Irene Braun on the Bat Mitzvah of their adult daughter Janis Braun-Levine of Farmington Hills, Michigan. The ceremony, attended by the Brauns, took place in West Bloomfield, Michigan. . . To Audie and Robert

Bayer on the engagement of their daughter Jill to Dan Ciporin. . . To Andrea Berkey on her prize-winning essay in the Hadassah essay contest. . . To Bernard Gordon and Regina Kahn of Baltimore on their recent engagement. . . To Kay and Robert Gumbiner on the birth of their granddaughter Karin Alexis Gumbiner. . . To Vicky Levy on the birth of her grandson Ariel Levy, son of Alan and Barbara Levy. . . To Abby and Jim Robertson on the birth of their daughter Emalee Fletcher Robertson on April 19. . . To Lore and Herbert Schifftan on the election of their daughter Peggy Gartner of Charlotte to the office of International Vice President of Hadassah.

MOMMY AND ME, the children's program conceived and led by Susan Ratner, concluded its activities for the year with two events in May. The first was a celebration of Israel Independence Day on Tuesday, May 3, from 10 to 12, with lunch. The second, on Tuesday, May 24, was a Shavuot Picnic, with outdoor games, singing, eating, and a review of the past year.

THE SHABBAT SEDER-the last of the season was held on Friday, May 6. Coordinated by Julie Lee, the event was so well-attended-there were lots of children and teenagers too-and such a success that it'll be a hard act to follow. Everyone brought something special to go with the main course, a tasty vegetarian lasagna. The highlight of the evening was the series of charades, performed by someone at each of the tables, based on Biblical sayings chosen by the resourceful Rabbi Ratner. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Do unto others as you would have

them do unto you. Good stuff like that. Altogether a fine occasion.

JULIE LEE, coordinator of the Temple's community second night Passover Seder, put a thank-you message in the Temple Bulletin to the many people who "contributed their time and energy" to the event, noting that "it's never too late for accolades." The list included Rabbi Ratner, Mike Bayer, Ed Wiley, Dick Braun, Vicki Levy and her son Alan, Jean Hansman and her Sunday school kids, Leslie Sipes, JoAnna Gillian and Bob Janowitz.

She also thanked Renee Breadon, Shirley Birdie, Frank Gilreath, Ellen Gladding, Melissa Maurer, Ruth Weber, Shirley Rapoport and Laura Livingstain. Additional thanks went to The Grant family from the HOP, Cathi Shastri, Fran Aaron, Suzanne Corets, Abby Robertson, Hilda Hoffman, Sylvia Meyer, Linda Seligman, Marty Lee and Sue Ratner.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Shavuot

It was Erev Shavuot and all through the Synagogue, with Rabbi Birnham leading the way, were sounds of a group of diehards studying all night while waiting for the dawn to renew their promise to God to renew the Torah. Teachers for the all night learning experience were: Rabbi Birnham, Bob Deutsch, Robert Eidus, Ruth Gaynes, Frank Goldsmith, Dr. Ileana Grams, Caren

Kessler, and Dr. Walter Ziffer. Planners for the event were Dr. Rick Chess and Frank Goldsmith. At dawn, a short Torah service was conducted outside as the sun rose.

Rabbi's Schedule

Rabbi Birnham's busy schedule included the following in the Greater Asheville area: he was part of a planning group developing a program to train clergy to deal with child and spouse abuse; he spoke at Fletcher School about Jewish symbols; he spoke to eighty students from Erwin Middle School who came to Beth Israel to learn about Judaism and Tolerance; he spoke in the Building Bridges program three times about the pain of being Jewish and oppressed (twice at New Mt. Olive Baptist Church and once at All Souls Episcopal Church); and he spoke about Judaism, Israel, and the Holocaust at Reynolds Middle School.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to David Schulman, who has been awarded the blue ribbon honors at Best Personal Column of 1993 by the North Carolina Press Club. The award was presented during their annual convention in Raleigh in March. Schulman's award was based on his monthly "Roaming the Past" column which he does for the *Times Outlook* magazine in Charlotte. Schulman was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the First Commercial Bank in Asheville.

Congratulations

The entire Beth Israel family extends our best wishes to our own Dale Houghtaling and Kay Miller on their recent engagement. The wedding is

planned for September 1st at "Pretty Place" open air chapel in Brevard. Congratulations also to David Soderlund, grandson of Mickey and Mary Tabashneck, who graduated this spring from the University of Windsor, in Canada. Also, Mazel Tov to Stephanie Tabashneck, granddaughter of Mickey and Mary, who was a performer in "Fiddler on the Roof," in Detroit MI.

Inside the Torah

In May, Frank Goldsmith gave us a great Inside the Torah. On May 27, "Behar"-BeHukotai": Leviticus 25:1-27:34 (25:39-26:46), May 14, "Bemidbar": Numbers 1:1-4:30 (2:1-3:13); May 21, "Naso": Numbers 4:21-7:89 (5:11-6:27); and May 28, "Behaalotekha": Numbers 8:1-12:16 (9:15-10:34). These monthly explorations give us a wonderful preview of the Sabbath portion and pose questions which become topics for lively discussion during services.

Retreat

The Beth Israel Retreat at Camp Blue Star kicked off late Friday afternoon, June 10, with everybody getting settled in. That evening, there were Kabbalat Shabbat services outside, under the stars. After Saturday morning services, families spent the day together. Everyone had full run of the camp's facilities including boating, swimming, hiking, softball, and tennis. In addition, there were cooperative games, discussions, Israeli dancing, and other group activities during the weekend. Saturday evening culminated with Havdalah under the stars. The weekend concluded at 6:00 pm on Sunday.

Poetry Class

On May 24 and 31 and June 4 and 14, our very own Dr. Rick Chess, Professor of Literature at UNCA, guided us, spiritually and intellectually, through a small number of powerful and meaningful poems written by Jewish poets.

Sisterhood

Michele Heller, President, reported that on June 5, the final meeting was held. The program was presented by Helen Smith of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department on personal safety.

On June 16, a joint luncheon with Beth Ha-Tephila and Hadassah was held at the Asheville Country Club. Officers from each organization were installed.

Sisterhood is delighted to announce its choice for the Light of Torah Award for 1993-1994. This program is initiated by Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Marlene Breger-Joyce is our recipient, we are proud to announce. Marlene's parents, from Columbia SC, were invited to share their daughter's special time. This also took place at the joint luncheon for the three organizations. Lillian Wellisch, Sisterhood's Member of the South Branch Board of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, presented Marlene with a special Light of Torah plaque.

It's A Boy

Congratulations to Alan and Barbara Levy on the birth of a son, Ariel Karesh Levy.

It's A Girl

Congratulations to Alan and Lorraine Silverman on the birth of a

daughter, Victoria Carly, on May 1.

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Beth Israel extends a heartfelt welcome to the following new members: Benjamin and Bettina Rosenthal, Harry and Judith Karel, Lee and Margo Ginsburg, Hans-Jurgen and Susan Stader, and Charles and Daliah Gans.

Coming Attractions-August

Rabbi Birnham is planning these programs:

1. A crash course in Hebrew-five sessions so people can read the Machzor.

2. One or two sessions on Hand-Made Midrash-a workshop preparing ourselves for the High Holidays, what the holidays are all about. Creations by students with colored paper and a glue stick. They then will explain their creations in class. Professor Jo Milgrom created the process.

3. Two classes studying prayers from the Machzor.

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

Temple Israel recently elected its 1994-1995 Board of Directors. Joining President David Miller on the Executive Board are First Vice President Sam Bernstein, Second Vice President Miles Levine, Treasurer (Finance) Bill Gorelick, Treasurer (Administration) Irving Brenner, and Secretary Frank Rosen.

Temple Israel Sisterhood also welcomed its new board at an Installation Luncheon on May 25. Florence Jaffa gave a moving talk, and the event was enjoyed by all who attended. The first meeting of the new Sisterhood Board was held June 28.

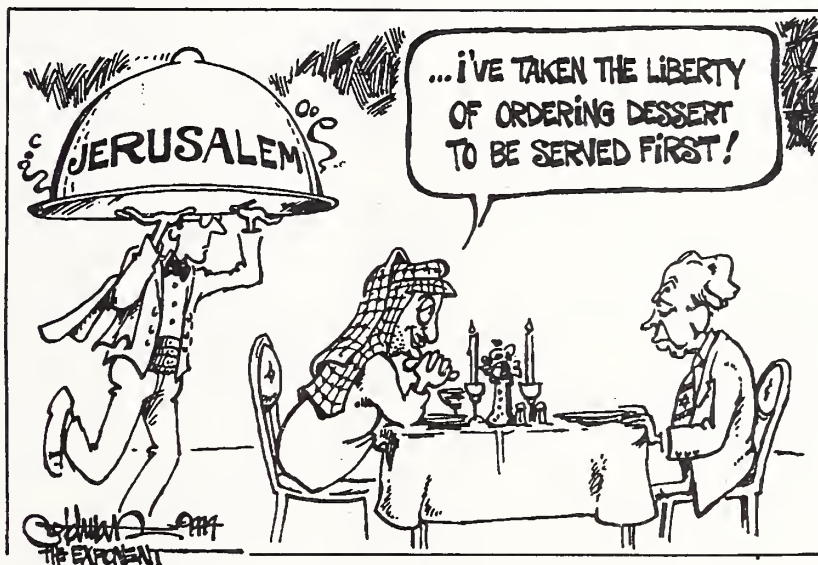
Upcoming Events

The next meeting of the Jewish Books Discussion Group will be held on August 29. The group will discuss Henry Roth's *Call it Sleep*, the 1934 classic about a fearful little boy who moves to the New York slum with his East European Jewish parents in 1911. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat (h) 542-8278 (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov on the following new arrivals: Dylan Michael Schwaber, son of Susan and Mark Schwaber of Long Island NY, was born on May 9. The proud grandparents are Elaine and Alan Schwaber of Long Island NY, and Barbara and Jerry Levin of Charlotte. Alli Caroline Michel, daughter of Jodi and Gary Michel of Atlanta GA, was born on May 16. The proud grandparents are Esther and Carlo Michel of Fairfax VA, and Rita and Irving Mond of Charlotte NC.

Mazel tov to the following recent B'nai Mitzvah: Zack Yeskel (June 4), Amy Levine (June 11), Ali Shafranek (June 18), and Katie Wilkenfeld (June 25).



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ORGANIZATIONS

Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT

The 1994-95 year promises to be both exciting and full of activities for the Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT. On May 24, 1994 a planning conference was held by outgoing and soon to be installed board members. The formal installation of Crown City 1994-95 ORT officers was held at the Torch Restaurant on June 12, 1994.

The new officers are as follows: president, Ellen Wysmuller; VP Fund Raising, Claire Krusch; VP Membership, Brenda Lutz; VP Programming, Hope Hagler; Treasurer, Shirley Fytelson; Financial Secretary, Evelyn Hochstat, Recording Secretary, Elaine Kaplan, Corresponding Secretary, Seena Binder.

On Tuesday, June 14 ORT was well represented at Knights Castle as the Charlotte team took on Wilkes-Barre. A good time was had by all.

The next event planned will be on July 26, a general meeting/bingo evening. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get involved. *For more information about ORT please call Ellen Wysmuller at 543-8844 or Brenda Lutz at 588-2258.*

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah Installs 1994-95 Officers

The Charlotte chapter of Hadassah installed its new executive committee for 1994-95 at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 18, at Temple Beth El. Roz Cooper, chapter president for 1992-94, delivered the opening remarks and welcome. Rabbi Jim Bennett wished Roz and all the outgoing officers a hearty Mazel Tov for a job well done.

Simcha candles were lit by Nettie Smith to celebrate recent joyful events in the lives of all members and guests. Ellen Block led the invocation before lunch was served, a delicious light meal provided by Eli's Catering of Charlotte. The luncheon arrangements were coordinated by Susan Jacobs and Shelby Newman.

After lunch, Audrey Madans, Charlotte Hadassah president 1988-90, hosted an awards program. The annual Service awards were given to the "unsung heroes" of the chapter, the true "souls" of Hadassah who do their jobs because they care. The recipients of these awards come from all areas of the organization: membership, fundraising, education, directory, and programming. Chosen by the vice presidents and/or chairpersons, this year's service awards were presented to Doris Fligel, Helen Friedman, Shirley Gottlieb, Jo Minchew, Ruth

Richardson, Anita Shapiro, Rosalee Starer, and Jan Weiner.

The Love of a Lifetime Award was presented to Minnie Sutker, a woman who is very special to Hadassah. This award is given to the individual who has devoted a minimum of thirty years of service and dedication to the chapter. A continuous source of advice, this person must have also demonstrated a willingness to help anytime, anywhere. The current board of Hadassah selected Minnie for this distinguished award, the first one ever presented by the Charlotte chapter.

The Crown of Hadassah award is presented annually to a member who has devoted an outstanding effort on behalf of the chapter in the past year. Chosen by the chapter president and president-elect for the exceptional help she provided them, Anne Brandt was this year's recipient.

The highlight of the awards program was the presentation of the Rosalie Ashendorf Service Award, named in memory of one of Charlotte Hadassah's most dynamic chapter leaders. This award is the highest honor the chapter can bestow. It is given only when a member is deemed worthy, through nominations delivered by the entire membership. The recipient must have been a chapter member for at least five consecutive years. A woman who has consistently provided outstanding service and leadership, Elizabeth Klein was selected to receive this foremost award.

After the conclusion of the awards program, the chapter's new

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executive committee was installed by Elizabeth Klein, assisted by her daughter Betsy. The 1994-95 chapter officers included Directory Editors Diane Schwartz and Ellen Waldman; Recording Secretary Gloria Peper; Corresponding Secretary Paula Gentile; Financial Secretary Nancy Blacker; Treasurer Rosalee Starer; Vice Presidents of Fundraising Anne Brandt and Marsha Smith; Vice Presidents of Education Ana Resnick and Debby Rosenberger; Vice President of Communications Janice Bernstein; Vice Presidents of Membership Ellen Block and Alice Kavadlo; Vice Presidents of Programming Ellen Dubin and Jo Minchew; and the new President of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, Lynda White. Lynda's husband and children were on hand to witness her installation as President. Lynda closed the luncheon by thanking her family and the chapter for their support. "I will give you my best at all times," she said, "and at the same time I will need your support to accomplish all the tasks that lie ahead. I have a great chapter behind me and I am eager to get to work."

Special recognition must also be extended to the following persons for their assistance with the Installation Luncheon: Judy Kaufmann for the calligraphy on the Service awards; Joanie White for taking pictures for the chapter scrapbook.

North Carolina Hillel

Chapel Hill NC-Once again, summer session at UNC-Chapel Hill will feature a broad array of programs sponsored by North Carolina Hillel. These activities are open to Jewish university students throughout the state of North Carolina, regardless of whether they are enrolled in summer classes.

"During the summer, many Jewish students stay in town to take classes," remarked Rabbi Andrew R. Koren, Executive Director of North Carolina Hillel. "Many of their friends are home for the summer and Hillel offers a fantastic opportunity for Jews throughout the state to spend time together. Getting involved in our summer programs is also the perfect way to meet new people. We'll probably see people from all over the state of North Carolina at Hillel events this summer."

Already, Hillel held its first Shabbat services of the summer on Friday, May 20 at the NC Hillel building in Chapel Hill.

On Friday, July 22, Hillel will hold a special Shabbat at Umstead Park in Chapel Hill. Services will begin at 6:30 pm and all who wish to attend can either meet at the park's parking lot shortly before services, or meet at NC Hillel at 6 pm to carpool. Dress is casual.

The following is a list of other Hillel programs to look for in June and July:

Emerald Point-Sunday, June 12-bring your bathing suit because Hillel plans on having a wet and wild time at this Greensboro water amusement park. Admission is \$15 and you should bring extra money for food. Please RSVP to Hillel and plan to meet at NC Hillel at 10 am for a ride or to carpool. If it is more convenient for you to go directly to Emerald Point, please call Hillel so that we can make arrangements to meet you there.

Picnic at Jordan Lake-Sunday, June 26-meet at NC Hillel at noon for a fun day filled with frisbee, baseball, music, and swimming. Bring your own sports equipment and musical instruments, we'll provide the munchies.

Durham Bulls-Thursday, July 14-NC Hillel will travel to historic Durham Athletic Park as we root the Bulls to victory. The cost is only \$3 with a student ID and \$4 without one. Call Seth at 919-967-7550 for more information and to reserve your place at the ball game.

Carowinds-Sunday, July 17-this has been the best summer program for many years now. Meet at Hillel at 8 am (yep, bright and early!) for a day of thrills and excitement. Call Sherry at 919-929-8923 to reserve a place and to find out more information about prices. If it is more convenient for you to go directly to Carowinds, please call anyway so that we can make a reservation for you and make arrangements to meet you there.

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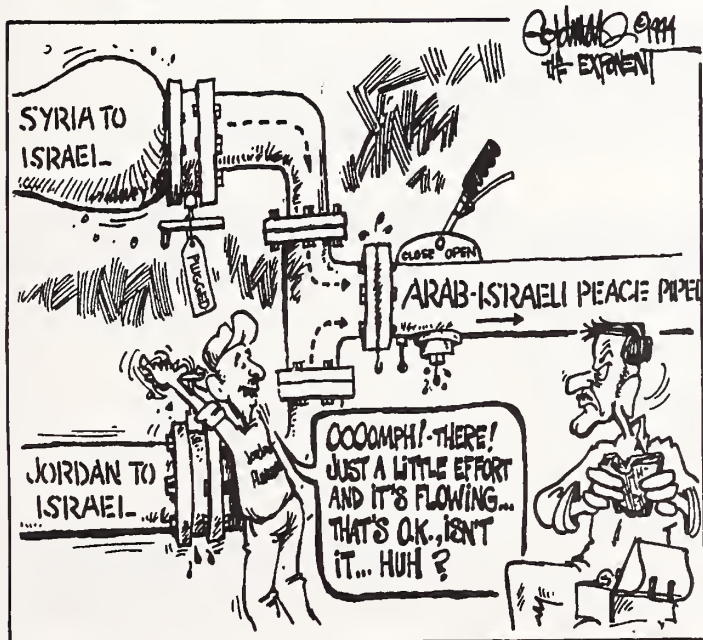
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Mexican Dinner at El Rodeo-Sunday, July 31-meet for dinner at El Rodeo on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill at 6 pm (or at Hillel at 5:30 pm to carpool).

North Carolina Hillel is located at 210 W. Cameron Avenue in Chapel Hill. For more information on any of these programs, or to be placed on our summer mailing list, please contact Rabbi Andrew R. Koren at (919) 942-4057.



Ben Jaffa Jr. Elected Chairman of Historical Society

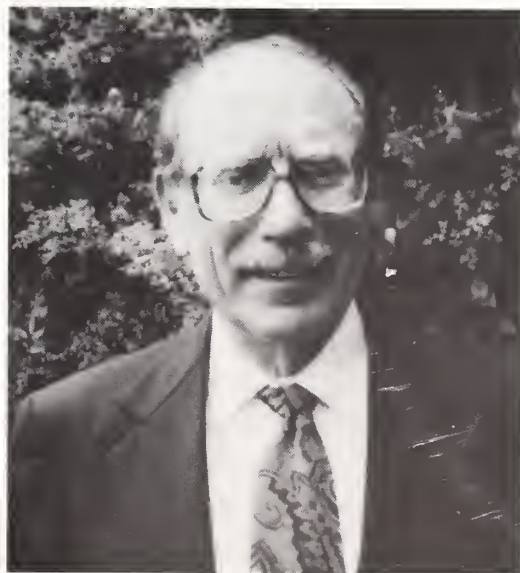
(Charlotte NC) Ben Jaffa, Jr. was elected the new chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society on May 31. The Society was organized six years ago and is sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE).

Jaffa was born and raised in Charlotte, and is a past president of the Jewish Community Center, Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith and North Carolina B'nai B'rith Association. As Chairman for the Historical Society, Jaffa will be directing current projects that include videotaping oral history interviews of members of the local Jewish community, production of a Temple Israel 100th anniversary video, release of a map noting

historic Jewish sites in Charlotte, and the collection of historic photographs and documents of Jewish significance for the community's archives housed in the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park.

Dr. Jay Jacoby was elected vice-chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society. Sam Eneman, outgoing vice-chairman, serves as coordinator of the video oral history project of the Society and as producer of the Temple Israel centennial video.

Membership in the Society is open to all with an interest in local Jewish history. For more information, call the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park at 366-5007, ext. 272.



Ben Jaffa Jr.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

The school year at Lubavitch finished with a bang. Graduation, parties, and picnics were the order of the day.

At the Lubavitch Preschool, parents and children gathered for picnics with their teachers and celebrated the end of the year with happy memories.

The Jewish Day School held a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 1, in the Luski Hall at Shalom Park. All the Day School students and their parents attended the school graduation.

The ceremony began with a musical performance by the school choir. The graduates were presented gifts by

their teachers. Each of the graduates read a statement which reflected their appreciation to the school for their exciting experience and wonderful years at Lubavitch.

A newly-developed video presentation took the large audience back to the beginning of the school years and reflected on the personal growth of the graduates and the general growth of the school. It was hard work and devoted dedication that got the school going in its early day. "We stood with six children and have grown to over 150 Preschool and Day School combined" said Mariashi Groner, founder of the school.

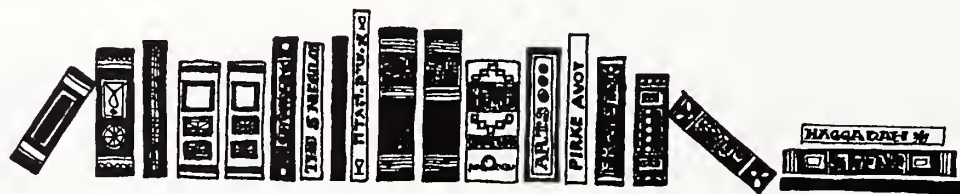
The event closed with a hearty applause to the teachers and students for making this school year a very successful and productive year.

Teacher Appreciation Day Teachers at the Jewish Day School and Lubavitch Preschool have been

working hard all year long teaching and caring for the young children of Charlotte. Parents have decided to show their appreciation by designating May 24 as Teachers Appreciation Day.

The parents prepared and served the teachers and staff a fancy home-cooked meal. Many parents substituted for the teachers to allow them to participate at this event. The luncheon, which was held on the Sardis Road campus, was an elegant affair directed by the parents of the school.

Teachers were presented with gifts and affection. "We wish to recognize your efforts and skills, which have enriched our children's lives," said Nancy Kipnis, PTO President. Teachers were very thankful for their special treatment and greatly appreciated the many gifts they received.



The Jewish Day School of Charlotte Parent Involvement Is Key

by *Lauren Stark*

This summer has been especially busy for many dedicated and enthusiastic parents of children going to The Jewish Day School of Charlotte and the Lubavitch Preschool. Parents are painting classrooms, landscaping campus grounds, and planning for the Fall school year. We are all delighted with the quality of education our children have received and are determined to do our share to secure that opportunity for others in the Jewish community.

Both schools have seen tremendous growth in recent years. Last year was no exception! There were 135 children; 90 in the preschool and 45 in grades K-6. Fall registration numbers 150! At a parents' meeting in May, Janice Cantor shared one of many examples of the school's successes. She noted that several students who left the Day School for private and public schools have returned! This is positive proof that the Jewish Day School delivers quality education equal to or better

than other schools in Charlotte. We can all be very proud of that!

As the school year closed and summer vacation started, parents banded together in committees, pledging support, guidance and funds to assist with the growing needs of the school.

These Parents' Committees are charged with two goals. The first is to secure monetary pledges to complete construction at the Sardis Road location. With the new building, 246 students can be accommodated. The second goal is to establish ongoing endowments and scholarships to meet special needs of the school.

The foundation for the Jewish Day School building is complete. Two hundred thousand dollars has already been pledged to complete Phase II. However, further construction will not begin until enough pledges are secured to complete the building. To this end,

Michael Raus and his team are busily planning for an ambitious but doable Parents' Campaign to raise three million dollars from August through December 1994. Volunteers are always needed to help with this effort—both in time and pledges.

Dana Gorelick is working with her committee, planning an exciting Fall event, which the entire Jewish community is sure to enjoy. Nancy Kipnis is developing programs to increase grandparent involvement and support.

To assist with the special needs of the Jewish Day School of Charlotte, efforts are underway to create scholarships and endowments, honoring those individuals in the community who establish them. Adriana Taylor is heading this effort.

We hope that everyone in the community will join our enthusiastic Day School parents as we realize our hopes for a new home for the Jewish Day School of Charlotte and the Lubavitch Preschool.

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Nathaniel W. Rosenfeld Honorary Degree Citation

A native of Florence SC and a man of many firsts, Mr. Nathaniel W. Rosenfeld is the 1994 recipient of the honorary degree, Doctor of Humanities.

After earning his undergraduate and law degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia PA, Mr. Rosenfeld returned to Florence where he became the first person in the state, and quite possibly the nation, to build houses and finance them so that low and moderate income families could buy a home with no money down and no closing costs. He built over 300 homes and personally assisted families with home ownership. Success in this area led to his appointment in 1981 to the Board of Commissioners for the State Housing, Finance, and Development Authority, which he currently serves as Vice Chairman Emeritus and works tirelessly to ensure that dignity in housing remains the Authority's primary goal.

Along with Dr. Myers Hicks, he was the first person to start the Habitat for Humanity program in Florence, and he personally donated many lots of property so that homes could be built for needy people.

At Francis Marion University, he

started the athletic program and served for six years as the first tennis coach. He has most recently endowed the Nat Rosenfeld Tennis Fund at the University.

Mr. Rosenfeld has distinguished himself through his service to his community and his state. He exemplifies good citizenship and character through his personal deeds to improve and enhance the lives of others. He has received the highest

award that the City of Florence can confer, as well as the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that the Governor can bestow to a citizen of the State.

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After the Rebbe's Passing - Whither Hasidism?

New York, June 14-Dr. Steven Bayme, director of the American Jewish Committee's Communal Affairs Department, issued the following statement today on the AJC publication "The Hasidim In America":

"Lubavitch Hasidism, the Jewish sect that combines mysticism and intellectualism with evangelical outreach-to readers of The New York Times, passers-by on major city streets around the world, and viewers of cable television-is the oldest enduring Hasidic movement. Today it is mourning the loss of its longtime leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whose vision is credited for its post-war transformation from a small Brooklyn-based sect into a powerful and well-endowed international religious network.

"How did the Lubavitch and other Hasidim grow from their eighteenth-century Polish origins in small circles of disciples around a mystical teacher to their keenly felt presence and influence in American and Israeli Jewish life today? Little understood but widely feared, mocked, or dismissed as irrelevant, the various Hasidic sects alive and well in the U.S. are the subject of a new AJC publication, *The Hasidim of America*, written by Allan L. Nadler, director of research at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

"By combining a description of their European-based history and

theology with a particular focus on the demography and culture of the Hasidic communities in America, Dr. Nadler substitutes clarification and facts for the myth and misconceptions that have long surrounded these religious enclaves. Within the broader North American Jewish community, there is increasing nostalgic fascination with Hasidism alongside enduring discomfort and profound mutual alienation between mainstream and Hasidic communities, as manifested in the Crown Heights riots of 1991. In hopes of contributing to a more cultivated and enlightened relationship between the two, Nadler acknowledges the challenge that this independent but growing sector of Jewry poses to mainstream Jewish leadership, but also stresses the need for cooperation, especially in confronting the rising specter of urban anti-Semitism.

"All Hasidic groups are characterized by the intimate relationship between the masses and their charismatic rabbis, or rebbes, symbolized most profoundly by the personality of the earliest leader known as the Baal Shem Tov (master of the divine name). Eighteenth-century Hasidism also promulgated a popularized form of religious ecstasy, or mystical communion with God, intended to be accessible to each and every Jew. The movement spread very rapidly as a revolutionary, populist religious alternative to traditional rabbinic Judaism. By the end of the

nineteenth century, Hasidism accounted for almost half of the world's Orthodox Jews.

"But the Hasidic world was devastated by the Holocaust, and at war's end, Nadler writes, "there was only a pitiful remnant of Hasidim still alive in Europe." These survivors emigrated mostly to Palestine or America, where they attempted to regroup in spite of enormous obstacles posed by the disappearance of dozens of Hasidic "courts" of rebbes and followers. Yet today Nadler estimates that there are some 136,000 Hasidim in and around New York alone, forming secure and growing communities noteworthy also for their self-separation, from other Jews as well as from gentiles.

"Nadler describes in detail several of the better-known Hasidic groups, including Habad-Lubavitch, Satmar, and Bobover, as well as a number of smaller sects as far away as upstate New York, Boston, Milwaukee, and Denver.

"He emphasizes that the Lubavitchers' use of modern means to disseminate Hasidism, as well as its apparent embrace of non-Orthodox Jews, is "purely utilitarian and signifies neither a real departure from ultra-Orthodoxy nor an acceptance of any contemporary ideology." He cites their skill in adapting to the American social setting and negotiating the political system in the U.S. and in Israel, and discusses the recent development of messianic impulse reflects a severe dissatisfaction with the world as it is, and an urgent desire to transcend it."

"The Satmar community, by contrast, is noted for its religious extremism and social isolationism. In America, their segregation and autonomy from other Jews is facilitated by the elaborate system of communal charity and social support from which all Satmar Hasidim benefit. Nadler writes, "It is one of the major ironies of Satmar life today that, despite their theology of quietism, politics of pacifism, and objections to the central Zionist philosophy of Jewish self-defense, they have actually internalized much of the Zionist ethos. They have learned to respond to the perils of life in New York by becoming what are arguably the city's toughest Jews."

"Yet another irony of Satmar life is that, in spite of its theologically based political quietism rooted in the prewar Hungarian Jewish experience, the Satmar have maintained a high and aggressive profile in their opposition to Zionism and to the State of Israel. They also frequently do battle with the other major Hasidic sects, especially Lubavitch and Belz.

"Nadler concludes that "the remarkable expansion of the major Hasidic sects reflects the confident and increasingly triumphalist nature of the Hasidim in a country that, just a generation ago, was considered completely inhospitable to traditional Judaism." He notes their unique lifestyle and belief system, and especially their proclivity toward ever-greater autonomy from the wider Jewish community, so troubling for those who seek rapprochement.

"Nevertheless, he urges attempts to

forge a tactical alliance over such issues as anti-Semitism, black-Jewish relations, and associated urban problems. Such cooperation would not only be welcomed in all Hasidic communities, but would also "at the very least establish a level of mutual trust and create mechanisms for dialogue and collaboration that may prove useful in dealing with future challenges to American Jewry."

Dr. Steven Bayme, AJC director of Jewish Communal Affairs, writes in his foreword to the publication that "Hasidim are probably America's most visible and easily recognizable Jews, yet they are perhaps also America's least understood Jews."

"Orthodox Judaism itself is often stereotyped in public discourse, and Hasidic Orthodoxy therefore is often lumped together under more general and misleading classifications of 'ultra-Orthodoxy.' The diversity within Hasidism, its strengths and weaknesses as a wing within Orthodoxy, and most of all its internal mind-set, values, and worldviews, pass relatively unnoticed in public discourse."

Dr. Bayme continued, "As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of Jewish life, the American Jewish Committee wishes to strengthen internal Jewish unity and Jewish religious pluralism through greater understanding and mutual relations with American Hasidic groups. The long-term future of American Judaism does not depend upon whether the rebbe was or was not the messiah. It does depend upon having a critical mass of Jews dedicated to creating and preserving vital Jewish existence."

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Metzgers. . . than he has with Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rep. John Lewis. And that Jews and Blacks, and all good people have a common interest in fighting hatred from wherever it comes.

Therefore, in addition to "Schindler's List," a reissued "film" version of "Roots" should be made available as a package directed at inner-city school children, portraying in vivid black and white and in color, the handiwork of racism; white supremacy; slavery; anti-Semitism; the Holocaust. Programs for students in which teachers trained in exploring diversity and tolerance as positive values are necessary components to the screenings. They lend a context to the viewing of "Schindler's List," so that the students seeing it rather than wondering why they are being told about the sufferings of the Jews when they are living through their own pain, will instead connect to the Holocaust and understand more immediately the horrible consequences of hatred and that everyone has a responsibility and an interest in resisting the message of hatred.

Similarly through viewing "Roots," they will appreciate it in the context of today. It then becomes a story of the use of hatred as a political and social tool. When one sees the problem through such a prism, then solutions are sought in the broad area of prejudice reduction and fighting extremism, be it racism or anti-Semitism. It is the picture of the destructive power of hatred. It is not just what the Jews suffered, though that is surely part of the picture; and

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is Looking for a Few Good Cartoonists, Puppeteers, Animators, Etc.

Wanted: Cartoonists, animators, puppeteers, songwriters, script writers and other creative talent to help teach Reform Jewish preschool children about the religious, cultural and historical aspects of Judaism.

That is the call sounded by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) on behalf of a video project designed to strengthen children's ties to Jewish life at a formative stage.

The project will be under the auspices of the UAHC's TV and Film Institute. Its planners envision an initial 25-minute pilot video featuring original cartoon and/or puppet characters and live actors in an attempt to use entertaining situations as a way to identify the symbols and values of Jewish life. The aim is to use these videos to teach preschoolers about Jewish holidays and life cycle events, songs, blessings and prayers and Hebrew letters, words and phrases.

Initial support will be provided by an endowment from the Tilles Family through Roger Tilles of Great Neck, N.Y., a UAHC trustee and vice chairman of the Council of Overseers of the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in Long Island University.

If the pilot proves to be successful,

it will be the first in a series of videos, according to Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, senior vice president of the UAHC, which is the central body of Reform Judaism in North America. UAHC has 860 affiliated congregations with a total membership of 1.3 million.

"Young children are the key to encouraging parents and other family members to become engaged in synagogue life," said Rabbi Syme. "They provide a major entry point—the moment in the child's life when his or her family is most open to opportunities for the development of successful family interactions, including religious involvement."

In addition to videos, the project will

include "spin-offs" such as books, workbooks and audio tapes, all based on the video programs.

According to Rabbi Syme, the UAHC is inviting creative artists, writers and others in the field of children's educational media to submit proposals for all aspects of the program, including suggestions for cartoon or puppet characters, songs, scripts and video staging.

All submissions will be held in strict confidence, he said. Guidelines for submissions may be obtained by writing to: UAHC TV & Film Institute, Children's Video Project, 1 Kalisa Way, Paramus, NJ 07652, Room 104. Ideas and proposals should be submitted by August 15.





Photo caption

Pictured at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's 1994 National Tribute Dinner are (left to right): Marilyn Katzenberg; Whoopi Goldberg, who presented the Center's Righteous Among the Nations Award to Miep Gies; Jeffrey Katzenberg, Chairman, Walt Disney Studios, who served as one of the chairmen for the dinner; and Candice Bergen, Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. Photo courtesy Simon Wiesenthal

Over 1,000 people recently attended the Simon Wiesenthal Center's National Tribute Dinner in Los Angeles that honored Miep Gies, the last surviving member of those who hid and cared for Anne Frank and her family during World War II and who later found her diary and preserved it for the world; Emilie Schindler, who worked side by side with her husband, Oskar, during World War II, risking her

own life to secure food and medicine for the 1200 Jews who owe their lives to them. Both received the Center's Righteous Amongst the Nations Award. Also honored with the Center's first Child of Courage Award was Zlata Filipovic, for her courage and commitment to making the plight of her people in the former Yugoslavia known to the world through her diary.

Chairmen for the evening were Jeff Berg, CEO, International Creative Management; Jeffrey Katzenberg, Chairman, Walt Disney Studios; Terry Semel, President and CEO, Warner Bros.; and Steven Spielberg. Co-Chairs were Whoopi Goldberg and Dawn Steel. Pictured are (left to right) Marilyn Katzenberg; Whoopi Goldberg who presented the Righteous Among the Nations Award to Miep Gies; Jeffrey Katzenberg and Candice Bergen, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

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September is a glorious month. It is a time for us to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simcat Torah. We have the opportunity to renew our belief in Judaism and a time for us to pray that one day its universal message will be heard across the land. It is also a time for us to pray to G-d for a good and sweet year.

May you and yours have a sweet year!


Geri Zhiss
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Don't panic. It's not a price. It's a New Year. Shana Tova.

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Thoughts for Yom Kippur

Estelle Hoffman

Freedom is a subject which is often discussed and highly valued. We are familiar with the story of "The Exodus," with the Four Freedoms proclaimed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and with the freedom our slaves were granted 130 years ago. Another kind of freedom was recently proposed which seems to be central to the meaning of Yom Kippur.

The concept was introduced to Charlotte Senior Scholars at a spring retreat at Wildacres by Dr. John G. Sullivan of Elon College's Department of Philosophy. The topic of the seminar was **THE DIVINE COMEDY** by Dante. Participants were challenged to contemplate our freedom of choice.

The last human freedom is what Dr. Sullivan called our capacity to move from slavery to freedom, the freedom to choose our response. Sometimes we are free to make an easy choice; sometimes we must choose the way we respond to "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

In choosing, we are urged to consider the consequences of our actions. Do we need to look at the harm we cause? The second book of the trilogy of **THE DIVINE COMEDY** is **IL PURGATORIO**, Purgatory. Its interpretation is vague

to most of us, perhaps regarded as an old threat of religion; yet, the idea of a second chance is quite acceptable to us modern Americans. Purgatory and purge are words which share the same root, meaning cleanse.

Study of the idea of Purgatory takes us back to "The Seven Deadly Sins." They are pride, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, greed and sloth, no better dealt with than in **THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS**, published by Free Press (Macmillan, Inc.) in 1992. The author is Solomon Schimmel, professor of Jewish education and psychology at Hebrew College, Brookline MA and a practicing psychologist.

On Yom Kippur we acknowledge our sins, and here I quote a statement on the jacket of the book cited above: "Most people think of sin as an outmoded idea—part of an obsolete, 'medieval' frame of reference. But Solomon Schimmel maintains that 'the seven deadly sins' are alive and well and deadlier than ever. (They) are a permanent part of human nature, and they cause as much unhappiness—both psychological and social—today as at any time in history."

The psychologist goes on to lament that modern psychology is attempting to take over from the

great religions, leaving us unable to cope in modern society.

What Dante did for us was to create categories in which to look at ourselves. More than that, we need to emphasize the consequences of our sins. Yom Kippur presents the perfect motive for us to examine our sins in which we degrade the human, as well as our environment, and to seek a higher vision to guide us in dealing with problems.

Too often, we do not consider the consequences of our actions or attitudes, nor do we see ourselves as we are. Humility is a rare trait. Dante saw pride as a false sense of self. A proud person is usually over-inflated, but we should not lose sight of what we see as underinflation, also a distortion, in people who live without hope or awareness of their potential.

In our Yom Kippur communal confession, we recite all the sins of which we may be guilty. In the Wildacres seminar, we were taught that the most difficult are pride, envy and anger.

Gazing at the night sky might restore to a proud person the true sense of his value. He needs to recognize others and cease to manipulate them from the assumption, possibly unconscious, that others exist to serve him.

In the state of envy we compare what we have to what others have. In that state we cannot love or rejoice in what the other has. We should replace that with generosity of gift or deed.

Anger is a sin which damages the

angry one, not the object of the anger. Obviously, anger leads to resentment and bears the seeds of revenge.

Our sins cause suffering, superfluous suffering beyond all of the natural causes of suffering which we cannot control. If we do not acknowledge our contribution to suffering through our actions and attitudes, and yes, our prejudices, we cannot be cleansed. That is the idea of purgatory, to acknowledge and feel what we produce and to do something about it.

Recently, I heard a rabbi speak about "*Lashon haRah*," evil talk. Evil words, condemnatory talk and gossip flow from our mouths without thought, with effects of suffering. Selfish attitudes cause behavior which damages our planet. It is not easy to change behavior and policies. It may take a lifetime.

Do we think, when we put people down, that we may be killing their dreams, suffocating their souls? Sinful deeds are threats to the community which we inhabit. Deeds have consequences, and punishment should be thought of as natural consequences of deeds.

Some sins are abuses of good things, too much or too little. Human traits can be used in devious ways of people in a capacity to defraud. Language, which is our chief distinction from other animals, is used by flatterers, or in false advertising, in sales techniques, in political campaigning, or in other psychological influences to make selfish gain.

Money is debased by schemes without thought for anything but personal satisfaction. There is price gouging and taking advantage of misfortune. Slander and false pride create genocide. We blind ourselves with excuses and rationalizations, with no thought of the consequences of our actions.

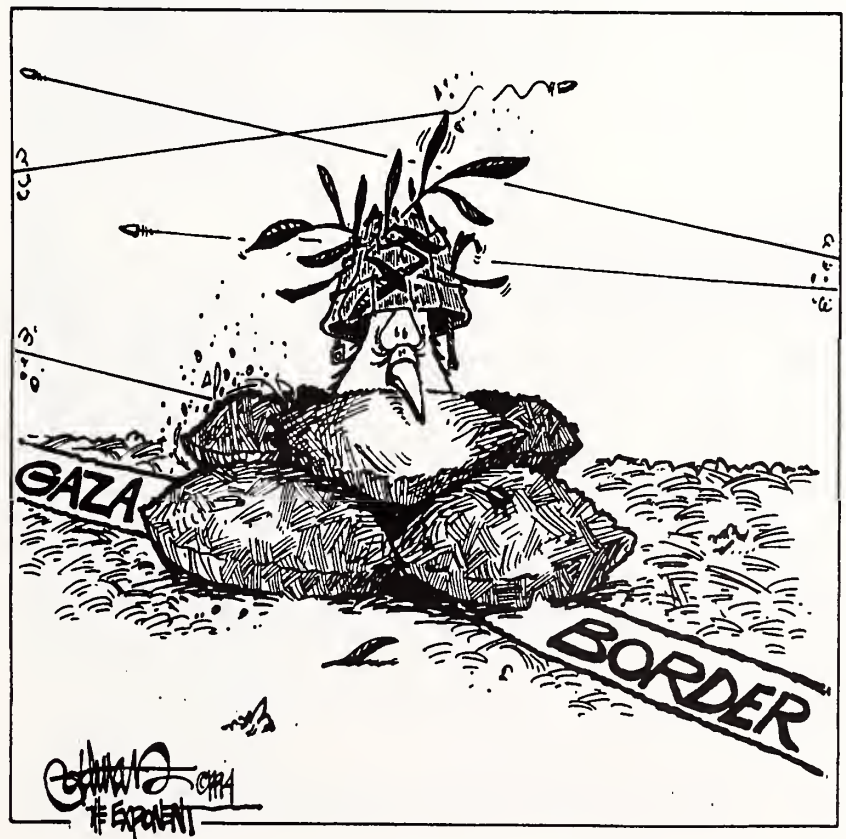
The profound theme of the Wildacres seminar to me was directly relative to Yom Kippur. It was clear to me that the ancient thinkers and theologians of Christianity had morals and philosophy in direct harmony with Jewish sages and prophets, all of which became clear to me in the interpretation of Dante's **DIVINE COMEDY**.

Ideally, Yom Kippur should be more than a time for repentance. It should

be a time for inspiration. The Jewish doctrine of repentance teaches that we can return to God and be forgiven. The choice to do so is ours.

Changing habits is not easy, and it is not easy to say, "I was wrong." Neither is it easy to resist temptation, nor to replace vices with virtues. But we are called upon to make amends for our sins after we have acknowledged them and repented. Whenever possible, we must repair the damage. We are then promised forgiveness.

The lesson is this: What can I do to be my best? Get down to earth, down to my true self. Take time. Insofar as I do my inner work, I become more free, upright and whole, as does my family, my community, my city, my nation.



Holiday Recipes



Salmon en Papillote

Not only salmon, but trout, flounder, whiting, virtually any white, firm-fleshed fish tastes especially delicious when cooked en papillote, or in a package. The steam generated within the paper wrappers keeps the fish moist and succulent. Then the entire package is placed before your guest, who opens it up and is met with all the marvelous aromas trapped within.

Parchment paper works the best for your packages. It can be purchased in a specialty kitchen store. Your

next choice would be brown butcher's paper; but not brown paper bags, which are chemically treated. Cut four sheets of paper. Each sheet, when folded in half, should be 2 to 4 inches longer and wider than your fillets—you don't want to crowd the ingredients. Fold the paper, and trace half a heart on it, with the fold running through the middle of the heart, using the entire paper. Cut out the heart. Repeat with the other three pieces of paper.

The fish-filled packages can be held in the refrigerator for several hours. Remove 30 minutes before cooking

to allow them to come to room temperature.

1 carrot

1 stalk celery

1 leek

9 tablespoons butter

Salt and pepper, to taste

4 teaspoons minced shallots

2 pounds salmon fillet, divided into 4 pieces

4 teaspoons dry white wine

1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley

Melted butter

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut carrot, celery, and leek into julienne, about 1/8 inch wide by 2 to 3 inches long, to make 1/2 cup each. Place the carrot in a small saute pan with 2 tablespoons butter and a light sprinkling of salt and pepper. Saute over medium-low heat for 2 minutes. Add celery, cook for 2 more minutes, then add leek. Saute until all the vegetables are cooked, but still quite firm. Remove pan from heat, cover, and allow vegetables to steam so that they will not toughen.

Butter 1/2 of one paper heart, using about 1 tablespoon butter. Season lightly with salt and pepper, and sprinkle 1 teaspoon shallots on each buttered half. Place a fillet atop shallots, season lightly with salt and pepper, cover with 1/4 of the julienned vegetables. Moisten with 1 teaspoon of wine and dot with 1-1/2 teaspoons of butter. Garnish with a scant teaspoon of minced parsley. Repeat for each heart. Fold the unbuttered half of the heart over the fish. Beginning at the seam, seal each

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package by making narrow folds an inch or two in length around the perimeter. Each fold will serve to anchor the preceding one. The last fold can be double-sealed by turning the point of the heart up upon itself.

Butter a cookie sheet or other ovenproof pan with the remaining tablespoon of butter and set the four fish packages onto it. Bake for 12 minutes. Serve each guest an entire package accompanied by a small dish of melted butter.

Carrot Salad

4 cups grated carrots
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
1/2 cup light mayonnaise

Place the carrots and raisin in a bowl. Whisk together the remaining ingredients and pour over the carrots. Mix well and refrigerate for several hours.

Serves 6

Taiglach

This honeyed dessert is made by Lithuanian Jews for happy occasions. It is especially appropriate for Rosh Hashanah, expressing hope for a sweet new year.

4 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
6 eggs
2 teaspoons sugar
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon lemon or orange zest
1-1/2 cup honey
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons powdered ginger

1 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup shredded coconut
(optional)

Sift flour with baking powder. In a medium bowl mix together, in order, eggs, sugar, oil, zest, and flour mixture until smooth and soft, but firm enough to knead with your hands. Roll into balls about 2-inches in diameter, then into long ropes 1/2 inch in diameter, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Bring honey, sugar, and ginger to boil in a wide ovenproof pan. Drop the dough pieces into pan. Bake for 20 minutes, keeping the door closed. Remove pan, add nuts, and stir carefully with a wooden spoon to separate the pieces. Return to oven and bake 45 minutes to 1 hour, until golden.

Wet a board with cold water and pour the cooked mixture onto it. Sprinkle with optional coconut. Cool. Break up and trim pieces before serving.

Serves 10.

Honey Spiced Cake

This is a delicious honey cake and it only uses one bowl for the batter.

4 eggs
1 scant cup sugar
1 ounce whiskey
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 tart apple, grated
1/2 cup corn oil
1 cup honey
1-1/2 teaspoons orange zest
1/3 cup strong coffee
Scant 1/4 cup orange juice
2-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1-1/2 cups raisins
1/3 cup ground walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degree.

Combine all ingredients in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat at medium speed until well blended. Bake in a large greased tube pan for 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

This cake freezes well.

Serves 12-14



The Children of Chernobyl

by Netty Gross

(WZPS) Three elfin Russian girls, aged six to seven, cluster at the portal of the doors of Beit Rivka, a state religious school in Kfar Habad, a town populated by Lubavitch Hasidim and situated 15 minutes south of Tel Aviv.

Shepherded by their first grade teacher, a woman in a pert wig, the troika moves inseparably, particularly tumbling over each other, toward the door to catch the bus 'home.'

In Israel only three months, they know enough Hebrew to shriek "chocolate ice cream" when asked what their favorite dessert is.

Their childish merriness camouflages a lot.

No matter how determinedly upbeat their smiling teacher may be and how worldly the little girls themselves are, their aloneness, their utter dependence on the kindness of strangers, is palpable.

Like children who get in the way of other peoples' bullets and wars, the girls' respective childhoods have been subject to the vagaries of nuclear fallout. In their case it was 90 tons of radioactive material containing 20-40 million curies of radiation which came raining down on the citizens of Chernobyl in 1986.

Today, "home" for the three Russian lilliputs is a continent away from
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their mothers and fathers who remain in the contaminated hometown of Gomel in Belarus. The girls are among the over 1,000 Jewish "Children of Chernobyl" (aged six to 16) whom the Habad organization has airlifted to Israel in a unique humanitarian medical relief program started in 1990.

"The program started," says the program's Director Yossie Raichik, "at the behest of parents living in the contaminated areas who realized that their children were becoming ill. They were getting increasingly desperate because they knew they were fighting a time bomb; that the prevention of disease and malignancy was possible but not available. They could not cope with the financial or emotional burden of treatment and appealed for help to a myriad of Jewish organizations-including Habad-all of which declined to help."

The parents then approached Rabbi Yitzchok Kogan of Leningrad, a longtime Habad rabbi who took the request directly to the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

"The Rebbe saw the need, perceived the situation and responded immediately in the affirmative. These people had to be helped. There was a suggestion to bring the children to the U.S. but the Rebbe said, 'Kfar Habad and on a

permanent basis, with their parents to follow.' The directive was given and the program was launched."

Chernobyl aid programs already existed. Children would be invited by good Samaritan organizations for two week 'detoxification' respites in Sweden, Norway, Japan and Connecticut. But the idea of permanently removing the children from their homes originated with Habad.

When the first group of 196 Chernobyl children arrived in Israel, Kfar Habad was ready with two newly established outpatient clinics, a dental clinic, dormitory arrangements, freshly painted classrooms staffed with Russian speaking teachers and a staff of psychologists.

After a battery of tests were administered, 15% of the children in the initial six groups of arrivals were found to be suffering from growth retardation; 28% of the boys and 42% of the girls had enlarged thyroids and 50% of the children had enlarged cervical lymph nodes. One boy, who later died, arrived with chronic myeloid leukemia and received a bone marrow transplant at Hadassah Hospital. Nearly half the children suffered from xerophthalmia, dry eye syndrome.

If the Chernobyl accident caused the world to hold its collective breath, it was with good reason. At Hiroshima, 95% of the nuclear material contained radioactive isotopes (species of atoms with nearly identical chemical behavior) with extremely short half-lives (the time required for half of the atoms of a radioactive substance to

disintegrate). The city was repopulated three years after the A-bomb was dropped.

By contrast, most of the isotopes in the Chernobyl fallout would have extremely long half-lives. For example strontium-29-90 years and caesium - 30-137 years.

A 1994 study by the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report which confirmed experts' fears about the long term effects of exposure to radioactivity. The report indicated an alarming rise of a deadly form of thyroid cancer amongst the children who live in the region immediately north of the reactor-the first place hit by the radioactive clouds. The culprit, radioactive iodine which settled in the grass, was then consumed by cows who concentrated it in their milk.

"The experience in Belarus suggests that the consequences to the human thyroid, especially in fetuses and young children, of carcinogenic effects of radioactive fallout, is much greater than previously thought," wrote WHO radiation scientist Keith Baverstock who works in Rome.

Children, noted Baverstock, are more sensitive to radiation. Their thyroid glands are smaller so a given amount of radioactive iodine represents a larger dose for a child than for an adult.

Hadassah Hospital's head of radiology, Dr. Zeev Weschler, who heads the Israeli medical team which provides care for the Chernobyl children notes, "Our bodies recognize dangerous radioactive

isotopes such as strontium as though it were calcium and caesium as though it was potassium. Because a child needs calcium and potassium for growth, these dangerous isotopes are quickly and easily absorbed into their bodies."

In Israel the children have received what program director Yossie Raichik calls "pro-active intervention" including a regime of betacarotene vitamins, to arrest the effects of radiation.

"There is no need for a tragedy," notes Jay Litvin who coordinates Habad's activities with its Brooklyn office.

"Research indicates that there is no radiation-related sickness that cannot be mitigated or at least severely retarded by early treatment. These diseases include leukemia, cancer, blindness, hormonal imbalance, diseases of the reproductive systems, skin carcinoma, abnormal bone formation, diseases of the blood marrow, to name a few. Being high risk, these children need constant observation and evaluation on a minimal four month basis for early detection of these disease syndromes."

The Habad program has borne a cornucopia of fruit.

Some 600 children have been reunited with their parents in Israel. (Every parent who sends his child to Israel under the program makes a written commitment to come on aliya within two years). And, most important, the children are doing well. A fist-sized tumor was removed from the brain of 12-

year-old David Byteman; David Zilchenko, (aged 9), who suffered from an obscure pancreatic disease, has been cured; Yula Nyesenko, age 12, and her brother, Alex, age 11, who arrived with swollen thyroids and severe anemia have, according to Habad resident physician Dr. Masha Shvartmann, "improved remarkably after only a few months of eating well and taking vitamins." The cost of \$17,000 per child, per year, has not deterred the Habadniks who see in their endeavor the divine principle of 'saving of life.' Eleven airlifts, subsidized in large part by the late Jerome Schottenstien, an Ohio-based philanthropist, have brought the children to Israel. The film producer Steven Spielberg has also been a benefactor of the program.

Parental financial participation in the venture is nil. "Many of these children come from socioeconomically deprived homes," notes Raichik, "and many of them arrive malnourished. Parents are afraid to purchase fruits and vegetables fearing contamination and most do not have the means to purchase expensive imported food. It's a vicious cycle of poverty. So while kids are homesick it's limited to their parents, not to their former physical surroundings or conditions."

Today in Minsk alone, over 200 kilometers from the epicenter, over 7,000 children are reported to have leukemia. The towns of Mozyr and Gomel, where most of the Chernobyl children originate, are less than 100 kilometers from the epicenter.

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman

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Heroes, Heroines, and Their Gifts

It's been a tough year for heroes and heroines! We felt good about pulling for Tonya Harding as the underprivileged underdog until she got mixed up with baseball bats. Our baseball idols decided that an average of a million a year per player just wasn't worth their time, so they packed up, leaving our homes with darkened television sets on Sunday afternoons. Then the fast footed O. J. Simpson was accused of atrocities and had to be replaced in hero worship by of all people, a new generation tin man with a heart, the also fast footed Forrest Gump. With our society demanding the most intimate details of our heroes and heroines (yes, Sharon Stone does roll down her hose in the most unsexy way when she goes to the bathroom), will we ever be able to maintain our hero images for more than a few months anymore? What really is a true hero/heroine?

With the risk of being accused of favoritism, I must say that my first hero was my namesake. That guy

with the slingshot who against what appeared to be unbeatable odds slayed Goliath, no less. David would soon be supplanted as number one in my hall of fame by another well known Biblical character, Brooklyn Dodger pitching ace, Sandy Koufax. Dad used to get the New York Daily News mailed to us in Sylva. I plainly remember the actual headlines of my second Jewish hero whom I followed from the early days when he threw so many wild pitches I was afraid he would never stay in the big leagues. "Koufax Celebrates Bar Mitzvah! Young Pitcher Strikes Out 13 as Dodgers Slam Phillies." Jewish sports heroes were not the first thing on the lips of my gentile school friends in those days. Sandy Koufax truly made me proud.

Recently I saw a movie named, "Heroes," with Dustin Hoffman and Gena Davis. A likable yet failure type character played by Hoffman is suddenly catapulted into a split second decision of heroism though he doesn't even realize it. His car

stalls in a downpour, and at the same time a commercial plane crashes right in front of his eyes. This "schmeggeggie" ends up saving Gena Davis and some others from certain death. There are several twists to the plot, but at the movie's conclusion the moral of the story is clear. On any given day depending on the time and circumstance any of us might be a hero/heroine. Another day and another set of circumstances we might not. As the Earl of Chesterfield said in the 1700s, "A light supper, a good night's sleep, and a fine morning have often made a hero of the same man who by indigestion, a restless night, and a rainy morning, would have proved a coward."

Distant heroes are hard to get a feel for. We will all hear the story this month of Abraham and Isaac, but a few hundred years does dampen the effect somewhat. One of my greatest heroines of all time currently resides in a rehabilitation facility in South Asheville. Ruth Lowenberg is a

small gutsy, yet elegant lady in her upper eighties. She is legally blind with a myriad of health problems over the last couple of years. She is overcoming a recent stroke that left her struggling to simply use a walker. Though her legs don't work so good anymore, Ruth's mind will run circles around a Harvard scholar. Ruth never minces words, either. During one of her recent hospital stays when no nurse would come see about her needs when she pushed her help button, Ruth told me she looked the young nurse in the eye and said, "Have you ever considered another career more suitable to your personality? This past Spring I interviewed her for the oral history project that I am director of at UNC-A. When I arrived she was sunning on her back porch in a lawn chair. "Queen Ruth welcomes you to her court," she said with a loving laugh. With her late husband, David, a member of the Virginia Lowenbergs whose heritage goes back to before the Civil War, their careers have included running clothing stores to being innkeepers of the historic Manor Inn in Asheville.

This past summer during the exact time that we all watched O. J. and A. C. race down the L.A. freeways, Ruth was faced with her own crisis, one of the toughest decisions I can imagine anyone having to make. She had an almost completely blocked carotid artery. If she didn't have surgery, she would most certainly have a stroke, possibly leaving her comatose. At her age if she did have the surgery, she might die on the operating table. Even if the surgery was successful she would be faced with a recovery that would not let her go home again for a long time.

When you talk to Ruth there is never a facade.

"Oh, I am scared, believe me, I am scared, but I am going to do it," she told me.

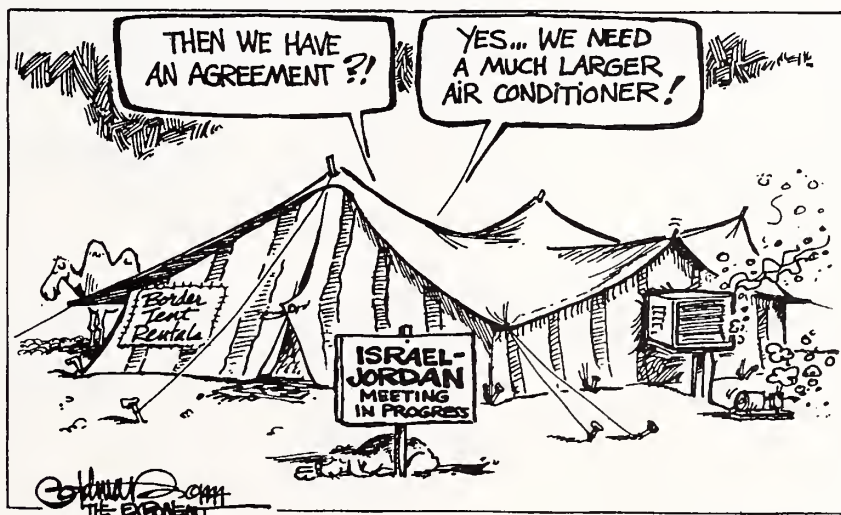
A few days before her surgery, I was to leave on a family vacation. I really didn't know what to say to Ruth when I saw her in the hospital. She and I knew that there was a chance we would never see each other again. I suspect Ruth and I knew each other in another life if there is such a thing. I don't think of her as a grandmother or mother. We are simply buddies. I have to be honest even if it sounds selfish, but I didn't want to come back to Asheville after my vacation and there not be the one and only Ruth Lowenberg still there. The sadness surrounded me like a confusing fog. It was time for me to leave the room and go home to finish packing. I didn't know what to say. My heroine did. Ruth swallowed her pearls from the hospital tray, looked up and said, "I wish that we could have more time so we could be friends longer." Gifts don't always come wrapped in pretty paper or cost a king's ransom. Maybe you had to be there, but to me those words were

one of the most valuable gifts I will ever receive. It was a moment in time I will never forget.

It seems like I have been in mid-life crisis since I was 38. For eight years now, I am always in a tizzy wondering if my life has been worthwhile enough, rich enough, long enough. Sometimes Jewish angst is a pain in the neck. All that static we dwell on that really doesn't do anything for us except bog us down and keep us from getting on with real life. We may miss the really important seconds while worrying about the years. To have the chance of knowing Ruth Lowenberg itself has made my entire life worthwhile.

Heroes and heroines don't always appear with red superman capes nor are they always major league strike out artists or people with amazing slingshot skills. Sometimes true heroines look at you from a hospital bed in the midst of a life or death decision and still take the time to tell you that you are their friend, that you really matter.

May we all have a healthy and happy New Year!



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Latin America

JDC Launches Relief Efforts in Argentine

In response to the catastrophe which struck at the heart of the Argentine Jewish community, Michael Schneider, JDC Executive Vice President, traveled to Buenos Aires soon after the crisis to express JDC support and solidarity.

Local JDC staff who assisted in the rescue efforts are helping to draw up a short-term crisis plan for managing the community's immediate needs, and the "JDC-Argentine Relief Fund" was established to provide financial assistance.

JDC is also lending its consultants in Argentina to the Jewish community to fill jobs that had been held by personnel killed in the bombing, and to augment social service staffs.

Dr. Gaby Berger, one of JDC's professional consultants in Buenos Aires, was appointed to serve as Executive Director of the AMIA, the Central Jewish Communal and Social Service Organization. In addition, personnel trained at LEATID, a JDC-Buenos Aires training center, are running special courses to help the community cope with the crisis.

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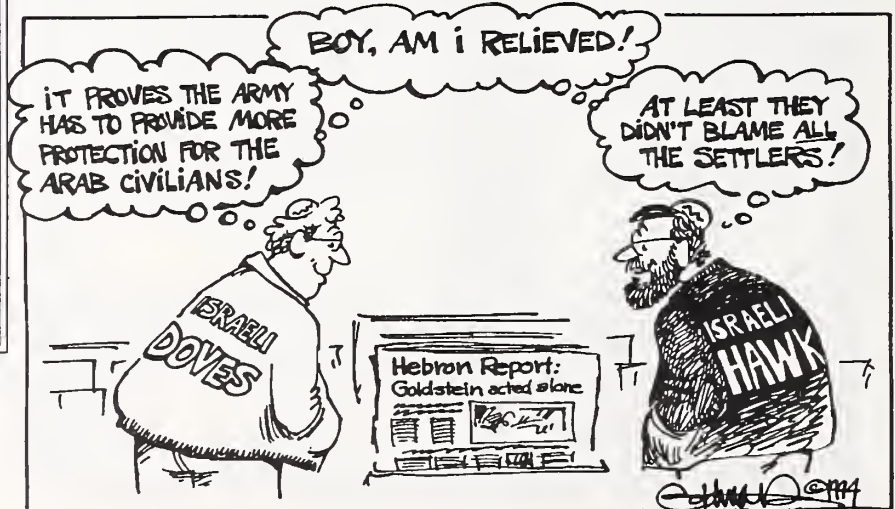
Jewish Organizations Unite to Help Rwandan Refugees

Quickly reacting to the desperate situation in Rwanda, JDC and 35 major American Jewish organizations joined forces to form the Jewish Coalition for Rwandan Relief.

A JDC-Rwanda Mailbox was established to provide assistance to the refugees, and five members of JDC's medical team in Ethiopia arrived in Goma, on the Zaire/Rwanda border, to join the international medical effort. The Coalition is also providing funds to establish a medical clinic for the refugees, and for medical supplies together with the International Rescue Committee.

In Tanzania, the Coalition, along with Israeli humanitarian Abie Nathan, also plans to build tent structures to help refugees on the Tanzania/Rwanda border.

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New Year's Message from the President

Lewis Eisenstadt

We are, once again, on the threshold of another year at Blumenthal Jewish Home - ending our 29th and beginning our 30th! As I end my two-year term as President of the Board of Trustees, I cannot help but enter into the spirit of the New Year season and count my blessings.

My biggest blessing has been the dedicated services of the members of the Home's board and staff. Their support, time, and many contributions have given me the guidance and leadership to be able to continue our commitment of excellence in caring for the elderly for which the Home is so well known. I am also most appreciative of the cooperation and ongoing friendship of you, the membership, in being there for our residents in the capacity of both human and financial resources. In addition, our residents have been, indeed, fortunate to be continually surrounded by members of a very special volunteer corps. Their kindness, consideration, and caring have enhanced our residents' quality of life and enabled

them to remain an active part of the community.

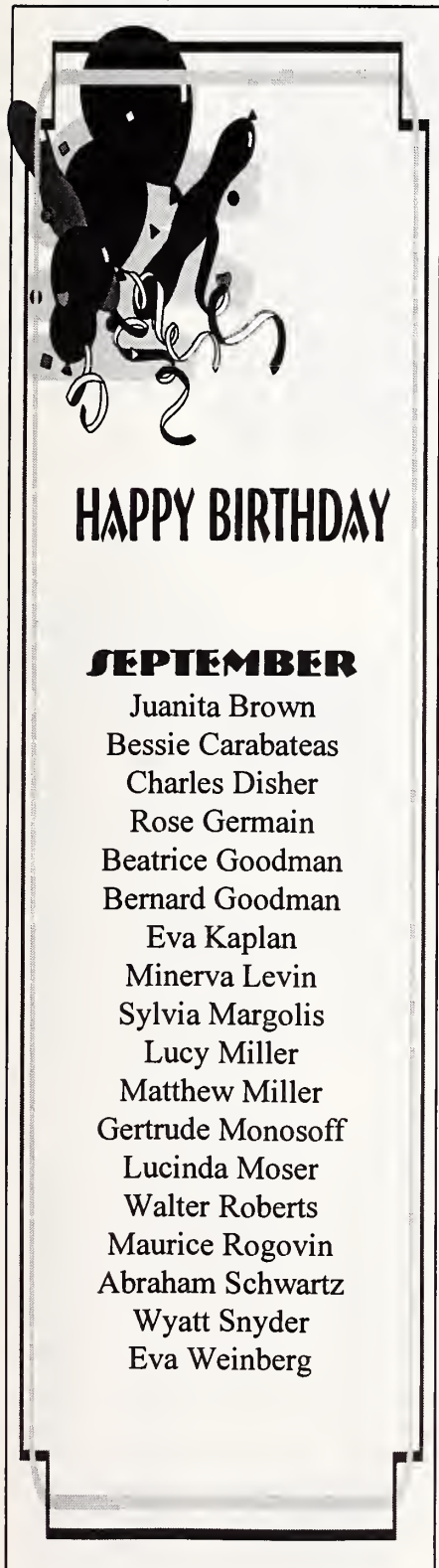
We have all been blessed with a new Executive Vice President, Seth David Levy. His years of experience in the long-term health care field, capable management and communication skills, social work background, and compassion for the elderly are all wonderful assets which have been evident since his first day on the job last February. I welcome him to the BJH family and wish him well as we enter another New Year.

In this season of new beginnings, I ask each of you to think about how you can give of yourself and become involved in the many opportunities that await you at our Home. Volunteer your time, learn about, contribute to, and spread the word about BJH. Remember, sharing yourself with others is the very best blessing of all!

Over the last two years, I have been able to develop close relationships with the Home's executive staff, board members and officers. I have been able to learn about and be a part of the intricate workings of the Home which has given me an even greater appreciation for the dedication and level of competence of the staff. I want to thank each of you for giving me this opportunity to serve. As I turn over the gavel to my successor, Audrey Madans, I urge her to continue to seek young leadership to serve on the board so that, in the years to come, our vitality and strength in the health care field will remain uncompromised.

May your life be filled with health, joy, and peace and may your loved ones be inscribed for a healthy, happy year. Rosa and I wish all of you L'Shanah Tovah.

Lewis Eisenstadt, President
Board of Trustees, 1992-94



New Year's Message from the Executive Vice President

Seth Levy

The Jewish New Year is an emotional time that invokes many thoughts and feelings in Jews around the world. With the approach of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, people reflect on their past year's experiences and begin to plan what they might do differently during the upcoming 12 months. The high holidays are usually spent in worship, with festive meals among family and friends. In this spirit, we at the Blumenthal Jewish Home will celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur observing traditional customs and ceremonies with family, residents, and employees of the Home.

Quality of care and creating a loving, warm, homelike Jewish environment is what the Blumenthal Jewish Home is all about. The fulfilling of the mitzvah of caring and honoring our mothers and fathers is something about which all Jews should think. Every day throughout the year we must remember that Judaism places special importance and high esteem on older adults.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home faces many challenges in the coming months. Health care reform is on the

minds of many Americans, and it will have a dramatic effect on how we operate and do things. Health care costs continue to skyrocket, and we are continually asked to do more and more while receiving less. Fifty-five percent of the residents at the Blumenthal Jewish Home need financial assistance with the cost of their care.

The price for being a caring and concerned Jew is high, and we should not take our responsibility lightly. In 1995, it is anticipated that the Home will give financial assistance to Jewish residents in an amount exceeding \$700,000.00. The outlook and trend in long-term care is to see residents' needs increase. Continued assistance from the many individuals and communities that support the Blumenthal Jewish Home will be greatly appreciated.

I encourage all of you to make "active involvement in the Blumenthal Jewish Home" one of your New Year's resolutions. Remember that involvement can come in many shapes and sizes. May you and your families have a happy and healthy New Year.



B-wing resident Mary Ellen Capper enjoys the company of a young visitor.



Ellen and Ellis Berlin, daughter Carol Silverman and grandson William visit

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1994

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Sue's News

Volunteers honor our past, our Present and Our Future



Anne Nelson enjoys shopping at the Mall with volunteer Fran Thull

It was one of those special days that often occur in the daily routine of a coordinator of volunteer services. A relatively new volunteer stopped by the office to share how much her two mornings at BJH mean to her. "I like talking with the ladies," she said, "and I truly enjoy the warmth here." A newcomer to this area from a large metropolitan Jewish community, she finds involvement at BJH makes her feel at home.

Later that same day I received a call from a volunteer who had just moved from Charlotte to Kansas City. "I'm sorry I can't be in on Sunday," he said, "but I want to schedule a visit in August when I return to Charlotte for a week to complete my move." Never wanting to discourage a volunteer, I still couldn't help but reassure him that I knew how busy he would be and I would understand if he couldn't fit in the drive to Clemmons. "No," he said, "I want to come, I really enjoy playing piano for the residents, it means a lot to me and I'll miss it."

I see volunteers everyday who give of themselves in many ways, filling the needs of the residents and of the Home. There are a multiplicity of assignments that volunteers undertake and I am always aware of how important are the services they provide. In days that can be filled with recruiting and scheduling volunteers to meet the needs of the residents, it is sometimes easy to forget how much volunteering means to the volunteer.

Borrowing words of Will Rogers, who "never met a man he didn't like," I have never met a volunteer who didn't like what they were doing. The reasons people volunteer are as varied as the jobs volunteers do. Whatever the reason, volunteers all have a desire to provide a service to others and in doing so they receive a sense of self-fulfillment and satisfaction.

"I'm doing this because I can't be with my mother in California who has Alzheimers, and I hope someone

there is doing this for her." Words spoken by a volunteer who is fulfilling the commandment to Honor thy Mother and Father in the best way possible.

Our volunteers honor our residents with their gift of time, they honor the legacy they received from their parents with their caring, they honor future generations with their example and they honor themselves by fulfilling their potential through this service.

We wish our volunteers a happy and healthy New Year, a year filled with the continued satisfaction of giving. We wish our readers a happy New Year and welcome new volunteers to join us this year and discover yourself through volunteering at BJH.

BJH
News
Editor
Sue Clein

The Sounds of Summer

The sounds of Yiddish rang out in the Commons Auditorium in June. Familiar to the elderly were these songs sung by the young and enjoyed by the young at heart. Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro entertained for the birthday party at BJH with a delightful performance of Yiddish and Hebrew songs. Solo performers playing the violin and the piano completed a heartwarming, talented, and joyful program presented by these young students. Residents were delighted to watch the students and to hear familiar tunes from their past sung by a new generation.



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro delight residents with their performance.



Talented performers Lannie Miller and his son Ben, brought their magic touch to BJH this summer.

The sounds of laughter were heard throughout the auditorium at the July birthday party. Lannie Miller, master magician, comedian, and balloon artist, performed magic again at BJH. Assisted by his young son, Ben, a budding magician himself, Lannie brought smiles to every face and made troubles disappear. Lannie's good humor and sparkling personality joined by Ben's talent and charm were as magical as their sleight of hand.



Above right: B'nai Shalom student Bela Fishbeyn plays a violin solo while pianist Jesse Labell waits her turn.

The sounds of swing were a cooling tonic for a hot day in July when residents of BJH and Fair Oaks attended the Broadway preview performance of "Swing" held at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem. Featuring Margaret Whiting and the big band music of the 40's, Swing captured the residents' hearts with its lively music and show-stopping song and dance routines.



Everyone Can Dance

Everyone can dance, insist teachers from the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. Dancing is not restricted to the young and the fit. Simple movements, the motion of a hand lighting a candle, the covering of the eyes during the candle blessing, the stomp of the foot to break the glass at a wedding, were all movements in a newly created work of art-a dance choreographed by BJH residents.

During the two dance sessions recently held for residents at the Home, members of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange asked residents to suggest ideas and movements as they created a dance together. Members of the Dance Exchange joined individuals confined to wheelchairs, persons using walkers, and others needing canes. They sat in a circle together not knowing what to expect, perhaps thinking their physical problems limited their ability to dance. The residents

learned to greet each other with body movements, experienced moving only through mental imagery, and ultimately choreographed and danced their creation of a dance filled with memories.

The Liz Lerman Dance Exchange is a professional cross-generational performing dance company based in Washington, D.C. Their philosophy is that dance belongs to everyone, and they sponsor community programs and interactive performances for schools, senior adults, and special populations. Their aim is to bring dance to people who don't have the opportunity to experience dance and to provide opportunities for people to express themselves creatively through movement.

For two mornings at BJH in June, the stereotypes of what dance is and who can perform dance were put aside. The joy found in expressing oneself creatively was present and hopeful.



A member of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange leads residents in creating dance movements.

WELCOME
*May you have a long,
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Yetta Besnoy
North Miami Beach, FL
Bessie Carabateas
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Yvonne Gray
Winston-Salem, NC
Anna Slomovitz
Winston-Salem, NC



*Fair Oaks resident,
Helen Labell, experiences
the pleasure of dance.*

IN MEMORY
We mourn the loss of:
Ella Gunzburger
Bertha Marrus
Jane Rosenberg
Leila Tedford
*May their cherished memories
bring comfort to their loved ones.*



Melba Peoples
Housekeeping
May, 1994

Melba Peoples had been working at BJH less than a year when she was chosen as Employee of the Month for May. Melba has been employed in the Housekeeping and Laundry Department since September, 1993. Excited and surprised at receiving this honor, Melba says that she couldn't believe it. "I just try to do my job and I'm very happy to be here," says Melba, "I like the people I work with, my supervisors, and the residents."

Melba works on both A and B Wings, in the mansion, and in the laundry but she says, "the residents make my day, it makes me feel good to talk to them and to know I have helped someone."

Melba Peoples grew up in Galax, Virginia, attended school in Galax, and in Whitfield, Virginia, and moved to Winston-Salem six years ago. She has one daughter, four sons, and seven granddaughters. Four granddaughters live with her sons in Galax, two with a son in Texas, and one with her daughter in Winston-Salem.

BJH is Proud to Announce Its Selections for Employee of the Month

In her free time, Melba enjoys attending church, singing in the choir, watching TV, reading and of course spending time with her two year old granddaughter in Winston-Salem and visiting her family in nearby Galax.

BJH congratulates Melba Peoples, a deserving recipient of this honor.



Linda Dowell
Nursing Assistant, A-Wing
June, 1994

Growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, Linda Dowell had a dream of becoming a nurse. She had to put her dreams on hold for a few years while she worked in the restaurant business. Married 14 years, she met her husband while working in Florida, and four years ago they returned to his home town of Winston-Salem. Linda's dreams began to be realized when she took

the certified nursing assistant training at Forsyth Technical Community College. She began working at BJH in March, 1992, after completing the course. Linda says she always knew she wanted to work with the elderly, "they have had a lot of experiences and have a lot to teach." According to Linda, it means a lot to her to bring some happiness, even just a laugh to her residents, but that they also give a lot to her with their concern and their wisdom.

Having traveled quite a bit, Linda describes North Carolina as a good place to settle down and says she loves living here. She and her husband are enjoying their first home and have planted 150 trees. Describing herself as a novice gardener, Linda says that she is learning about gardening and enjoying time spent in her first real garden.

Pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month, Linda says she enjoys her work at BJH and hopes someday to complete her dream of becoming a nurse.

BJH is pleased to congratulate Linda Dowell, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.



June Sealey
RN, B-1 Unit
July, 1994

June Sealey comes from a family of nurses. Her mother was an LPN, her sister an RN, and, according to June Sealey, they all agree there isn't anything else they would want to do. "Nursing gives you a real sense of satisfaction," says June, "it's the small day-to-day moments that keep you going."

For approximately 11 years, BJH has been the beneficiary of June's love of working with the elderly. She began working at BJH in 1981, after a few years, took a brief leave and returned in 1985. June serves as the RN on the B-1 Unit evening shift and acts as nursing supervisor of the entire home in the evening. Describing the evening shift as being isolated from the daytime staff and daily activities of the home, June said she values most the support she has received from her supervisors, Libby Carter, Patsy Petree, and Peggy Bridges and her excellent staff and their support of each other.

June Sealey grew up in Winston-Salem, attended Gray High School and received her Nursing degree

from Forsyth Technical Community College in 1980. She and her husband have two grown children, a son and a daughter. In her free time June enjoys sewing, movies, and jet skiing at the beach.

Pleased and honored at being

chosen Employee of the Month, June says, "I can't think of another place I'd rather work, I appreciate the home and the staff and feel comfortable here."

BJH appreciates June Sealey, and is pleased to give her this honor.

Happy Anniversary

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

15 Years

Judy Petty, Dietary

8 Years

Sue Clein, Marketing, PR, Volunteer Services

7 Years

Evelyn Hamlin, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

6 Years

Cindy Brewer, Laundry

2 Years

Marsha Robinson, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Maria Jacobs, Dietary

Sharon Morckel, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Grace Stanley, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Della Miller, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Annie McMiller, Nsg. Asst., B-2

1 Year

Lisa Price, Laundry

Frandee Duggins, Social Services

Phyllis Hamilton, LPN, A-Wing

Fran Kennedy, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Jeanne Runyon, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Jo King, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Melba Peoples, Housekeeping

Calendar Highlights

September

- 2 Catholic Mass (Holy Family), 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
 8 Schmoozing with Seth, 2:00pm., Pre-Assembly Room
 11 Grandparents Day Celebration, 3:00 p.m., Commons Aud.-
 music by Thomas Foster, Classical Guitar
 13 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.
 13 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
 16 Leave for Winston-Salem Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
 18 Sunday Sweets-2:30pm, Upper Commons
 21 Sukkot Celebration, 2:30 p.m., Grand Sukkah, Music by Merri Robinson
 22 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.

High Holy Day Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
5	Monday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Rosh Hashanah Services in Synagogue
6	Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	1st day of Rosh Hashanah Services in Synagogue
7	Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	2nd day of Rosh Hashanah Services in Synagogue
14	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Services in Synagogue
15	Thursday	9:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur, Yiskor Ser. Services in Synagogue Services in Synagogue Break the Fast Upper Commons
19	Monday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Sukkot Services in Synagogue
20	Tuesday	9:15 a.m. -	1st Day of Sukkot Services in Synagogue
21	Wednesday	9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	2nd Day of Sukkot Services in Synagogue Sukkot Celebration Grand Sukkah
27	Tuesday	9:15 a.m. -	Shemini Atzeret Yiskor Services Service in Synagogue
28	Wednesday	9:15 a.m. -	Simchat Torah Services in Synagogue



What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

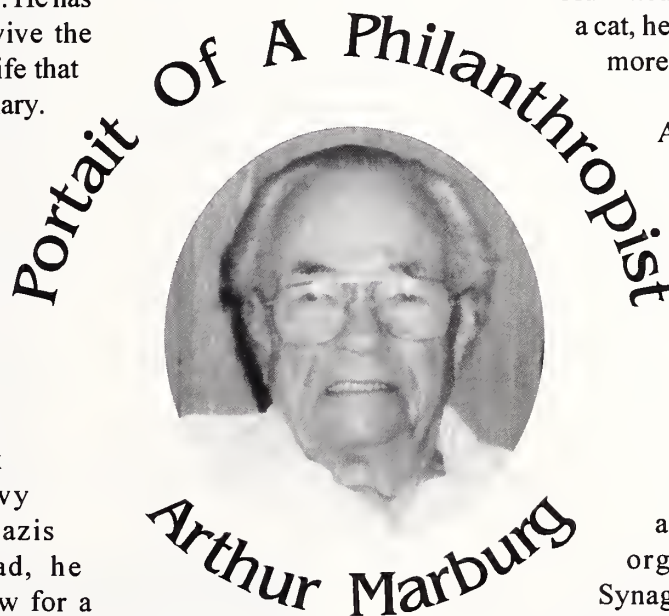
When you meet Arthur Marburg of High Point, you can see that this is a very determined man. He is self-assured and somewhat feisty. He has needed these traits to survive the trials and tribulations of a life that no one would label as ordinary.

As a young man in Germany, Arthur learned the furniture trade from the masters including his father, general manger of a plant in Fulda. In 1933, after barely escaping the Nazis, he decided to flee to Belgium. Through thick barbed wire in the heavy underbrush with the Nazis shooting above his head, he succeeded. After lying low for a month, he contacted a friend of his father, an influential man in the furniture industry. This man by the name of DeCoene provided Arthur with a hideout for a year. It was during this year when Arthur discovered a new way of manufacturing kitchen cabinets.

The kitchen cabinets he created became a sensation in Europe, and Arthur became more famous. He became a permanent showroom owner at the Brussels Furniture Market in 1939, and a major French department store wanted to build him a factory. All this came to an

end on May 10, 1940, when Hitler invaded Belgium, Holland, and France.

With the same type of determination, Arthur has become a very successful businessman in the United States. Admittedly, he has lost fortunes. Like a cat, he seems to have nine lives or more.



Because he was German, the Belgian police thought he was a Fifth Columnist, a spy for the Nazis. They shipped him to several camps in France and finally to St. Cyprien, a camp on the Mediterranean. He escaped; the French captured him and turned him over to the Nazis; and he escaped again. Arthur is a survivor. He had learned the escape routes and finally succeeded in making it to Casablanca. Because a distant cousin, a U.S. diplomat, had given him an immigration number in 1937, Arthur was able to emigrate to the U.S.

Arthur visited the Home in September of 1993 and wanted to make a donation. We told him about the Charitable Remainder Trust. By setting up a Trust, Arthur will receive income and a major tax deduction. More importantly, he has insured a better future for three organizations-B'nai Israel Synagogue, Blumenthal Jewish Home, and ORT.

Arthur likes being known as a philanthropist. He has a feeling of care and compassion for humankind. He wanted to leave a legacy so that others would benefit from the fruits and labor of his life. Lastly, he wanted to make a difference in the world.

You, too, can make a difference in the world and enjoy personal benefits at the same time. Contact Bruce Schlosberg at 910-712-4542 and ask him how a Charitable Remainder Trust can allow you to create your legacy.

How To Leave A Bequest To The Home

Recently, a lovely woman called the Home and asked how she and her husband could leave a bequest to the Home. She had several questions which we would like to share with you.

First, she wanted to know if there is specific language that needs to be in the Will for bequests. Wills are legal documents. Depending on the type of bequests, there needs to be specific legal wording. There are several types of bequests. Specific bequests identify a specific amount or a specific asset such as a stock or coin collection. Residuary bequests are gifts which are made only after other bequests have been fulfilled and other expenses have been paid. Contingent bequests include beneficiaries in case other beneficiaries you name die before you do.

Secondly, she wanted to know where the money would go. Unless specifically designated, all bequests

will be put into the Endowment Fund. The Home's Endowment Fund is approximately \$2.5 million. Our goal for the year 2000 is to have \$8.0 million. We intend to use the interest from the Endowment to help defray the cost of indigent care at the Home. Currently, our annual deficit, the difference between annual cost and Medicaid reimbursement is over \$500,000.

Finally, she asked if the indigent residents (over 50% of the Home) receive any different care than the full pay. No one except the top administrators know who is indigent and who is not. Everyone receives the same quality of loving and respectful care at the Blumenthal Home.

If you would like a free copy of Conrad Teitel's *Planning Your Estate*, please send the following request form to Bruce Schlosberg, 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012.

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The Annual Campaign

During the next few months, we are asking you to make a contribution to our Annual Campaign. This contribution could be in the form of a one-year donation or a five-year pledge. The purpose of this campaign is to build our Endowment Fund. As you just read, the goal is \$8.0 million by the year 2000.

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Helen and Nat Labell with granddaughter, Jesse, at BJH following her performance with The B'nai Shalom Day School Class.



Beatrice and Bernie Goodman enjoy the sunshine of a nice spring day outside their home at Fair Oaks.

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“Once you have been confronted with a life-and-death situation, trivia no longer matters. Your perspective grows and you live at a deeper level. There's no time for pettiness.”

Margaretta (Happy) Rockefeller

“Nothing in life just happens. You have to have the stamina to meet obstacles and overcome them. To struggle.”

Golda Meir



Children's Medical Center of Israel Serves Youngsters Throughout the Region

by Tamar Kaufman

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Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI) in Petah Tikva.

Serious illness is frightening at any age. But for a child, wrenched from everything familiar and thrown into the strange world of a hospital, the terror is unimaginable.

Until recently, that trauma was intensified for Israeli children when they had to fly to Europe or the United States for treatment unavailable in their own country.

The Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI) has changed all that. An American physician recently returned from a visit there fired with enthusiasm for the first facility of its kind in the Middle East.

"Care of children requires special people, special equipment, special facilities and a special approach," says Dr. Michael Cassidy, medical director of the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center in Berkeley, California.

That's what he saw in Petah Tikvah, a suburb of Tel Aviv. "The hospital was brand new, beautifully decorated and with an appeal for children," he says. "I was struck mainly by the color. Everything, including the sheets, has children's designs and colors to make it a very comfortable place, and there are many play areas with attractions such as aquariums.

"There are plenty of parents around with their children so it's a very family-oriented atmosphere," he continues. "It's all designed to make them feel more at home than at an adult hospital. There's even a special education center equipped with computers and teachers for children who will be in the hospital for longer periods of time."

What's more, "you could see the appeal with multicultural," Dr. Cassidy says. "There were obviously Chassidic Jews, secular Israelis,

Arabs, and I'm sure it'll be used as a referral center as the peace program continues to progress."

Serving Children Throughout Mideast

Actually, that is a key mission of the hospital-to serve children throughout the region.

According to Dr. Rina Zaizov, head of CMCI's department of hematology and oncology, the hospital already has treated young patients from Cyprus, Turkey and the former Soviet Union and many Arab children from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"For the past year we've trained a fellow from the Gaza area," she said. "He acts as a liaison with our Arabic-speaking patients. We also have a teacher who speaks Arabic."

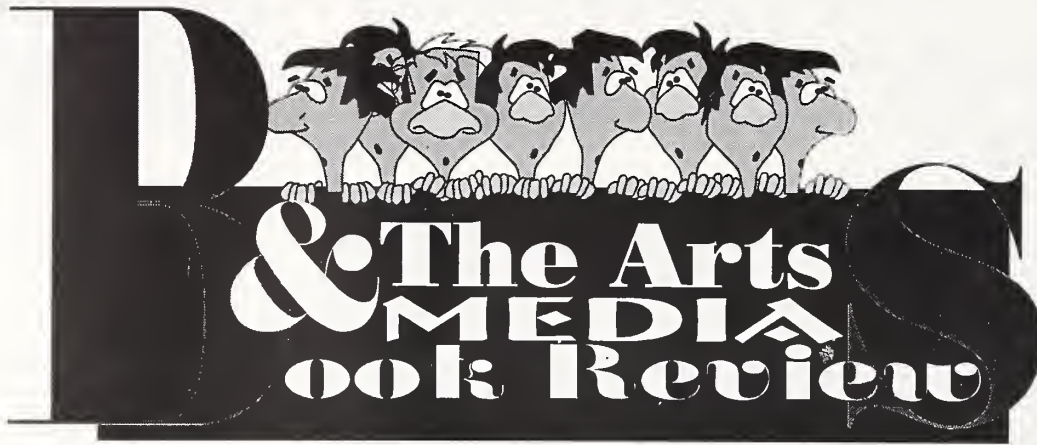
Dr. Zaizov's department, which actually was founded 25 years ago at neighboring Beilinson Medical Center, has achieved some impressive successes. Some 700 former patients, out of the 1,800 who have been treated for brain tumors through the years, are now adults with children of their own.

Despite the successes at Beilinson, Dr. Zaizov is enthusiastic about the move to CMCI, which opened late in 1992.

Helping Family and Child

In addition to up-to-the-minute facilities, she says, "you have a team of people who will help the child

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Remember to Dream: A History of Jewish Radicalism

by Robert Wolfe

Jewish Radical Education Project
368 pp. paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The introduction to *Remember to Dream* begins with this statement: "The purpose of this book is to help promote a new upsurge of Jewish radicalism."

The substantial 368 pages are filled with scrupulously documented history of Jewish radicals from the 18th century until today, from those who were Messianic to those who were political, including scientists, Zionists, secular and religious individuals and movements.

It is interesting that instead of relegating his many references to footnotes, Robert Wolfe gives the page number of the text, together with the name of the author, with the quotation.

The scope of *Remember to Dream* is wide and varied. The author has strong opinions about anti-Semitism, Judaism and Christianity. He also has firm convictions on the

subjects of imperialism and capitalism. He deals extensively with Marx and Freud, and delves deeply into European history and that of the Middle East. This he does with authority, since he is a professional historian with a PhD in history from Harvard University.

On page 325, when I expected a summary, I found "The Jewish Nation," in which segment is given the history of the Jews, beginning 3,000 years ago with the Habiru. In his meticulous way, Wolfe gives the various names of the early Hebrews, as they were called by their neighbors. He tells of their language through early history and emphasizes their Middle Eastern roots. That origin persisted through the Roman conquest into the Diaspora.

The Western World is denounced for all of its evils, not the least of which is the Holocaust. But though praise of revolution and radicalism (Jewish radicalism) rings loud throughout the book, it is abundantly clear that *Remember to Dream* is a call to the middle class to unite under the banner of Socialism, reminiscent of "Workers of the world, unite!"

To prove the validity of this ideal,

Robert Wolfe cites the State of Israel, which he claims is a triumph of socialism, notwithstanding the widespread criticism of Israel's economy and calls for its reform.

This book is crammed full of information on all Jewish radicals and Jewish radical movements. The author offers a bold prediction of the new ways to achieve social justice. He closes with a poetic, metaphoric vision of the gift which the Jewish people can bestow upon the world.

The publisher is Jewish Radical Education Project, 1 Union Square West, Room 302, New York, NY 10003.

The Jewish Pilgrim

by Ruth Porchard

East-West Publications (England)
220 pp. \$10 paper

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

It was strange to receive *The Jewish Pilgrim* just after I reread *The Wandering Jew*, by Stefan Heym, published in 1981. Both are novels about the Wandering Jew; both are full of symbolism and anti-Semitism; both are set in Europe in about 1500.

With the Inquisition raging in Europe, there is abundant persecution of Jews in both books, but the stories are quite different. Foremost in *The Jewish Pilgrim* is the struggle between good and evil. Those two forces are personified in the good king and his wicked, beautiful half-sister.

The protagonist, Jehoshua, is mystically drawn to the great Jewish counsellor of the good king, and together they strive to save the kingdom. The effort they exert is strenuous, employing occult and ancient means. Both traditional and secret.

The Jewish Pilgrim is not easy to read. The author attempts to draw us towards higher stages of consciousness. Knowledge of the Kabbalah, of music and a head for numbers might be helpful.

I found these comments on music very interesting: "Music always presages the spirit of the age to follow." "Music is at the heart of culture, of style. . .any changes in musical style and content will pervade in time all other arts, even sciences, yes and even the feelings of the whole people."

There is a wide field of interest today in Jewish mysticism, and Ruth Borchard is apparently an authority. Other publications of hers are *John Stuart Mill-The Man, History and Symbolism of the Rose, The Introspective Listener, The Unconscious Intelligence, The Alexander Technique-Upright Man and Light of Qabalah on the Unknown Secret of the Bible.*

Despite the difficulties, the story is

a colorful drama, reminiscent of some of the great world classics of human struggles and of seekers who attempted to reach beyond the realistic world.

Order from R. Borchard, Zielmatte 7, Stansstad NW 6362. Send \$10 and slow postage for one 10 oz. book.

Blake, Ethics, and Forgiveness

by *Jeanne Moskal*
University of Alabama Press 226 pp.

Blake, Ethics, and Forgiveness by Jeanne Moskal focuses on an important and pervasive issue found in the work of the Romantic English visionary poet, engraver, and mystic, William Blake. It treats the moral and literary problem of representing ethical or human forgiveness, as distinct from the divine forgiveness of human beings. Although Blake became fascinated with the issue of human forgiveness in his three major prophetic works-**The Four Zoas, Milton, and Jerusalem**-Jeanne Moskal demonstrates that Blake's deliberations about this question permeate the entire body of his work.

Scholars who specialize in Blake have devoted considerable attention to describing the poet's conception of divine forgiveness as a central feature of his work and have established that he perceived it as an alternative to Orthodox Christian theology. Moskal shows that Blake struggled with the problem of representing his beliefs about human forgiveness in his work throughout his life and that this debate is essential to an understanding of his artistic vision.

Jeanne Moskal is Associate Professor of English at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Isabella: From Auschwitz To Freedom

by *Isabella Leitner and Irving A. Leitner*
Anchor Books 233 pp. \$12.95 paper
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Two of the author's previous publications are combined in **Isabella** to give a chronological account of her Auschwitz experience.

The author and five siblings, together with their mother, were picked up from the ghetto in Hungary, and only Isabella and two of her sisters survived. They made it to America, landing on May 8, 1945, the day World War II in Europe ended.

The account of their treatment by the Nazis and the escape during the death march to Bergen-Belsen is full of horror. Somehow, Isabella retained her power to survive and to love. She tells also of the anti-Semitism of the Hungarians and of the liberating Russian soldiers, who helped her and her sisters to survive.

In America, she married a playwright and author, Irving A. Leitner of New York. She repeatedly voices gratitude for the freedom of this country, in which she believed even before she came. Her father had come earlier, and but for the cumbersome workings of the bureaucracy, would have rescued his family who waited in Europe.

Unfortunately, Isabella's father had become so completely immersed in his Orthodoxy, that his daughters were unable to unite with him as a family. Eventually, the son was saved and came to America, also.

In spite of the fact that her memories have remained vivid over the years, Isabella has lived a rewarding and loving life. The only thing it seems she did not overcome was her horror of the German Nazis, and during visits to Europe, she experienced the horror of her experiences when she saw persons who might have been part of Hitler's regime.

The writing of *Isabella* is sensitive and the language is eloquent. Isabella Leitner speaks before audiences in synagogues and universities. She deserves being heard.

Torah: The Growing Gift

by *Steven E. Steinbock*

UAHC Press 171 pp.

\$8.00 paperback

Reviewed by *Estelle Hoffman*

This book, written for children of ages 9 to 12, is workbook sized, and contains many features that will interest readers.

There are 23 Bible stories which are told briefly, following the traditional style. At each story's end there are explanations of Jewish teachings, and there are also a lesson, questions, and connection with life today, something directed personally to the individual reader.

The book is illustrated attractively in black and white drawings by Timothy Granger Smith.

The author has made a serious attempt to inspire children to study and accept the teaching embodied in Torah. Steven E. Steinbock, writer and educator holds a master's degree in Jewish education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion of Los Angeles.

Torah: The Growing Gift will make an ideal gift to occupy a child who is interested in learning and thinking for many hours. Order it for Chanukah from UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10021.

Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time

by *Marcus J. Borg*

Harper San Francisco 150 pp.

Reviewed by *Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman*

Marcus J. Borg is distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University. He is also author of *Jesus: A New Vision*.

This author combines scholarship and spirituality in addressing the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith which welcomes our intelligent approach to openness.

Borg details his own beliefs as a child and as a seminary student. Finally he distinguishes between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith. As the Jesus of history, Jesus is referred to as the person he was, Jesus of Nazareth, a Galilean Jew of the first century who was executed by the Romans.

The second Jesus is the Christ of the developing Christian tradition,

namely what Jesus became in the faith of the early Christian communities in the decades after his death. Borg then divides these two phases into a pre-Easter Jesus and a post-Easter Jesus.

This image of Jesus is different from the popular image of Jesus. Jesus' self-understanding did not include thinking and speaking of himself as the Son of God whose historical purpose was to die for the sins of the world, and this message was not about belief in him.

Borg sums up his own belief thus: "The change is pointed to by the root meaning of the word believe. Believe did not originally mean believing in a set of doctrines or teachings; in both Greek and Latin its root means 'to give one's heart to.' The 'heart' is the self at its deepest level. Believing, therefore, does not consist of giving one's mental assent to something, but involves a much deeper level of one's self. Believing in Jesus does not mean believing doctrines about him. Rather, it means to give one's heart, one's self at its deepest level, to the post-Easter Jesus who is the living Lord, the side of God turned toward us, the face of God, the Lord who is also the Spirit.

"Believing in Jesus in the sense of giving one's heart to Jesus is the movement from secondhand religion to firsthand religion, from having heard about Jesus with the hearing of the ear to being in relationship with the Spirit of Christ. For ultimately, Jesus is not simply a figure of the past, but a figure of the present. Meeting that Jesus-the living Jesus who comes to us even now-will be like meeting Jesus again

for the first time.”

It is hard to understand how Borg maintains his belief in Jesus as depicted by Christianity. He does not accept the myth in the pre-Easter Jesus story, nor does he accept the Synoptic accounts in the post-Easter Jesus stories. I think that his acceptance of the Christian faith is based upon his belief that Jesus was primarily a teacher of wisdom and a preacher of compassion.

Alan Jones, dean of Grace Cathedral, says about Borg: “He also graciously liberates readers from the shackles of what many have thought they were supposed to believe about Jesus if they were to remain Christians. . .”

A Gathering of Angels

by Morris B. Margolies

Ballantine Publishing Group 288 pp. \$10 paperback

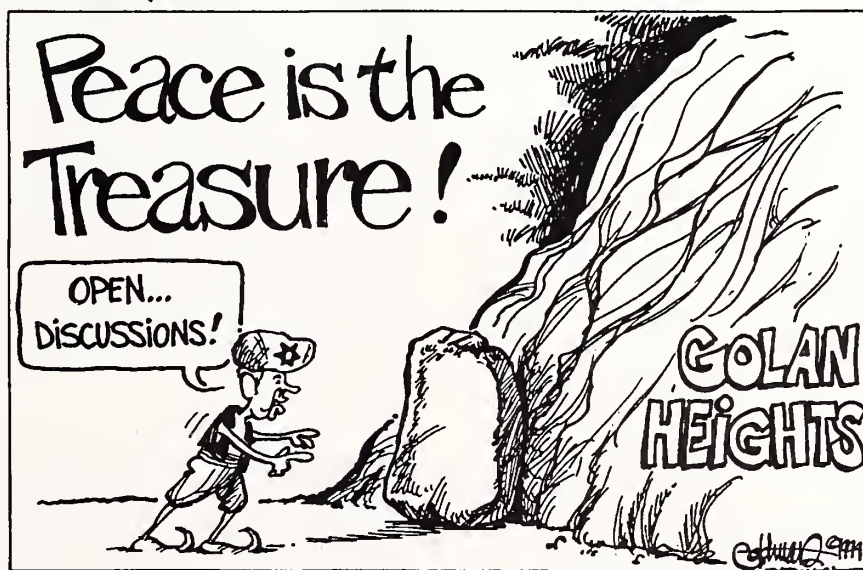
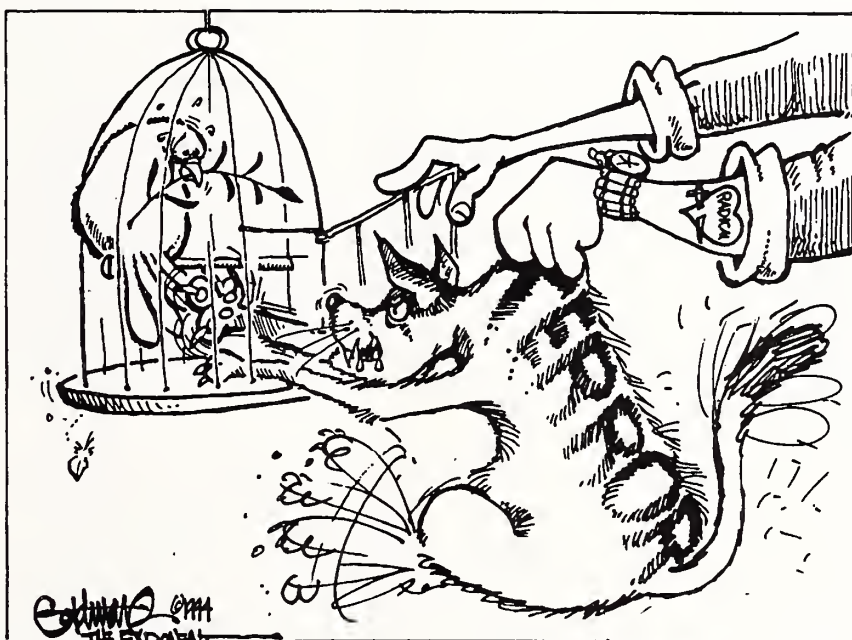
Chaim Potok has said that **A Gathering of Angels** by Morris Margolies is a well-researched and clearly written guide through one of the most fascinating aspects of Judaism: the multifaceted world of angels from the sacred time of the Bible to the secular time of Isaac Bashevis Singer. A captivating work that will well reward the reader.

What better critique could be desired? Rabbi Margolies told *Time* for its year-end cover story on angels, “We’re living in an era where disaster confronts us on all sides. People are looking for simple answers.” He admits difficulty with easy answers and offers instead the Jewish premise of the battle between good and evil in each of us.

In **A Gathering of Angels** (*Angels in Jewish Life and Literature*), he presents an entertaining and informative guide through 3,000 years of literature and lore, exploring angels who shape and reflect Jewish beliefs, hope and fears.

The stories are seen not as real events, but as metaphors for obstacles faced in modern life. “We are our own angels,” the author said in an interview.

Rabbi Morris B. Margolies was a rabbi for 43 years, and after his retirement became professor of Jewish history at the University of Kansas, where he teaches now. He holds a masters degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate in Jewish history from Columbia University. He has been book reviewer for **The Kansas City Star** and has written articles for newspapers and magazines and scholarly books and articles, as well.





Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood of Beth Ha-Tephila, together with Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel, installed its officers at a luncheon on Thursday, June 16, at the Country Club of Asheville.

Irene Braun, outgoing President, presented certificates of appreciation to her board members and to Rabbi Ratner "for their cooperation and hard work during her presidency."

Rabbi Birnham of Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila's Rabbi Ratner solemnized the proceedings, the Club's chef lived up to his good reputation, and everyone looked lovely and had a fine time.

The Brotherhood had its last brunch of the season on June 12. Featured entertainers were Anne Lalley and Mary Davis, who are guitarists and folk singers. Their efforts and those of the "usual great chefs of Liberty Street," to quote the Brotherhood president, made the occasion memorable.

The one piece of business transacted at the brunch was the election of the officers and board members for the

next year. The slate: Harris Livingstain, President; Sam Schapiro, Vice President; Ted Rose, Secretary; Dick Braun, Treasurer. The Board of Directors: Ike Chirurel, Frank Gilreath, Jerry

Haller, Fred Hoffman, Bob Janowitz, Stanley Marks, Larry Rapoport, Les Schachter, Herbert Schifftan, Sidney Schochet and Arnold Sagan.

Dick Braun and Jerry Haller want one and all to know that they're welcome to join the bowling get-together that meets weekly at Star Lanes at 1 PM every Friday (Seniors Day). The notice in the Bulletin says: "Afterwards it's 'coffee and' at Burger King or a similar gourmet establishment." Exercise, fellowship and food too. . .an irresistible combination.

Lunch With The Rabbi, the monthly brown-bag affair in Unger Hall, evolved on June 20 into a two-pronged discussion, first a consideration of the rights of religious observances of Jews in prison, and then a question of the path to take to help us cope with the welfare program, and whether it should start with the schools. On the 30th of July the discussion dealt with the article in The New York Times magazine section about anti-Semitism in Billings, which was of especial interest since Billings is where the Ratners lived before they came to Asheville.

"Ask The Rabbi," the program which takes place once a month after Friday night services, addressed the question on June 10 of what miracles are and whether

there indeed are such things. The conclusion reached was that there are natural explanations of the phenomena often called miracles, and that such things as narrow escapes from disaster are matters of luck.

The Ratners In Israel

On July 8 after services the congregation was treated to a slide show of Susan and Rabbi Ratner and their youngest, Noah, in Israel this summer. The vivid show evoked memories in those viewers who had made the trip, and made many of those who hadn't wish they had.

The Temple's Organist/Music Director, Jean Valerio, who held the post for 10-1/2 years, recently resigned because of ill health. Talented and dedicated, and putting up a gallant fight against her illness, she will truly be missed, both for her contribution to Temple services and for her personality.

Her replacement, David Cohen, was one of three candidates for the position, and won it with an impressive performance. Among the highlights of his background are extensive professional experience as composer, conductor and arranger, the ability to play and teach a variety of instruments, and his former position as keyboardist with the Caracas Philharmonic in Venezuela. He and his family recently moved from Buffalo, NY, where he earned three degrees from the University of Buffalo, two of them Cum Laude.

Jewish Studies Institute

Rabbi Ratner has been asked by Behrman Publishing House to write a book, to be a study of the Bible adapted for 12 to 14-year-olds. In

connection with this endeavor, the Rabbi headed a studies institute, which met every Thursday in July. For two hours each day of the institute, those attending discussed two Biblical themes, the discussions were taped, and they will be used in forming the book. A best seller in the making.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Sisterhood

Maggie Rotman was installed as the new President of Sisterhood, at a joint luncheon of Beth Israel Sisterhood, Beth HaTephila Sisterhood, and Hadassah, at the Asheville Country Club. Her full board will be included at another time. We are looking forward to another "special year" with Maggie at the helm.

Synagogue

Congregation Beth Israel wishes to acknowledge the wonderful and successful effort in presenting the "Rabbi Harold Kushner Program" at Pack Square, open to the public. Arlene Schandler chaired all committee players in this successful venture with Rabbi Birnham helping to bring Rabbi Kushner here. In addition, Rabbi also contributed in the coordination of Rabbi Kushner's seminar at MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center) the following day.

At the Annual Meeting, Dr. Ron Neimkin and Richard Laibson were installed as Co-Presidents of Beth Israel for the next two years. Dr.

Cliff Feingold, Immediate Past President, and his Board were discharged before the installation, and a festive cocktail party, sponsored by Jack and Norma Feingold, proud parents, was enjoyed by all during the evening. We were also entertained by our incoming Presidents singing and playing, accompanied by Alan Laibson, with a "cute ditty" marking Cliff's reign.

On June 4th, Alan and Lorraine Silverman shared their miracle, Victoria Carly "Tori" Silverman (a big name for such a pitzle) at a babynaming ceremony at the Shul. A Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the parents of Lorraine and Alan in honor of the birth and babynaming ceremony of their granddaughter, "Tori," followed. On June 18, Marcy and Dan Blackstock celebrated the birth of their "miracle" at a babynaming service.

On June 21, a major issue that confronts many of us, "the instruction directive" or "living will" was discussed. Two of the many questions were: "What does Judaism say on this issue? What is American Law on this issue?" Kits were available from the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards to facilitate the discussion. Rabbi Birnham and an attorney were the discussion leaders. Thereafter, Rabbi had available a booklet on "Jewish Medical Directives in Health Care" for those desiring a copy.

On June 11, David Kayne was called to the Torah. On June 12, Cathy Santoli and David Kayne were married at Beth Israel by Rabbi Paul Grob, a former Rabbi of Beth Israel.

Congratulations to Yosi Knight on his new position and to Dr. Joseph and Arlene Schandler on the marriage of their son, David, to Heidi Schornstein.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ABUSING GOD CONCEPT? At a Shabbat service, reactions to Rabbi Blumenthal's presentation at the Phyllis Freed Sollod Memorial Lecture at UNC-A developed. Rabbi Birnham made a short presentation and thereafter discussion ensued.

It is always so interesting to read "Inside the Torah-A Look At What's Coming Up," by Frank Goldsmith, followed by his questions relating to every day life. On June 4 - "Shelach," Numbers 13:1-15:41, some questions posed might be, "How often do we refuse to accept a difficult challenge, preferring the comforts of the known?" "How often do we blame our leaders for our current situation instead of following their vision for a better future?" On June 11, "Korach," Number 16:1-18:32, some questions could have been "What concept of God is reflected in these passages? What about God's sense of justice? Cannot God distinguish among the guilty and the innocent without assistance from man? Or is God testing Moses' own sense of justice? In every age there are demagogues; what are some signs that help us to distinguish between the true leader and the demagogue? How can we alert others to the danger of demagoguery? On June 18, "Hukkah," Number 19:1-22:1, the questions were, "What are we to make of rituals for which there is no discernable reason? Why do you suppose we are rendered temporarily

unclean by contact with the dead? What does this Parshah teach us about the consequences of continued griping under conditions of hardship? On June 25th, "Balak," Numbers 22:2-25:9, the following questions were asked, "How often can we not see the right path until something happens to open our eyes? The Haftarah for this portion includes Micah's beautiful words, 'What does the Lord require of thee: only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.' Do we strive to fulfill this ideal in our daily lives?"

More on "Balak"--on June 24 and 25, Rachel Marie Lewin, daughter of William and Barbara Lewin, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. She led some of the services. Her Haftarah portion was Micah. She talked about her Haftarah Torah portion and had some questions of her own as she related the story of Micah. She also spoke of the beautiful words of Micah, "Do justly and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." She related these to today's world and cautioned young people not to be misled by riches in using and dealing drugs, but instead to do justly. Throughout her comments, when she was not talking about the serious implications, her special humor shone through. William and Barbara sponsored a Kiddush luncheon following the Saturday service for congregants, many relatives, and friends.

Congratulations, Mazel Tov, and Kudos to Jeffrey Newman, his parents, Linda and Fred Newman and their family, former members of Beth Israel, now of Greensboro, on his wonderful achievements--and of course to Lee Schandler,

grandmother. One of his teachers said of Jeffrey, "He is a real Mensch. I expect him to win a Nobel Prize at the very least and regard my association with him as one of the most rewarding and gratifying in my college teaching career."

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

Summer has been a busy time at Temple Israel. In addition to welcoming Rabbi Murray Ezring to the pulpit and to Charlotte (see related article), Temple Israelites enjoyed several important events. The Sisterhood held a New Members' Tea at Nancy Bernstein's home on July 31, at which new members of Temple Israel had the opportunity to meet new friends and learn more about exciting opportunities in the Sisterhood. Also, on August 24, Sisterhood members gathered for the ever-popular annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon. This year, in honor of Temple Israel Sisterhood's 75th year, participants were treated to a vintage fashion show featuring the fashions of the 1920s to today. The Temple Israel Book Club discussed Henry Roth's *Call It Sleep* at their meeting on August 29. Religious School classes began on August 28. Teachers and students alike look forward to an exciting year.

Finally, the new Boards of Kadima and USY were announced. The Kadima Board is composed of Robby Sachs (President), Rachel Gold (Vice President), Stuart Shapiro (Treasurer), Lisa Miller

(Secretary), and Bonnie Orange (Member At Large). The USY Board includes Michael Fox (President), Micah Cooper (1st Vice President), Michelle Maslov (2nd Vice President), Marc Flash (Treasurer), Oshri Wallters (secretary), Michael Abel (Member At Large), and Rebecca Hockfield (Past President).

Upcoming Events

The High Holidays are, of course, the most significant events in the month of September. The following dates should be noted: Selichot (August 27), Rosh Hashana (September 5-7), Tashlich (September 6), Kol Nidre (September 14), and Yom Kippur (September 15). Please call the Temple office for more information (362-2796).

Make plans to join in the fun at Sisterhood's Casino Night on September 24. This is sure to be an exciting evening, so please call Judy Miller (542-5921) or Marci Mehlman (553-7928) for more information.

To enjoy a complete Sukkot experience, every family should have its own Lulav and Etrog. They may be ordered at a cost of \$35. Please call now to place your order (362-2796). Also, beginning in September, Sisterhood will again be offering "Entertainment '95 Coupon Books." They are still only \$30, and profits from this project will help fund Temple Israel's Simcha parties and other youth activities. They are available in the Gift Shop, Temple office, Preschool office, and other neighborhood areas. For more information, call Linda Goldberg (362-7304).

The Temple Israel Book Club will hold its next meeting on September 29. Participants will discuss Jiri Weil's **Life with a Star**, a moving portrait of Nazi-occupied Prague and one man's attempt to hold onto his humanity. "Drop-ins" are welcome. Please call Linda Levy (366-6362 or 377-8982) or Ruth Warat (542-8278 or 522-6488) for details.

Junior Congregation will begin on September 10 with a special service honoring students who attended Jewish summer camps. Also note that Temple Israel is introducing a new preschool class on Sunday mornings. If you have a 3-, 4-, or young 5-year-old, please call the school office for more details (366-5007).

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to the following new arrivals: Madison Nichole Buchman was born May 11 to Debbie and Richard Buchman of Atlanta GA. The proud grandparents are Joyce and Bill Buchman of Atlanta GA, and Judy and Milton Tager of Lake Wylie SC. Great-grandparents are Essye Rosenkrantz of Charlotte and Shirley and Irving Stone of Atlanta GA. Allie Caroline Michel was born May 15 to Jodi and

Gary Michel of Atlanta GA. The proud grandparents are Esther and Carlo Michel of Fairfax VA, and Rita and Irving Mond of Charlotte. Christi Leigh Feaster was born May 20 to Debby and Terry Feaster of Rock Hill SC. The proud grandparents are Shirley Feaster of Rock Hill SC, and Marilyn and Morris Roth of Charlotte. Eliezer Barman was born June 27 to David and Karen Barman of Miami Beach FL. The proud grandparents are Doona Romano of Miami Beach FL, and Lorri and Marvin Barman of Charlotte.

Mazel tov also to the following newlyweds: Miriam Spitzer and Scott Frank were married at Lake Norman on June 19, 1994, and Aliza Dara Aizenman and Brett Robert Gelb were married at Fresh Meadows Jewish Center in New York on June 19, 1994.

Congratulations to the following recent B'nai Mitzvah: Zach Yeskel, son of Elka and Fil Yeskel, was called to the Torah on June 4 in commemoration of his Bar Mitzvah, which took place July 5, 1993 in Masada, Israel. Amy Beth Levine, daughter of Leon and Sandra Levine, became a Bat Mitzvah on June 11.

Brett Golembe, son of Barry and Trish Golembe, became a Bar Mitzvah on June 13 at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Israel. Ali Shafranek, daughter of Carol and Paul Shafranek, became a Bat Mitzvah on June 18. Katie Wilkenfeld, daughter of Carla and Byron Wilkenfeld, became a Bat Mitzvah on June 25. Jeremy Matthew Block, son of David and Debby Block, became a Bar Mitzvah on July 23. Brian Philip Hirsch, son of Deborah and Alan Hirsch, became a Bar Mitzvah on August 20. David Aaron Sheffer, son of Lynne and Dr. Morey Sheffer, became a Bar Mitzvah on August 27.

Several other Temple Israelites deserve special mention. The Mickey and Harry Schwartz Scholarship, awarded each year to the winner of the Annual Confirmation Class Essay Contest, was presented this year to Michael Jacobsohn. Michael also was named Top Scholar for his grade for the second consecutive year at Charlotte Country Day School. Congratulations, Michael! Michelle Straz has been installed as Executive Membership/Kadima Vice President for the Hanegev United Synagogue Youth Region. Congratulations, Michelle! Heather Binnick placed second at the recent World Zionist Organization's National Bible Contest in New York. Congratulations, Heather! Finally, on July 12, Frank Rosen was installed as the new President of B'nai B'rith District Five at the annual convention in Orlando FL. Installing Frank was his father-in-law, Sol Jaffa, Past District President and an Honorary Life President of Temple Israel. Mazel tov, Frank!

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New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Jody and Michael Molinari, Mark Sahn, Barbara and Dr. David A. Grekin, Anita and Stan Grey, Jodi Hankin, and Andrew and Susan Karp.

Beth David Synagogue Greensboro NC by Sam Moffitt

After a summer respite, Beth David Synagogue is gearing up again for a very dynamic new year. With the High Holidays and all our opening programs, Beth David is once again bustling with community activity.

Some activities during September included the Annual Aliyah Breakfast and the Ice Cream Social for our Hebrew High School students. At Beth David, we are proud of our High School Program in which there are almost no "post Bar Mitzvah" drop outs. Our students continue to be active in the congregation and to study through the end of twelfth grade.

This year we hope to launch our adult Jewish studies program in a big way. Under the chair of Linda Shapiro, and with the guidance of our Educational Director, Michael Raileanu, we are inaugurating the Beth David Adult Bet Midrash, the Academy of Jewish Studies. We plan to offer a wide variety of courses from which participants can choose. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings over a six week period. A second semester of courses will be offered later in the year.

These courses will be in addition to any lunch time Bible classes, special Torah Trop classes, etc., that the Rabbi will offer. We anticipate great interest among our members and community.

Once again, attendance at our High Holiday services was overflowing. Our services were enhanced by this year's new guest Chazzan, Gadiel Fishman, and our regular Baal Shacharit, Michael Ende. The acoustics and comfort of worshippers in the expanded seating in our Social Hall were greatly improved by the efforts of Carole Krusch and Gerry Goulder. A new Tallit rack and Tallitot, dedicated in memory of Elliot and David Sutker, grace our synagogue entryway.

As we have each year, we deepened the meaning of our Yom Kippur fast by conducting our food collection drive, "Project Isaiah." Following the Prophet Isaiah's injunction to "spread your bread to the hungry," we sent paper grocery bags to each congregant before the holidays. These were filled and collected at synagogue on Kol Nidre night. The provisions were donated to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank and to our local Jewish Family Services.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we welcomed all new babies in our congregation; and on Yom Kippur, we recited a group *Gomel* blessing for all those who have recovered from illness and hospitalization this year.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Beth David was delighted to host our Greensboro Jewish Federation Scholar, Rabbi Irving

Greenberg. To a raptly attentive congregation, Dr. Greenberg spoke of important issues such as the message of Judaism to the world and the future challenge of American Judaism once there is peace in Israel.

Beth David is fortunate to send so many of our children to Jewish educational camps over the summer. More than thirty-five youngsters attended Camp Judea this summer. Later this month, we will be holding a Jewish Camp Shabbat during which returning Jewish campers will lead the service and speak about their experiences at Jewish camps such as Ramah, Modin, and Camp Judea.

In the August/September period, we celebrated the B'nai Mitzvah of Michael Gould, Brandon Gray, Rachael Marcus, and David Michaelson. We also celebrated the wedding of Freddy Pearlman and Kelly Kriegsman.

At Beth David Synagogue, we wish all of you "Shanah Tovah". As we begin this Holiday season, we are looking forward to an exciting and fruitful new year.



ORGANIZATIONS

Jewish Singles To Meet In Memphis

This Fall, October 7-10, Jewish singles from over 30 states and Canada will have a fun filled week-end in Memphis. Over 200 singles are expected to attend. Workshops are planned as well as Dinner, Dances, Mixers, and Tours.

The beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel will house the event which commences on Friday afternoon and ends with a formal DinnerDance on Sunday evening.

This is the 4th Singles Week-end sponsored by the Memphis Jewish Family Service. All Jewish Singles around age 30 and over are invited to attend.

The entire event, which includes all meals and local transportation is less than \$200. Room rates are not included.

To obtain a brochure of the event, you can contact Annie Trott or Bob Silver at (901) 767-8511 or write to Jewish Family Service, Singles Week-end, 6560 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38138 or Fax (901) 763-2348.

Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT

by Linda B. Hindel

On July 27, 1994 the Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT enjoyed an evening of Bingo and Chinese food at the Ruby Palace 2 in Matthews NC. With 45 members and future members in attendance a terrific time was had by all with proceeds benefitting the ORT schools.

The upcoming ORT calendar of events includes the "Paid-up membership" luncheon on Oct 11, 1994 and a fantastic progressive dinner planned for Nov. 5, 1994.

Membership supports the 800 schools and projects of ORT. If you are interested, please contact:

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<p>The Jewish Day School Of Charlotte</p>	<p>The Jewish Preschool On Sardis</p>
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New Name Chosen For Preschool

Office staff have begun answering "Jewish Preschool on Sardis" instead of the familiar "Lubavitch Preschool." As with the name change at the Day School, the new Preschool name was chosen because it more fully embraces all those in the Jewish community who send their children to the school. The new name also links the Preschool more closely with the Day School.

The name change came at the request of many parents and from the school's PTO. We hope you'll agree that the change is a great one!

Kidz' Biz Hits Press

The first quarterly newsletter for parents and friends of the Jewish Day School of Charlotte and the Jewish Preschool on Sardis hit the press in late July. With an enrollment of over 150 students, it was important to find a means

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of keeping everyone better informed about the school's activities and successes. If you are interested in receiving a copy please contact: Lauren Stark, 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270.

Grant Awarded to Jewish Day School

Call it beginner's luck if you will. On her first attempt at submitting a grant proposal on behalf of the school, Adriana Taylor struck gold-a \$5,000 pot of gold for the Jewish Preschool on Sardis. The grant money, awarded by the

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children, will be used to purchase and install new playground equipment at the Shalom Park campus. All equipment can be relocated to the Sardis campus in the future.

"This is the first grant we've ever applied for and received," said Marishi Groner, administrator of the school. "Of course, additional grants are being explored. We are very excited about this success. A lot of credit goes to Adriana."

The Mecklenburg Partnership for

Children is part of Governor Hunt's "Smart Start" program. Funds are allocated to organizations showing "innovative ways to improve the lives of children ages 1-5," explained Bob Allen, Chairman of the Board. "Mecklenburg was one of twelve counties selected for this pilot program."

Students will enjoy a Get Together House, Squirrel House, and Moving Tunnels. A ground cover of mulch will provide a safe cushion for crouching, crawling, and bouncing on the playground.



**Joel Lurie Grishaver
Scholar-In-Residence Weekend**

September 30-October 2, 1994

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Temple Israel & Temple Beth El, invite you to participate during a scholar-in-residence weekend at Shalom Park in Charlotte, featuring Joel Lurie Grishaver, one of the most innovative Jewish educators of the '90s. An author of more than 50 books and other Jewish educational materials, a publisher, cartoonist, humorist and creative thinker, Joel will surely challenge your thinking and explore both the new and the traditional in totally unique ways.

Beginning at shabbat services at Temple Beth El on Friday evening at 8 PM, continuing at Temple Israel on Saturday morning, and on through the weekend with programs for religious school students and their families, for teens, for adults, and for Jewish teachers, the weekend will culminate in a program especially for parents and grandparents, at a Community Forum on Jewish Education at 7 PM on Sunday evening in Temple Beth El's sanctuary, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. The subject of Joel's talk will be the title of his latest book:

40 Things You Can Do To Save the Jewish People: Some Really Practical Ideas for Parents Who Want to Raise "Good Enough" Jewish Kids to Insure that the Jewish People Last at Least Another Generation. The forum is free; coffee and cake will be served; Joel will be signing copies of his book which will be available for purchase at the forum (\$16.95, in paperback).

Call Lenora Stein for a schedule of events: 366-5007.

Jewish Outreach Institute Conference

by Ruth Goldberg

Fifty-two percent of Jews marry outside the faith, according to the **1990 National Jewish Population Survey** conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations. Of the 5.5 million Jews in the U.S., more than 2 million are unaffiliated with a synagogue. Projections reveal there are 287,000 Jewish children now between the ages of four and eight who live in intermarried homes. These demographics were at the core of the third national *"Conference on Jewish Inter-marriage, Outreach and Conversion-Making Outreach Work,"* held in New York City, June 5-7, 1994.

Ruth Goldberg and Adrienne Rosenberg of Charlotte were among the 125 rabbis, educators, social workers, federation, synagogue and service organization professional and lay leaders from all over North America who participated in the conference. Sponsored by the Jewish Outreach Institute at the City University of New York's Center for Jewish Studies, the conference was co-sponsored by 16 major national Jewish organizations. Dr. Egon Mayer, director of the Jewish Outreach Institute, chaired the conference.

"Inter-marriage can be seen as a doorway **into** Judaism, not as a doorway **out** or as a betrayal," observed keynote speaker Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* and *To Life*. He continued, "We feel so threatened by intermarrying Jews that we reject rather than embrace

them. . . Sometimes outreach leads to conversion; but when it doesn't, we need to offer a Jewish ambience to interfaith families."

In his lecture, "The Spirit of Outreach," Rabbi Kushner noted what appeals to potential converts to Judaism: the warmth, closeness and sharing of the Jewish family; the intellectual freedom of belief; the story of our remaining Jews when it was threatening to do so. "Judaism is the community through which to find G-d," he stated. "Judaism is the science of taking the ordinary and making it holy," such as sanctifying food, washing hands. He continued "Nothing G-d creates is evil; it's up to us to determine what to do with it, to use it right, to make things sacred. . . We invite people to join with us to bring holiness (Kedushah) into the world."

David Belin, chairman of the Jewish Outreach Institute, wrote in his booklet, **Choosing Judaism: An Opportunity for Everyone**, that "The Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI) is the only national organization embracing all streams of Judaism that is exclusively devoted to preserving Jewish continuity and identity by encouraging interdating couples and intermarried families and their children to choose Judaism. JOI believes that as an integral part of overall efforts to reach out to unaffiliated and marginally affiliated Jews, there must be effective programs of Jewish outreach to interfaith families. By encouraging Jewish identification and Judaism in

the home, in the synagogue and in other Jewish communal institutions, Jews can offset the trend of assimilation by ensuring that a higher percentage of the intermarried and their children remain as, or become Jews.

"JOI's mission is to be the primary national resource of the National American Jewish community in research, communication and education directed to the end that unaffiliated and marginally affiliated Jews, including their non-Jewish spouses and their children, choose Judaism."

In keeping with its mission to enable Jewish professional and lay leaders to serve better the needs of interdating and intermarried couples and their families, JOI convened rabbis of all denominations, educators and other leaders who shared their experiences at the conference, "Making Outreach Work." Jewish educational programs for adults and children in both all-Jewish and interfaith homes were emphasized.

Several concurrent workshops were held which gave participants specific information on successful educational outreach projects in the area of parents, children, teens and young adults, and family-oriented programs.

Sessions were held on "Working with Interfaith Couples." Rabbi Rachel Cowan, a Reform Rabbi and

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author with her late husband Paul of the book, *Mixed Blessings: Jews, Christians and Inter-marriage*, leads workshops for interfaith couples. She and four other facilitators demonstrated in small groups some model exercises which illustrates and analyze effective practices in working with interfaith couples in a variety of Jewish communal settings.

Other practical programs involved "Discovering and Responding to the Needs of Inter-married Families," using focus groups, "Advertising and Marketing Jewish Outreach." Illustrative materials were given to participants.

Rabbi Alan Silverstein, president of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly, encourages conversions to Judaism for the non-Jewish partners in interfaith relationships. His motto: "Unify the Jewish home-convert."

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), is an Orthodox rabbi, author and educator. CLAL offers Jewish education for community leadership and is the leading organization in intra-Jewish dialogue. Rabbi Greenberg urges congregations of all denominations to welcome warmly anyone who comes in-Jew or convert or intermarried. In this increasingly open and fluid society in which we live, "all of us will be Jews by choice."

Dr. Egon Mayer, professor of sociology at Brooklyn College, is a recognized specialist in sociological studies of Jewish family and Jewish

identity. He concluded the conference with this thought: Jewish outreach to the intermarried, to the unaffiliated, and to the affiliated is about how to perpetuate a great culture and a compassionate people who can weather the storms with great dignity. The goal is to transform people's lives so they will live better through Judaism.

Ruth Goldberg and Adrienne Rosenberg reported on the conference and shared materials with members of the Interfaith Outreach Committee of the Community Services Board of the Jewish

Federation of Greater Charlotte on June 22. The committee, which conducted a survey of about 2500 Jewish families in Greater Charlotte last August, will serve as a forum for the sharing and exchanging of ideas and plans that all the local Jewish institutions and organizations are doing in interfaith and outreach activities. Ms. Goldberg co-chairs the Interfaith Outreach Committee. Ms. Rosenberg, director of Jewish Family Services in Charlotte, counsels families on intermarriage issues and has led several support groups for interfaith couples.





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Personals

Rabbi Murray Ezring Arrives at Temple Israel

by Lisa Taub

Temple Israelites warmly welcome Rabbi Murray Ezring, who arrived in Charlotte recently to assume the pulpit. He officially began his duties on July 7.

Rabbi Ezring arrives at Temple Israel with an impressive record of building congregations through innovative pulpit and teaching techniques. At both of his previous congregations, Congregation B'nai Torah in Boca Raton FL, and Temple Beth El in Oakhurst NJ, Rabbi Ezring distinguished himself as an innovator in the pulpit and the community. For example, during his tenure at B'nai Torah, Rabbi Ezring developed a "Tot Shabbatot" program, family services, regular Shabbat dinners, and a regular informal early Shabbat service. He also developed a series of family education programs centered around holiday observances (e.g., "Let's Make Shabbat"); organized and taught an adult B'nai Mitzvah class; initiated and maintained congregational Chavurot; launched a major outreach program to college students; and created "Chavurim," a pre-Kadima youth group. In the last three years, the congregation earned Solomon Schechter Awards for adult education, social action, and the bulletin. He served as Chief Chaplain for the sheriff's department, worked with terminally ill individuals through a local

hospice, and served as a founding member of an interreligious cable television committee. He also coordinated fourteen local congregations and Federation

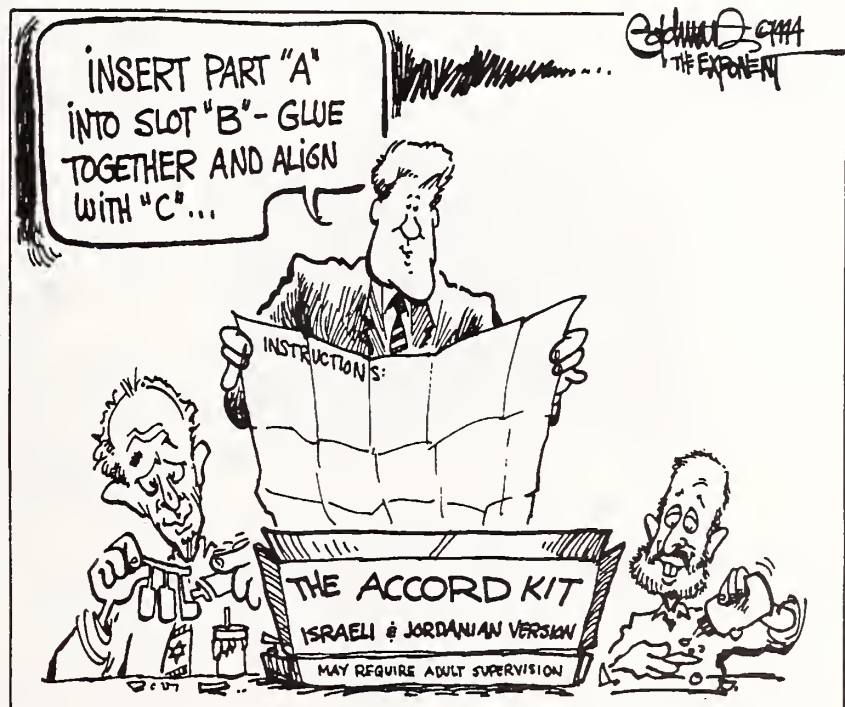
response to Hurricane Andrew, providing several convoys of food, water, and basic necessities to storm victims, as well as organizing a community Selichot service to help raise funds for storm victims.

Rabbi Ezring, who was born forty-three years ago in Rock Island IL, grew up in a family devoted to Conservative Judaism. His father was trained as a rabbi and served as cantor in his Rock Island Synagogue. Rabbi Ezring received his B.A. with High Honors from the University of Illinois in 1973, and his M.A. from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1977. He received his rabbinic ordination in 1978. He is a member of a variety

of rabbinic assemblies and organizations and has produced several publications. He has received several awards, including the Israel Bond Scroll of Honor (1987), the Ezrat Nashim-Sarah Herzog Hospital New Frontiers for Spiritual Leadership Award (1991), the Federation Rabbinic Leadership Award (1992), and the Men's American ORT Community Leadership Award (1993).

Rabbi Ezring succeeds Rabbi Scott White, whose contract was not renewed by the Temple Board after three years at the pulpit. Rabbi White now teaches at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in Overland Park KN.

Rabbi Ezring is joined in Charlotte by his wife, Barbara, a speech and language pathologist, and his four children, who range in age from seven to fourteen.



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For more information call 366-5661

Lynn, along with co-workers Arlene Karp and Alene Strause will be happy to assist you with all your needlepoint needs!

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"We have lists with the names of 3,000 children," says Raichik. "We are pushing hard to act now and bring the others out. But the financial burden is enormous. Everybody is off in their own corner for their own little reason. Our agenda is and has always been the kids."

"The degree of responsibility we have taken upon ourselves," adds Judy Kirschenbaum of the Habad movement in Israel, "is enormous. You think it's a responsibility to invite a child to your home for the weekend. Habad has 'invited' over 1,000 children for an indefinite period of time. Their food, clothing, education, special medical care and supervision plus the millions of other details like their dental bills, manners, teenageitis and happiness-it's all in our lap. We encourage though do not push religious observance. That's not the goal. Saving the actual lives of the children was a top priority of the late Rebbe. Period."



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cope with the treatment and also help the family deal with many aspects of having a sick child.

"We have people from all disciplines who are expert in children," she says. "It's very important that we speak the same language and are able to deliver the best care for the child."

One of Dr. Zaizov's patients is a 14-year-old with recurrent bone cancer who "required intensive chemotherapy and will have bone marrow transplantation very soon," she says. "The mere fact that we moved to the children's hospital gave her the optimal physical conditions to cope with such a difficult period in her life."

For example, mindful of the privacy so important to adolescents, CMCI provides rooms with private baths that the doctor compares to a "five-star hotel." Able to visit with family and friends, the teenager also has a teacher to make sure she doesn't fall behind in school.

"We are trying as much as possible not to interfere with the daily life of adolescents on the one hand and, on the other, to give the best care possible," Dr. Zaizov says.

For another one-year-old leukemia patient, the main emphasis was on making it possible for his parents to stay with him.

"He felt so secure that he really was

a happy baby," Dr. Zaizov says. "The child grew beautifully during this period; he started to walk and talk." This was especially promising, because the child was able to develop normally even while undergoing such dramatic treatments as bone marrow transplantation.

Further information about the 224-bed hospital-the only critical-care facility for children in the Middle East-may be obtained by contacting *Medical Development for Israel, 130 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022; telephone (212) 759-3370.*

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