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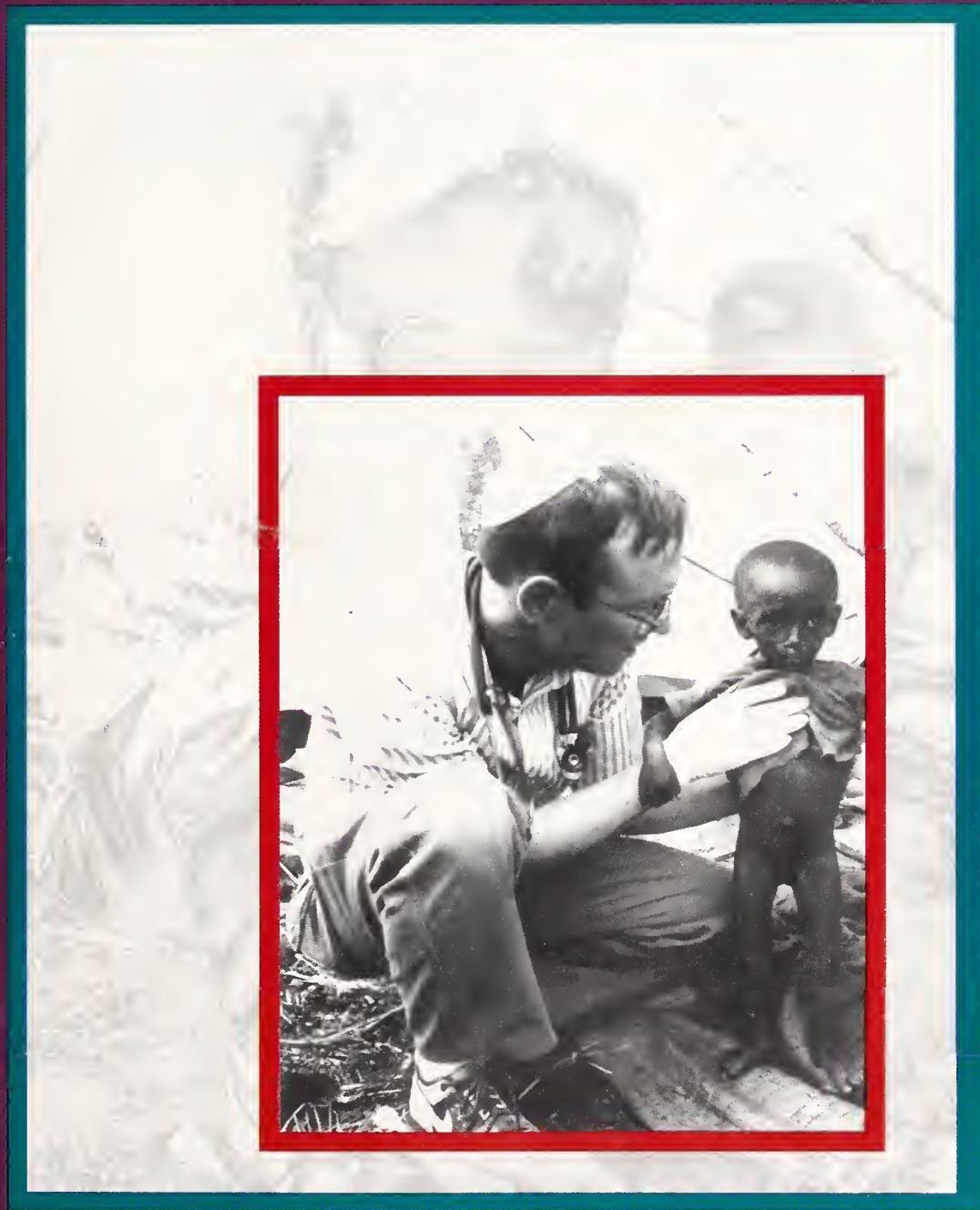


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The Jewish Imperative to Repair a Broken World

by Rabbi James Bennett

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Centuries ago our mystics taught: In the beginning when God created the world, the primordial fire was contained in earthen vessels. During the process of creation, some of the vessels shattered, and the sparks were scattered throughout the universe. Our task is to reunite the sparks, to gather them together and to restore the perfection of the universe. This task of gathering the sparks is known as “Tikkun Olam” or “Repairing the world.”

The concept of “Repairing the world” implies that the world is broken, that something is amiss and needs fixing. This is the foundation of the Jewish imperative to Social Action. Throughout the centuries our people has agreed that this task above all is one very important way to transform our faith into action.

Our daily liturgy reminds us that there are many obligations to help us become partners with God in the work of perfecting the world; Things like visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, helping the poor, housing

the homeless and clothing the naked. We learn from the Passover Haggadah that in every generation we are obligated to see ourselves as if we, ourselves, came forth Egypt. Then we will know what it feels like to be the oppressed, and we will help those who are oppressed today.

Tzedakah, the Jewish concept of righteous action, encompasses charity, acts of social justice, volunteer efforts to help the needy and a host of other activities. Doing Tzedakah is considered one of the highest levels of Jewish action. Tzedakah is considered so important in our tradition that even the poorest member of the community is expected to contribute something so that he can take pride in doing Tzedakah. The great sage Maimonides shared his belief that there are eight levels of Tzedakah, ranging from giving directly to someone so that both the donor and recipient know each other, to more anonymous ways of giving, to the highest form of Tzedakah, helping someone to help himself.

Today, as throughout Jewish history, social action and social justice are very much a part of our Jewish communities. Not only does every synagogue and community have its own way of collecting Tzedakah, but Jews and Jewish organizations are very much a part of the social action projects in our communities. We are active in collecting food for the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless, aiding the poor, the sick, the needy. The Jewish community is dedicated not only to helping and supporting Jewish needs throughout the world, but we also recognize our role in helping to alleviate the suffering of all people, in every land.

As this new year begins, may we each dedicate ourselves to doing Tzedakah, social action, so that we can do our part to perfect a broken world. May we gather the sparks of the divine presence in our world, and may we bring them together to build a world of peace. Ken Yehi Ratzon, Be this God’s will.

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Designing the State



Lola Beer: 50 Years of Fashion in Israel by Shelley Kleiman

(WZPS) It seems an incongruous match: Israel and the exclusive world of haute couture. Yet, at the Israel Museum's recently opened exhibit, "Lola Beer: 50 years of Fashion in Israel," this rather inconsonant association makes perfect sense.

A black and white photo of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, departing for an official visit to the United States in 1951 is on display. By his side, his wife Paula is wearing a dress designed by Lola Beer. Another shot, taken in 1968, shows U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson shaking hands with Leah Rabin, wife of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (then Israel's Ambassador to the United States), wearing a Jacqueline Kennedy-style gown, another Beer creation. More

than 25 years later, Leah Rabin appeared in another Beer garment at the signing of the Gaza/Jericho Agreement in Cairo.

Lola Beer dressed them all: Vera Weizmann, Miriam Eshkol, Golda Meir, Zipporah Sharret, Aura Herzog and Shulamit Shamir. Wives of ministers, ambassadors, mayors and artists, Beer's client list is a veritable who's who among the country's social and political elite.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Lola Beer has played a prominent role in designing—quite literally—the nation's public image. "She made us respectable and aesthetically beautiful," said former first lady Aura Herzog, who in 1922 awarded Beer the Golden Needle award, an

honor shared with Gottex founder Leah Gottlieb.

An elegantly-dressed woman (she only wears her own designs), with aristocratic chiselled features and the slender physique of a model, Lola Beer, who must be approaching 80—she refuses to divulge her age—has not missed a day of work since she opened her fashion atelier in 1940. Despite her long tenure in the country, Beer speaks only a smattering of Hebrew and claims she was the only person Ben-Gurion would speak to in English.

Some of her staff have been with her for 45 years and her most recently hired employee joined the firm 28 years ago. Beer arrives punctually at her studio in Tel Aviv at seven a.m. and works straight through until early evening. "If you enjoy your work, you don't think about minor discomforts and exhaustion," she says.

Born in Moravia, Beer graduated from Prague's College of Fashion Design in 1939 and immigrated the following year to what was then British-governed Palestine. She was among the last Jews to leave Czechoslovakia. Aside from an older brother, who was already living in Eretz Israel, the rest of her family stayed behind and Beer never saw them again.

When Beer informed her brother of her plans to open a fashion studio, her sister-in-law commented: "No one dresses up here. Seamstresses are starving." But when a milliner borrowed some of Beer's dresses for a hat show, it was her garments that made a hit. Since then orders have not stopped coming in.

Many of her earliest clients were wealthy ladies from Beirut, Cairo and Alexandria. It was, however, Vera Weizmann (the wife of Israel's first President and "the most elegant woman in Israel at the time," according to Beer) who introduced the designer to the upper crust of the political and social milieu.

Beer recalls that when the State was established, female freedom fighters, many from kibbutzim, were forced, literally overnight, to become the fledgling state's emissaries. The transformation wasn't easy.

"Women here didn't understand fashion: they thought themselves above clothes," says Beer. "But they were wrong. First impressions are very important." It is also Beer's belief that "the women who represent us should wear Israeli-made clothes."

Beer single-handedly introduced Israel to the world of haute couture. She designed clothes to fit the figure and personality of her clients, the result being many long-lasting personal and professional relationships.

WIZO President Raya Yaglom and Esther Rubin, widow of the artist Reuven Rubin-both close and personal friends-have been wearing Beer's designs for over four decades.

There were exceptions. Beer's relationship with Golda Meir lasted only a few dresses. "She didn't want to come for fittings, and sent her secretary instead," recalls Beer.

The Lola Beer exhibit at the Israel Museum is precisely-and

appropriately-a fashion show. There's only one not-so-minor variation. It is the visitors who stroll along the catwalk, while the mannequins modeling the outfits are posed on either side of the aisle. Interspersed are photographs recapturing both the history of Beer's career and that of the State. Behind many of the dummies are narrow mirrors so that viewers catch a partial glimpse of themselves alongside Beer's designs. Curator of the museum's design department, Izzaka Gaon, intended to create a total experience, "to evoke an awareness of our own physical appearance."

Walking through the exhibit it is striking how unremarkable most of the dresses are. There is nothing original or indigenously Israeli about them. Clearly always in sync with the fashions of the times, Beer took her cues from French designers (Yves St. Laurent, Christian Dior and Chanel, in particular) on her twice yearly trips to Paris, where she acquired reproduction rights.

Why then the exhibit? It is a tribute, says Gaon, to the industriousness of a woman whose business survived for so long, maintaining throughout the same quality and reputation. The show is also a cultural history tour, adding another dimension to the perennial and often vexing question of how Israelis are perceived by the world and how they see themselves.

Few can afford a Beer creation-price tags run in the thousands of dollars. However, it was not tongue-in-cheek when Israel Museum Director Martin Weyl, remarked at the exhibit's opening that "most women in Israel have worn an outfit

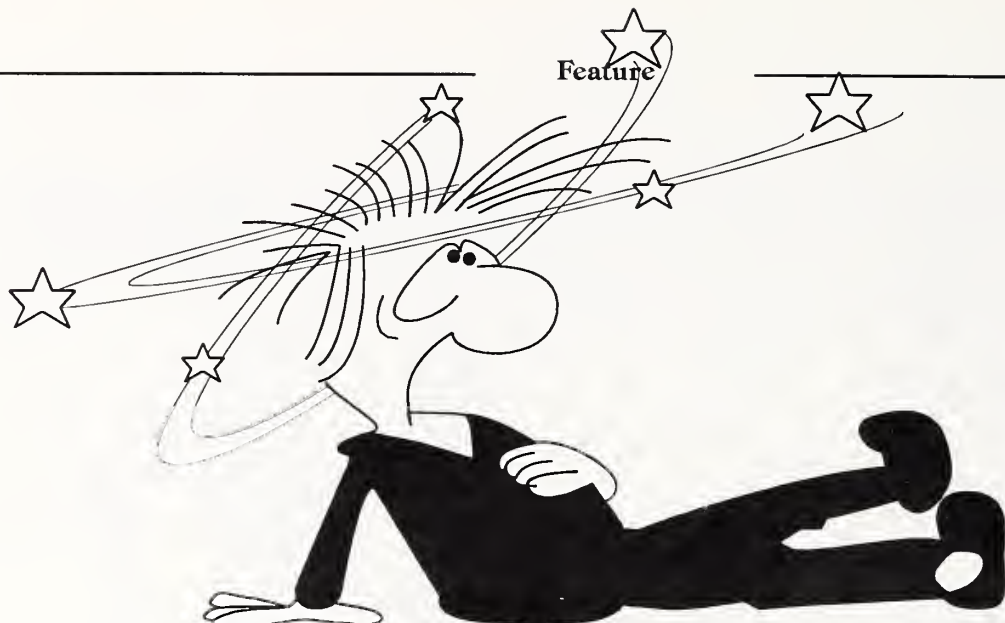
designed by Beer." Indeed most have. In 1966 Beer designed the winter and summer uniforms for the women serving in the Israel Defense Forces. With only slight modifications, her summer uniform is what women soldiers wear to this day. Beer also designed the outfits worn by El Al stewardesses from 1957 to 1972 (winning an award in Switzerland for the design), as well as the uniforms for the Israel Postal Authority.

Some of Beer's most extravagant creations were never worn. In 1954, Henry Montor, then president of the Israel Bonds Organization, asked Beer to design a fashion collection to raise money for the Bonds and encourage investment in Israel's fashion and textile industry. For 27 years, Beer annually produced a new Bonds collection.

Released from the practical constraints of clients' needs, Beer's designs were characterized by a daring opulence and were the focus of countless fund-raising events throughout the United States. Due to U.S. customs regulations, which prohibited the export of clothes imported for non-commercial purposes, the originals have to be destroyed every year. Of the 1,000 designs, none survived and only a handful were documented in photographs, some of which are on display at the museum.

Out of the 20,000 dresses Beer has designed, only 35 figure in the exhibit. This limited showing has little to do with artistic selectivity; it was more a matter of availability. Not one dress could be found from the Ata collection, for example,

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Keeping Migraine at Bay

by Sharon Kannon

(WZPS) For centuries, herbal remedies have been used to cure a wide assortment of ailments. In fact, the miracle drug aspirin was first extracted from a willow tree, and digitalis, used to regulate the heartbeat, is derived from the foxglove plant.

Research in England and Israel on the flowering yellow-green leafy plant feverfew, has recently proved its effectiveness in reducing the incidence and severity of migraine headaches. Galilee Herbal Remedies of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, has now begun producing and exporting what many consider the most effective feverfew on the world market.

One of the first to recognize the effects of feverfew was Dr. Stewart Johnson of the London Migraine Clinic. He conducted clinical trials to substantiate the claims that chewing feverfew leaves in the morning alleviates migraines.

Professor Dan Palevitch, a researcher on Medicinal Herbs at Israel's Volcani Center at Beit

Dagan, Professor Rafi Carasso of Gedera Hospital and Dr. Gideon Earon, head of the Pain Clinic in Jaffa, have also found significant positive results in the clinical testing of feverfew, though these results have not yet been published.

"Neither the doctor nor the patient knew who was receiving the active ingredient and who the placebo," said Palevitch. "I kept the code. The results were very clear. Feverfew helped in terms of intensity and frequency. It also helped control vomiting, sensitivity to light and noise."

Feverfew is effective in three kinds of migraine-classical (preceded by blurred eyesight or flashing lights, a throbbing headache and vomiting); common migraine (an intense nauseating headache, often affecting only one side of the head); and migrainous neuralgia, usually in men (sits directly behind one eye and comes in clusters). Some research points to its use for arthritis and premenstrual syndrome as well. The company says that reports have been

coming in that it is also a relief for hay fever sufferers.

As early as 1985, Palevitch expressed an interest in growing the plant in Israel. "At that time it was difficult to get funding for research into medicinal herbs, but we managed to cultivate the plant successfully on a small scale."

When Brenda and Harry Smith, a retired British couple, came to his office in 1992, to talk about growing herbs in Israel, they were pleasantly surprised to discover a fellow enthusiast. Christian Zionists who had spent many summers volunteering on Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, the Smiths decided to settle in nearby Rosh Pina in 1984 so they could work in the kibbutz every day.

Roy Bouskila, managing director of Galilee Herbal Industries, "was looking for new business ideas for the kibbutz" and Palevitch's suggestion that they use the Volcani Institute's knowhow to cultivate feverfew was, said Bouskila, "very appealing. It's not just an industrial

product. There's an ideology behind it."

So, using research information on sowing time and method, growing methods, harvest regime, etc., and with the help of the Smiths, the kibbutz is now growing feverfew on 60 dunams of land. "Our field is the largest in the world," said Bouskila.

Grown organically, the kibbutz product, "Migraleaf," has the highest percentage of parthenolide (the active ingredient) on the market. Parthenolide inhibits the production of prostaglandins that constrict the blood vessels, causing headaches. It also effects the release of serotonin (a natural tranquilizer) from human blood platelets.

Unlike most feverfew products which, according to a study in the November 1991 issue of "The Journal of Natural Products," contain less than the recommended minimum 0.2% of parthenolide, Migraleaf contains some .45%. (Two capsules are recommended before every meal).

But no medical claim can be made on the label of a feverfew product because it is considered a food supplement. "A purchaser can't tell the difference between feverfew products from the label," said Bouskila. "Companies are not required to indicate the percentage of active ingredient. We wish they were. Each batch of Migraleaf is chemically analyzed to ensure both 100% purity and the required level of active ingredient."

Attempts to grow feverfew with the active ingredient in the United States and Mexico have been unsuccessful, and Bouskila insists that his high quality product has no competitors.

By the orders that are pouring in, that would certainly seem the case. Four tons of powder and two million tablets of Migraleaf are on order from two large herbal firms-Herbal Laboratories in England and Nature's Sunshine in the United States; the powder is sold in bulk to a Dutch firm, and a big order has just come in from Germany.

Migraleaf is the first herbal product to be offered by Galilee Herbal Remedies, but certainly not the last. The kibbutz is also organically growing echinacea, an anti-flu herb, valerian, used as a sedative, and aloe vera, for healing burns and cuts.





JDC Sends Second Medical Team to Goma

(ABOVE:)

Dr. Richard Hodes, head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) medical team in Goma, Zaire, examines a Rwandan child in the Kibumba refugee camp. The JDC-Goma medical team includes specialists, nurses and paramedics. JDC, in partnership with 35 other major Jewish organizations, has also sent in medications, mobile medical units and has established a nutrition program for children. Photo: JDC

Responding to the urgent need for medical care for the thousands of Rwandan refugees in Goma, Zaire, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has sent in a second medical team to the Kibumba refugee camp. The initial five-person medical team, led by Dr. Richard Hodes of New York City, was sent over two weeks ago.

Forming the second medical team also working with Hodes are: Dr. Arthur Fost of Verona NJ; Dr. Richard Adler of Vero Beach FL; Nancy Carrow Lawson of Maple Grove, MN; Debra K. Fischer of Maple Plains MN, and Ellen Neiman from Los Angeles CA. Lawson and Fischer are paramedics and Neiman is a registered nurse.

According to Hodes, each doctor or nurse takes out one or two helpers and a translator to the camps each

day. The logistics of the day's schedule are planned by the local medical staff in partnership with the International Rescue Committee.

Two mobile medical units were sent to Goma and over 100,000 units of antibiotics are also being sent to treat thousands of cases of dysentery, meningitis and other types of diseases. A feeding program has also been established for malnourished children, sustaining them with powdered milk and formula.

Calling by satellite phone from Goma, Hodes stressed that those refugees strong enough to get to the hospital can survive, but the weakest die in their huts or out in the open. "We spend each day going from homemade hut (a few branches with a tarp over it) to hut or family to family with local chiefs, seeing the sickest people. We treat people

every day who would otherwise die where they are," said Hodes.

Hodes describes the dismal surroundings in Goma: "Imagine a Woodstock lasting 50 miles; over a million refugees over 20 miles from a water source, the stench of dying bodies, cholera. . .and you have some idea of what it's like here."

The relief projects are being supervised by JDC and are carried out in partnership with the African-American Institute, a multi-racial, multi-ethnic organization that works in Africa.

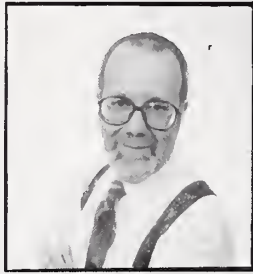
The assistance program in Rwanda is supported by the Jewish Coalition for Rwanda Refugee Relief, a group of 36 major American Jewish organizations.

Activities of the JDC are funded by the regular campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Federations throughout the United States.



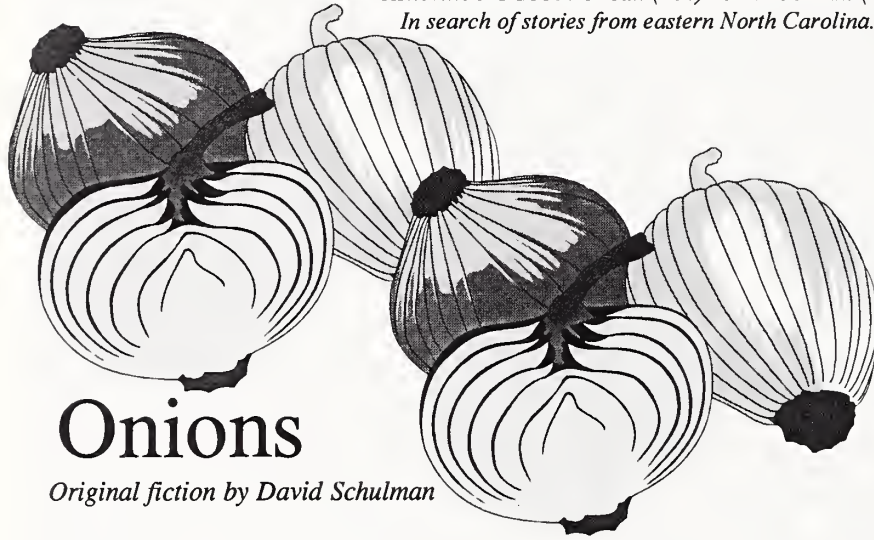
Above: GOMA, Rwanda - - Dr. Richard Hodes of New York, an American physician who heads the first medical team sent to Rwanda by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee(JDC), examines a young refugee, one of thousands being treated here for dysentery, meningitis and other diseases. A feeding program also has been established by the JDC for malnourished children, sustaining them with powdered milk and formula. By satellite phone from Goma, Dr. Hodes reported: "Imagine a Woodstock lasting 50 miles, over a million refugees living more than 20 miles from a water source, the stench of dying bodies, cholera...and you have some idea of what it's like."

This photograph was taken by Mrs. Tipper Gore during her recent visit to Rwanda.



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"Morris, let's do it already!"

Morris Lewis, last name shortened from Lenanski long ago on his first day at Ellis Island, pulled the gear shift into reverse but kept his foot on the brake. "I don't know about this, Benny. Let's wait until next week. I always watch English Parliament on C-Span Thursday nights. I hate to miss it this week."

"Tell me the importance, Morris, of watching Parliament one more time when we are moments from jumping off this cliff?" inquired Benny Sussman, a socks executive in his active years. He had left the field when, all of a sudden, the country had demanded one-size-fits-all hosiery.

"Benny, I told you maybe ten times already. We are driving off a cliff, not jumping," sighed Morris.

"Goys jump. Jews usually drive. Don't ask me why." The voice of wisdom from the back seat of the army-green 1982 Buick Regal was that of the third man in the car, Harold Wiseman. "Besides, if we would spend a few bucks and get a rental truck I could take my two black and white television sets with me. My granddaughter-you, know, the Bionic Woman-she says the tinfoil on the rabbit ears embarrasses her when she comes over with her friends. I mean, we have to worry about returning a yellow truck or

something?"

"Harold, it's 'lesbionic woman,' not bionic," Morris corrected. "Anyway, let's just get a nosh. God might not have nice big Bermuda onions when we get there."

Morris, Benny and Harold all agreed. A nice hot pastrami on rye would hit the spot before their Meeting of All Meetings. The three, all widowers in their eighties, had come to Jump Off Rock every Wednesday during the past year. The routine gave them something to look forward to.



"You look beautiful today. A view only equalled by a sudden rainbow," Morris told the waitress, who displayed swollen ankles over the tops of her butter-soft scuffed work shoes.

"Morris, cut the crap, Sweetie. Remember those baby pictures they used to take with the tush showing? Even then I had cellulite." Shirley Bloomgarten fought a smile that was creeping onto her tough

countenance. She liked waiting on these alte cockers every Wednesday—much more her style than the handsome but snot-nosed stock brokers and realtors who demanded hot food and quick service and left miniscule tips.

“I’ll have the number six today. Corned beef, tongue and chopped liver with a nice. . .”

“I know, a nice big Bermuda onion slice on the side,” Shirley interrupted.

“I’ll have the health plate,” Benny said proudly.

“What good will a health plate do you now, Benny?” Harold burped out, his mousy gray moustache already smeared with creamery butter. No margarine for Harold, only the real stuff. “Either you’re committing suicide or you’re watching fat grams!”

Benny acted like he didn’t even hear Harold as he tucked his napkin neatly into his brown plaid shirt at the third buttonhole from the top.

“I want a bowl of soup with knaidlach and more butter, please,” Harold told Shirley.

Shirley called in the order to Gus, the Greek short order cook. He had learned to say “Y’all” quite well since moving to Asheville, the small mecca in the mountains of North Carolina that attracted Floridians escaping the summer heat and mosquitoes.

All three men looked alike. Long strands of Vitalised hair wrapped over large bare spots on the tops of

their heads, with close numbers of large brown age spots everywhere. Bifocalled eyeglasses covered tired, yellowing eyeballs. These men chuckled a lot, but the days of belly laughs were long gone.

“Morris, if you had your life to live all over, what would you do?” Benny asked.

“Just one thing. I would have pinched the Pakistani maid’s tush when she bent over to change the sheets,” Morris said regretfully.

“That was just yesterday,” Benny said.

“Yeah, I know. You want me to go back farther than yesterday?”

“I think the trouble is that we have too much time on our hands. When we were all in business, who had time to think what we wished we’d done? You know, boys, I was the largest distributor of disposable plastic gloves on the east coast. Every time you had your prostate checked, I covered the doctor’s finger.” Harold had mentioned this beautiful image before. During the last five years since the three had moved into Carolina Farms Retirement Home, he had mentioned it at least forty or fifty times.

“I think I should have kept my foreskin,” Benny offered. “Did you read last week in that Jewish magazine where they were debating the purpose of having circumcisions?” Benny didn’t wait for an answer but continued, “Research shows that men with foreskins are four times as likely to have sexual satisfaction.”

“What are you worried about sex? First you have to be able to stand up and be counted, if you know what I mean,” Morris said. Morris liked to say “if you know what I mean.”

Shirley brought over the food just as Gus coughed loudly. Harold shook his head. “How do we know he doesn’t have cancer, or something worse?”

“Don’t worry about it. I read in the Star, that you can’t get cancer from Greeks,” Morris said in an unconcerned manner. He was mainly interested in placing his onion precisely where he wanted it on his sandwich.

“Passion. That is what we miss, men. Passion.” Benny was in one of his contemplative moods. “Not only with a good woman. I mean, don’t we all remember what it felt like to have a really good hard day at work and still itch to go back the next day for more? It wasn’t just the money. Thank God for that, too. It was something more. That surge in our veins mixed with a totally opposite feeling of calm satisfaction and completion. That’s what I call passion. Morris, what are you passionate about now?”

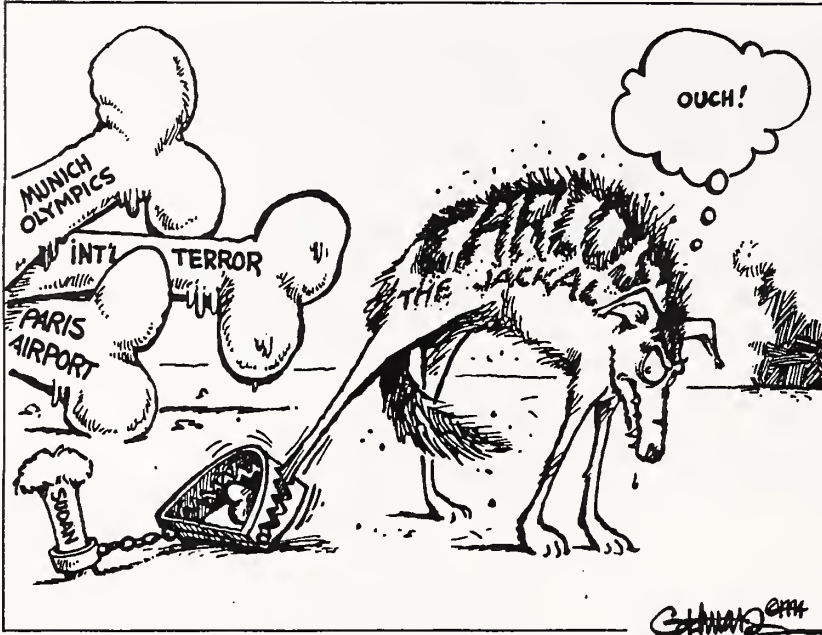
Morris thought for a moment, swallowed, looked up, and said, “Onions.”

“Onions?” said Benny.

“Yeah. I love onions. I don’t know if that is enough to live for, if you know what I mean, but I love onions.”

Shirley picked up the empty plates

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BJH BRIEFS: SCENES OF SUMMER TIME



Tropical birds brightened the scenes when they presented a show for residents in August. Birds of all sizes and colors spread their wings and delighted residents with their antics and friendly natures. Charmed by these beautiful creatures, residents held these tame birds on their shoulders and hands to receive a cheery hello.

Eva Kaplan (above) and Anna Slomovitz (below), enjoy having a close look at the tropical birds visiting BJH.



Bill Swirin displays a mask and musical instruments he has made from gourds.

Bill Swirin, a Master Gardener and volunteer from Greensboro, introduced residents to his work with gourds at a program in August. Musical instruments, artistic bowls, and whimsical bird houses were just a few of the beautiful examples of creative gourds presented by Bill. Residents and staff were fascinated to learn about this unusual art form and to see the results of Bill's unlimited imagination and artistic talent.

The Beach Bash at BJH gave everyone a taste of the seashore in August. The activities department brought the sea, minus the sand and the sun, to the residents. Creative decorations, beach music presented by a D.J., "pina coladas" and "daiquiris" to drink and colorful beach clothing put everyone in the mood. Staff entertained the residents with a fashion show of the latest, if not the least, in beach attire and performed new dances to old tunes. Everyone had a good time relaxing at the sea shore.



Fair Oaks resident Sondra Gevarter takes a turn on the dance floor at the BJH Beach Bash.

BJH News
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Summer is the time for students



Students in the YMCA summer camp program visit with residents on the Fair Oaks terrace; pictured with the campers are Henry and Lottie Maienthau and Else Guthman.



Summer is a time when both students and teachers find the opportunity to volunteer. Seen assisting with a summer shopping trip to Hanes Mall are: from left to right, Jodie, Sari and their mother Amy Ehrens and Natasha Faynboym with Fran Thull and Jon Thull.

Students both individually and in groups visited the Home this summer. Boys and girls in the YMCA Adventure Camp program in Clemmons visited the Home each Tuesday morning in July and August. They shared art activities with residents, assisted with transportation and visited in small groups. This intergenerational program was an unusual addition to the camping experience and gave the students the opportunity to learn about and give assistance to the elderly.

Teenage students from Winston-Salem and Clemmons also spent a part of their summer holiday volunteering at BJH. They assisted the Recreation Department with transportation and activities, visited on an individual basis with residents, building friendships between the young and the old, provided manicures, played cards, called bingo and helped wherever they were needed. Teen volunteers are welcome all during the year at BJH. They bring an added dimension to the programs and friendships that volunteers provide for the residents. For the students volunteering offers a time to use skills and talents, explore career interests and through relationships with the elderly to gain an understanding of the stages of life.



Above: Greensboro teens spent time with BJH residents, this summer by volunteering at the Starmount Luncheons.



Left: Winston-Salem teen volunteer Brooke Jackson assists the Recreation department with many activities during the summer; she is pictured giving a hand at the tropical bird program.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1994

Gourmet Brunch - 11 a.m.

Business Meeting - Election of Officers

Outgoing President - Lewis Eisenstadt of Greenville, SC

Incoming President - Audrey Madans of Charlotte, NC

Entertainment by Ms. Daryle Ryce, Musician and Songstress

CAJWM (Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men) Prizes

FAIR OAKS COMMONS

7870 Fair Oaks Drive

Clemmons, NC

Reservations recommended by October 20 - 910-766-6401

Sue's News

SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER DARREL MANDELSTAMM

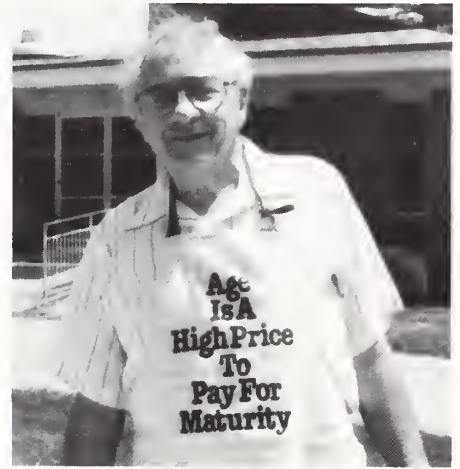
BJH has been blessed for the past 7 1/2 years with a volunteer who has been a man for all seasons. I first met Darrel Mandelstamm in March 1987, when he stopped by the volunteer office to see if there was anything he could do. Recently retired, Darrel wanted to share some of his time with others with the hope that he would bring enjoyment to them as well as to himself. Darrel had worked in the retail jewelry business for 43 years and is truly a people person. He enjoys being with people and they enjoy his outgoing personality. During the years of volunteer work at BJH, Darrel became a friend to many; both residents and staff looked forward to his visits.

Darrel began his volunteer work on a small scale as the discussion leader of a weekly gathering of male residents, called the Men's Club. However, Darrel's talents and interests and BJH's needs soon found him involved with activities at BJH, 2-3 times a week. During

the past 7 years Darrel's volunteer work has brought him into every wing of the Home and into contact with almost every resident. He has led weekly social hours on B-1 wing and Fair Oaks, held Current News discussion groups on A wing, presented puppet shows for B-2 residents, taken Fair Oaks groups out to breakfast and rarely missed a monthly shopping trip to the Mall or an outing to the Fair or a special event.

Darrel has donned many hats while volunteering at BJH, from chef at the outdoor grill to blackjack dealer at the Purim Party. Experienced as a photographer, Darrel was often seen at BJH celebrations, camera in hand, catching special moments on film. "Darrel's Corner", the photo display board on A-wing, was a popular spot to view a photo of yourself or a friend.

Darrel's wife, Patty, shared his dedication to the Home and to the



Darrel Mandelstamm seen in his role of outdoor chef at a BJH cookout.

residents. She often joined him at special programs and shared her talent for baking by providing desserts for picnics.

Yes, Darrel Mandelstamm did find what he was looking for at BJH. He found a place where in his retirement he could share his talents, his warmth and his zest for living. In Darrel, BJH found a volunteer with a commitment to giving and a friend both residents and staff could count on. In speaking of his volunteer work, Darrel said the greatest thing a person can do is to help someone else. "I wouldn't have been here if I didn't enjoy it, there's not a greater feeling than coming to BJH and giving to someone, but you have to do it from the heart."

Darrel and his wife Patty will soon be moving to Hendersonville, N.C. We thank them for sharing their hearts and their time with BJH. We know Darrel brought enjoyment to many and had a good time doing it. We wish them well in their new home; they will be missed at BJH.

Calendar Highlights October

- 4 Leave for Winston-Salem, Dixie Classic Fair, 9:30 a.m.
- 5 Leave for Winston-Salem, Stevens Center, "South Pacific", 1:00 p.m.
- 7 Catholic Mass, with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m. Friendship Room
- 9 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 11 Leave for Clemmons, Senoir Citizen Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 13 Schmoozing with Seth, 2:00 p.m., Pre-Assembly Room
- 16 Brenner Concert "Sweet Adeline's", Commons Aud., 3:00 p.m.
- 20 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Tea Party in Memory of Juliette Gordon- Lowe founder of Girl Scouts sponsored by Triad Girl Scouts Association, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Manison
- 31 Halloween Party, 2:30 p.m., Commons Aud.



Fair Oaks resident Therese Serxner receives some assistance in an art project from a youth in the YMCA adventure camp program.



Above right: A YMCA camper introduces residents Anna Slomovitz and Miriam Gingold to one of the visiting tropical birds.



Right: Members of the BJH staff entertain residents at the Beach Bash with a spirited line dance.

Protect Your Rights as a Health Care Consumer



BJH residents Robert Little, Mary Barrett and Florence Weiner, share a summer afternoon in the courtyard with teen volunteer Sara Shouse.

The State of North Carolina has provided the following information:

Questions

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Who decides about my medical care or treatment?

If you are 18 or older and mentally competent, you have the right to make decisions about your medical treatment. You should talk to your doctor or other health care provider about any treatment or procedure so that you understand what will be done and why. You have the right to say yes or no to treatments recommended by your doctor. If you want to control decisions about your health care even if you become unable to make them or to express them yourself, you will need an "advance directive."

What is an "advance directive"?

An advance directive is a set of directions you give about the health care you want if you ever lose the ability to make decisions for yourself. North Carolina has two ways for you to make a formal advance directive. One way is called a "living will"; the other way is called a "health care power of attorney."

What is a living will?

In North Carolina, a living will is a document that tells others that you want to die a natural death if you are terminally and incurably sick or in a persistent vegetative state from

which you will not recover. In a living will, you can direct your doctor not to use heroic treatments that would delay your dying, or to stop such treatments if they have been started. You can also direct your doctor not to begin or to stop giving you food and water through a tube, ("artificial nutrition or hydration").

What is a health care power of attorney?

In North Carolina, you can name a person to make medical care decisions for you if you later become unable to decide yourself. This person is called your "health care agent." In the legal document, you name who you want your agent to be. You can say what medical treatments you would want and what you would not want. Your agent then knows what choices you would make.

The North Carolina Department of Human Resources has made available forms for executing advance directives. If you would like further information, including a copy of these forms, please write to Social Services, Blumenthal Jewish Home, 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC, 27012-7513, or call 910-766-6401.

**Mazel Tov & Good
Wishes!**

*Lena Zimmerman, a resident of BJH
since 1985, celebrated her 108th
birthday on August 26th.*



IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

- Floy Bobo
- Allan Fisher
- Gussie Honig
- Alfred Lubetsky
- Willie Reynolds

*May their cherished memories bring
comfort to their loved ones.*

Happy Anniversary

***Congratulations to the following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries of employment in October***

25 Years

Lorena Durham, LPN, A-Wing

12 Years

Libby Carter, RN, Unit Manager, B-1

7 Years

Jane Brown, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Hazel Brock, Dietary

6 Years

Lorraine Hetrick, RN, Unit Manager, B-2

Camilla Loftin, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

Pat Oberle, Nsg. Asst., B-1

4 Years

Teresa Cook, Dietary

2 Years

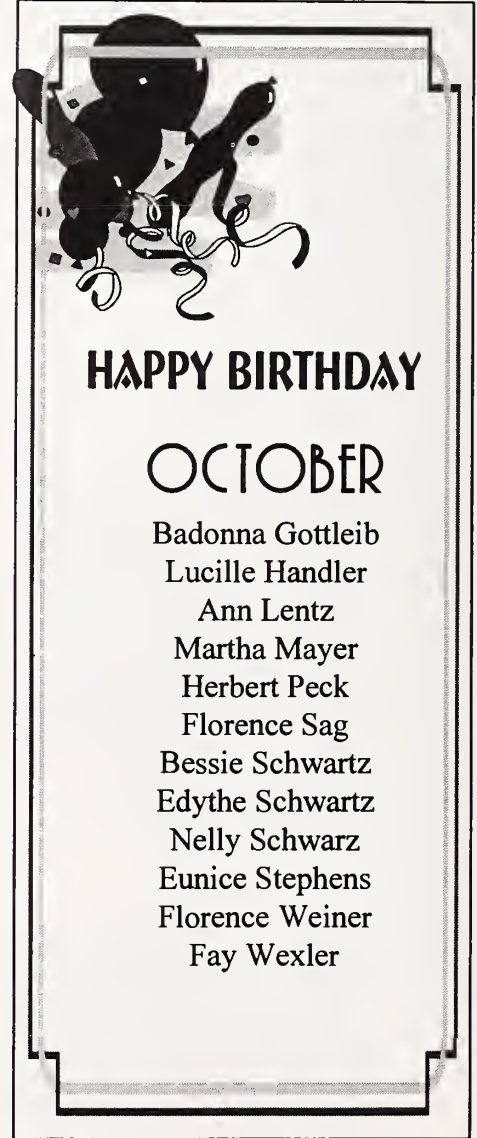
Vickie Owens, Administration

1 Year

Felicia Hairston, Nsg. Asst., B-2

Peggy Peed, RN, A-Wing

Mary Schwartz, LPN, B-2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

- Badonna Gottleib
- Lucille Handler
- Ann Lentz
- Martha Mayer
- Herbert Peck
- Florence Sag
- Bessie Schwartz
- Edythe Schwartz
- Nelly Schwarz
- Eunice Stephens
- Florence Weiner
- Fay Wexler



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

The Challenge of Taking Care of the Elderly

The Mission of the Blumenthal Home states that we accept any Jewish person regardless of their ability to pay. Everybody who comes into the Home is treated the same whether or not they have money. When people run out of funds, we do not ask them to leave and we do not change the quality of their care.

Today, the Home is being challenged to continue this Mission. In fact, we will face a financial crisis if we do not raise sufficient funds in the future. The facts are:

- *52% of the Home's population is indigent
- *Medicaid does not reimburse us for actual cost
- *Our annual deficit, the difference between actual cost and Medicaid reimbursement, is over \$500,000
- *With the increase in the over-65 population in the next 15 years, there will be more pressure to provide indigent care.

To meet this financial challenge, the Home needs to raise \$5 million by the year 2000 to supplement our Endowment Fund. With this

addition, the Home would use the interest from the Fund to underwrite the cost of indigent care.

To raise \$5 million in the next 5 years, we are taking our case to the Jewish Federations, you, the Jewish communities of North and South Carolina, and our friends around the country. Between September and December, we shall conduct our Annual Campaign to raise funds for indigent care.

When we are invited to submit allocation requests to the Jewish Federations, we shall lay out the facts. This is your percentage of indigent population. This is how much it cost the Home to provide the service. This is the amount which we get reimbursed. The difference between actual cost and reimbursement is the deficit for the community. In every case, the allocation which we receive from the Federations does not come close to the actual deficit.

We understand that the Federations are only capable of giving the Home a finite amount. This \$200.00 is not enough to erase our deficit. We must appeal to you.

What do you want from your Jewish Home? Should we continue to accept Jewish people regardless of their ability to pay? Should we keep people in the Home after they have run out of funds? Should we only accept people who can afford to pay their way? These are questions which are not only to be answered by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Home. These are questions which ultimately need to be answered by the Jewish community.

Most Jewish Homes throughout the country are faced with the same challenges. In fact, many of them have a larger percentage of indigent care than we do. Up to now, most Homes are meeting this challenge. However, in the past year the Providence, Rhode Island Home closed its doors; the Detroit Home shut down a facility; and the New Orleans Home is searching for numerous ways to cut back including the level of service.

You have a choice. You can think that this problem doesn't affect you or your family and you need not do anything, or you can be a mensch. Whether or not you will be affected,

we urge you to support the quality of life of the elderly. Think of an annual gift to the Endowment Fund as an insurance policy. You may need the Home some day for your parent or yourself. If we are strong financially, we shall be here.

Levels of Support

In order to raise \$5 million by the year 2000, we are attempting to get a broad base of people to give an annual gift of at least \$500. We ask that you consider this amount. If you cannot afford \$500, please give whatever you can.

The Charlotte Campaign

Between August 23 and October 31, over 30 solicitors will be asking their friends, neighbors, and relatives to give to the Home's annual Endowment campaign. The Charlotte effort is being chaired by Stan Greenspon, President of Greenspon and Associate and a leader in the Charlotte Jewish community. At the kickoff on August 23, Greenspon told the group of solicitors, "As we have gotten older and more mature, we recognize the growing needs of the elderly; and the Home truly represents a miracle that should never be taken for granted. Unfortunately, as the needs grow, the deficits are becoming greater; and it is our goal to formulate an annual campaign to alleviate this problem."

Helping in this Campaign are Audrey Madans, Meg Goldstein, Milton Tager, Phil Guller, Ron Weiner, Sue Ades, Bernice Roberts, Ruth Goldberg, Todd Gorelick, Steve Kropp, Bennett Lyons, Alan Oxman, Evelyn Berger, Richard Osborne, Judie Van Glish, Leon

Kraft, Werner Moritz, Craig Katzman, Julius Goldstein, Roberta Monosoff, Alan Sussman, Murray Bodner, Sandra Levine, Bobby Damsky, Norman Steinberger, Bernie Ackerman, Esther Frank, Janet Jaffa, Dee Dee Daumit, Ed Karp, Sandy Benjamin, and Sonny Besnoy.

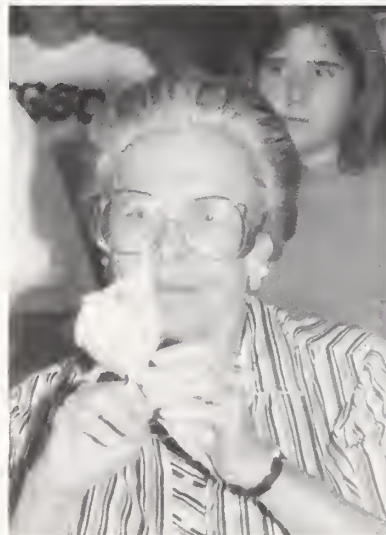
Yahrzeit Plaques

If you would like to honor the memory of a friend or a relative, you may want to consider a Yahrzeit plaque in the Home's Synagogue. The cost of the plaque is only \$250. Please contact Bruce Schlosberg at 910-712-4542 if you are interested.

Think About It

Now is the time to think about how you can lessen your tax burden. Giving to the Home before December 31 will reduce your income tax burden in 1995 and could provide you with additional income.

When asked if he were a nonagenarian, Home resident George Karp said, "No, I am a Litvak."





PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

Blumenthal Jewish Home has a new address and phone number!!

Please contact us at:

Blumenthal Jewish Home
 7870 Fair Oaks Drive
 Clemmons NC 27012
 Phone: 910-766-6401

These changes are effective immediately.

Fair Oaks resident Ralpha Mitchell takes a close look at a friendly feathered visitor.



Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

(Formerly NCAJW Founded 1921 and NCAJM Founded 1933)

Established June 22, 1988

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Lenora Stein, Charlotte

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Steven Menaker, Charlotte

Dear Members and Friends:

The Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM) is once again conducting its ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 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 Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 30 during the Home's Annual Meeting. A 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, P. O. Box 13114, Charlotte, N.C. 28270. 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 30.

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

Cordially,

Irving M. Brenner
President

Arthur Frank
Special Events Chairman



1994 ANNUAL DRAWING

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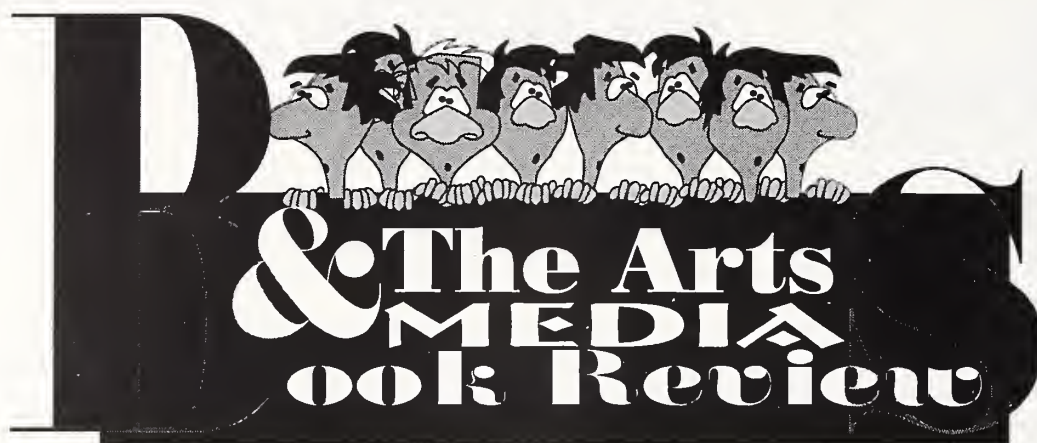
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Drawing to be held at Annual Meeting of the
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Sunday, October 30, 1994

Outstanding Door Prizes for those present
(Check payable to Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men or CAJWM)
Return check to Arthur Frank, Chairman
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Their Hollow Inheritance
by *Michoel Drazin*

Feldheim Publishers 220 pp.
\$14.95

There is a spiritual war presently being waged against the Jewish people by a well trained and dedicated army of Christian missionaries. Unfortunately, they find us easy prey. For, although we know that their message is false and a distortion of our Hebrew Bible, most of us can not quote chapter and verse to prove it. And certainly, few of us know the New Testament well enough to put a missionary on the defensive.

This phenomenon makes the publication of *Their Hollow Inheritance: A Comprehensive Refutation of Christian Missionaries* a very valuable and timely asset. It is designed to serve as a reference manual for one to know at a glance what missionaries espouse and how to refute them.

Michoel Drazin accomplishes this goal, firstly, by revealing the little known and astonishing parallels between the New Testament narratives and the more ancient

texts of the Hindus and Buddhists. He quotes Church leaders and non-Jewish specialists of comparative religion to support the thesis that these similarities are not coincidental.

He then groups under thirteen chapter headings all the verses from the Hebrew Bible that missionaries use to give credence to their doctrines. In each instance their true meaning and intent is proven in a commentary that is both clear and concise. In so doing, Mr. Drazin quotes only from Scripture, sources that missionaries accept unequivocally.

The final chapters review two thousand years of traditional Jewish thought concerning the real Messiah and the Messianic era. This includes a synopsis of the Noahide Covenant, the Divine Code of Law binding upon all non-Jews.

With the inclusion of the numerous fallacies, contradictions and crude factual mistakes contained in the New Testament, *Their Hollow Inheritance* is truly A Comprehensive Refutation of Christian Missionaries. As so aptly stated in the N'Shei Chabad Magazine: "This book should be in every Jewish home".

EXILE's Return: The Making of a Palestinian American

by *Fawaz Turki*

The Free Press 274 pp. \$22.95
Reviewed by *Estelle Hoffman*

Born in Israel, Fawaz Turki spent his childhood in refugee camps in Beirut. He escaped to Australia, Paris and America. He became active for a time in the Palestinian movement for liberation. He considered becoming a Communist, but found that the Communist movement was more opposed to the oppressors than they were in favor of the masses.

During forty years in which he became a writer, lecturer, poet and a member of the rebellion of youth in the 1960s in the United States, he searched for truth, and during his disorderly life during those decades, he seems to have found it (the truth).

This is an excellent book to read, written in language that is poetic without being pretentious, and incidentally, without technical error. It resounds with honesty, revealing a severely troubled soul. Who wants

to admit that one's roots are a "rotting tradition"?

This memoir shifts between accounts of the author's odyssey and his return to his people, where he finds the fact that he no longer belongs. He views them objectively, after his long absence, and concludes that their beliefs, their way of life, are fatally flawed. In this he has the confirmation of other writers from the Arab world who have experienced life outside of it.

He thinks that national independence will be insufficient to bring them into modernity. It is their adamant clinging to Islamic tradition without adapting it to the realities of today's society that insures repeated failure.

He recognizes that the world of Islam is one in which its adherents

live in constant fear, fear which they accept. Though it is not enough, he believes the Intifada has succeeded; however, the success drove the adversaries into farther corners.

The good news is that both sides have come to recognize the existence of the other.

Because Fawaz Turki removed himself from that society in his youth, he was able to perceive it objectively. While he still feels a kinship with all Palestinians, he is repelled by their culture, naming it "neobackwardness." Although he calls himself a Palestinian American, he has broken with their orthodox religion and customs.

He reminds us of that which we

children of immigrants (that's all of us) take for granted, our open and secular society, our freedom.

He understands the desire for statehood. He feels the tugs of the call from his "cousins," but he has decided that nationhood breeds feelings of superiority, of animosity to those who are different. He issues a call to Americans to rise above the prejudices imposed by racial and ethnic solidarity.

In the final pages of *Exile's Return*, there is a stab at predicting the future. If the Palestinian leaders see the cause of all their failures through centuries of history, if they engage in dialogue with other governments and form a democratic state which grants human rights, then they may become a respectable nation.

Peace in the Middle East is possible; it will not be easily accomplished.





*Solo performance by CRO principal flutist Samuel Stowe, III of *Poem for Flute and Orchestra* by Charles Griffes, on April 30.

The area's only all-volunteer orchestra, the CRO was founded in 1986 and is dedicated to bringing quality, affordable classical music to the entire Charlotte community. It is a not-for-profit organization that receives financial support from a grant from the Arts & Science Council, ticket sales and local music supporters.

Season tickets are available at a cost of \$30 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens, and \$60 for a family of one or two adults and their children. Single concert tickets are also available in advance or at the door, priced at \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$17 for a family. Children under 5 are free.

For more information, call 704-366-4499.



Charlotte Repertory Orchestra Launches 8th Season Oct. 16

Charlotte NC/September 12, 1994-The Charlotte Repertory Orchestra's eighth season, set to begin October 16, promises to deliver a tantalizing collection of performances including an encore of last season's most popular guest soloist, a spotlight on a local violin prodigy, and more.

The group will perform October 16, February 5, March 5 and April 30 at Dana Auditorium on the campus of Queens College, 1900 Selwyn Ave., and on November 20 at Ovens Auditorium, 2700 East Independence Blvd., in Charlotte. All five performances begin at 3 p.m.

The 1994-95 season will continue the orchestra's legacy of showcasing a variety of styles and representative works from many periods in classical music history, with particular emphasis on American composers, said Dr. Stephen W. Plate, the orchestra's music director.

Now in his fourth year with the CRO, Dr. Plate is associate professor of music at Gardner-Webb University and received his doctorate in musical arts from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Highlights of the season include:

*A season opening, encore solo performance of selected opera favorites by noted local bass-baritone Samuel Stevenson on Oct. 16. (Stevenson also performed with the CRO during last season's first concert.)

*10th grade violin soloist Jocelyn Wilson, performing Max Bruch's *Scottish Fantasy, Op. 46* on Nov. 20 (at Ovens);

*Featured percussion ensemble with Winthrop University musicians on Feb. 5;

*Guest soloist Allen Black, principal cellist with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, performing Ernest Bloch's *Shelomo "Hebraic Rhapsody"* on March 5; and . . .



Manuscript Competition

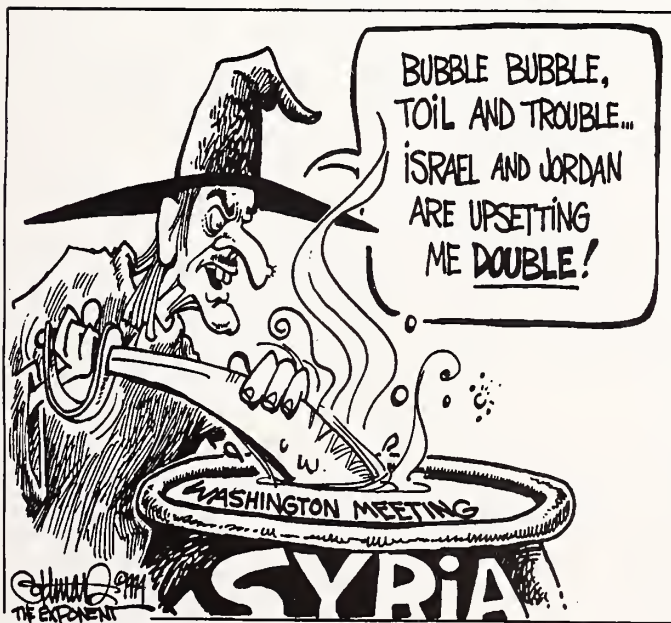
Sponsored by The Association of Jewish Libraries

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the tenth annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of \$1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8-11, written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet serve to deepen the understanding of Judaism and reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

For entry forms and rules, please contact Ms. Lillian Schwartz, Coordinator, 15 Goldsmith St., Providence RI 02906.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is January 15, 1995.

Award winners will be announced May 1, 1995, and will be presented at the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Chicago, June 1995.





Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro NC
by Sam Moffitt

Beth David Synagogue began this New Year with unique and innovative programs coupled with our many traditional events. Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were moving and inspiring. We were liberally overflowing with worshippers during the holidays.

We began our year with a family education program about Jewish names. Parents and children discussed the meaning and origin of their Hebrew or Yiddish names and produced art projects with their names, such as creating Hebrew name plates for their homes.

There were two other innovative youth activities of note. One was Camp Sukkot, a Jewish educational program on the first day of Sukkot and on Simchat Torah. The camp consisted of synagogue attendance, games, song, and lunch for students through fourth grade. These camp days were from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and answered a need in our community when the school is closed for Yom Tov, but the parents must work due to economic pressures. The second youth program was Camp Shabbat.

Over fifty students who participated in a Jewish summer camp came together to share aspects of their camp experiences. All aspects of that Shabbat morning service was conducted by the children.

Beth David held a unique event to attract our members to our semi-annual membership meeting--a "Salad Bar in the Sukkah." An unusually large number of members attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event.

In October and November, Beth David Synagogue will be hosting an exhibition of "Jewish and Arab Israeli Children's Art for Peace." This exhibit is being loaned to us by the Givat Haviva Institute in Israel and contains over one hundred paintings and drawings illustrating children's ideas about peace. The gala opening program was held October 2nd. We have trained docents and guides in anticipation of many subsequent visits from church and local school groups.

Finally, we had a full schedule of B'nai Mitzvahs. In October we celebrated with David Barry, Ned Cohen, Brandon Gray, Julie Robinson, and David Tuchman.

Beth David is pleased to report that our membership is swelling and participation in events is growing by leaps and bounds. We look forward with excitement to a full New Year.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC
by Susan Lepow

Temple Beth El continues to grow at record speed. We are family oriented, providing programming for all age groups. October's highlights include a Shabbat Family Dinner on October 14 at 6:00 p.m. followed by our Consecration Family Service at 7:30 p.m., the resumption of our popular Tot Shabbat program on October 15 at 9:15 a.m. for our very youngest members, as well as the resumption of Adult Bible Study with Rabbi Bennett at 9:15 a.m. each Shabbat morning followed by services at 11:00 a.m. Shabbat evening services will be held weekly at 8:00 p.m.

October 7 marks the Temple Simcha of the 50th wedding anniversary of longtime, active members Harry and Seena Binder. Harry is currently the chairman of the Ritual Committee and Seena is the Treasurer of Sisterhood.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC
by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood plans to focus its attention and activities on the Year of the Child. Shirley Berdie, Chair of the newly formed Social Action Committee of Sisterhood, said, "The first project of the . . . Committee . . . is *Book Discovery* (for children who have never held a book in their hands)." She asked for contributions of books, new or used. Co-sponsors of the effort are the YMCA and pediatrician Dr. Andrea Gravatt.

October 1994

The Brotherhood and the Sisterhood were sponsors of the annual Beth HaTephila picnic, held on Sunday, August 21, at Recreation Park. In spite of the fact that this was the first gray, drizzly day in a long time, attendance was high, and so was the level of enjoyment. There were all the makings of the perfect picnic. Great food and drink assembled and prepared under the supervision of head chef Bob Janowitz. More than enough room in the spacious shelter for the kids' games. A Really Good Thing from start to finish.

The Shabbat Retreat on Saturday, August 13, at the big, beautiful farm of Allison and David Berkey was a big, beautiful success. Lasting from 9 in the morning 'til 9 at night, it gave about 80 people, including a large contingent of kids, a chance to spend a rare, almost completely sunny day--and therefore really rare lately in the midst of all the soggy weather--together. They enjoyed, to quote the advance publicity, "breakfast, Shabbat morning service, Torah study, discussion, games for kids, light lunch, more discussions, more games for kids, Israeli dancing, farm animals, music, light summer, mystery hike, Havdalah.."

Thanks From Rabbi Ratner to Lore Schiffan for expertly repairing the Torah wrap, and to the ad hoc Music Director Search Committee "for their valuable input."

The Temple Library, started from scratch less than a year ago, has acquired an impressive number of volumes of Jewish interest. The growing collection is being organized by Ruth Weber.

The Rabbi Afield. . . Rabbi Ratner participated in a rabbinical colloquium at Wildacres on August 8 to 10.

A Glimpse of Guatemala was part of the evening's presentation on Friday, August 19, after services, when Dr. Mark and Adrienne Boyd spoke about their trip to Guatemala and gave their impressions of the state of human rights and social justice in that country.

Religious School registration took place on Sunday morning, August 21, in Unger Hall. A brief PTO meeting was held at the time of registration. The first day of Religious School was Sunday, September 11.

Outreach held its September get-together at the home of Stephanie Cooper on the 24th at 7 p.m.

Mazel Tov to Larry and Shirley Rapoport on the marriage of their daughter Alice Barbara Rapoport to Michael Albert Sachs of St. Louis MO. The ceremony took place on September 24 at the Chicago Historical Society in Chicago IL. . .and to Micah Ratner on his promotion from Junior 1st Degree Black Belt to Adult 1st Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do. . .and to Jonah Berkey and to his family on his recent Bar Mitzvah. . .and to Dick and Irene Braun on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson on August 27 in Detroit.



Temple Israel

Charlotte NC
by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

Temple Israelites joyfully welcomed the High Holidays during the month of September, along with Sukkot, Hoshana Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. In addition to these most important holidays, Temple members engaged in an array of other exciting activities. The Temple Israel Social Club embarked on its annual much-anticipated "Mystery Bus Ride" on September 18. As always, riders were whisked off to brunch and a surprise destination. Temple Israel's social hall resounded with Las Vegas excitement during Sisterhood's Casino Night on September 24. Finally, on September 27, Temple Israel families enjoyed a Simchat Torah Hot Dog Dinner, and on September 29, the Jewish Books Discussion Group met to talk about Jiri Weil's *Life with a Star*.

Upcoming Events

The Jewish Books Discussion Group will meet on October 24 to discuss poetry by Gerald Stern, Linda Pastan, Marge Piercy, Ruth Whitman, Alber Goldbarth, Adrienne Rich, and Robert Pinsky. The poetry anthology is available from the Speizman Jewish Library. Meetings are open to all members of the Jewish Community. "Drop-ins" are welcome. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to the following new arrival: Jonah Adam Gorelick,

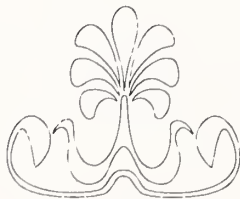
son of Bari and Jeffrey Gorelick, was born on July 28. The proud grandparents are Mickey and Estelle Lieb of Greensboro NC; Renee Molko of Charlotte NC; and Shelton and Carol Gorelick of Charlotte NC.

Mazel tov also to the following newlyweds: Julie Strause and David Weiser were married at Temple Israel on July 23. Elise Ann Labovitz and Larry Redding Cook were married at Temple Israel on July 31. Rachel Kaplan and Joseph Greenfeld were married in Charlotte on August 6. Finally, Allison Goodman and Mark Lerner were married in Charlotte at Temple Beth El on August 20.

Congratulations to the following recent B'nai Mitzvah: Russell Manes, son of Brenda and Irwin Manes, became a Bar Mitzvah on September 3. Justin Schwartz, son of Wanda and James Schwartz, became a Bar Mitzvah on September 17.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Jann and Brian Hendry; Caren and Harold Singer; Ms. Evelyn Orenbuch; Helen and Dr. Richard Silton; Dr. Sandra Banks; Sarmi and Josh Stewart; Fayne and Daniel Fischer; Pearl and Louis Wernick; Caryn and Michael Eisner; and Liliya and Igor Vakhosvsky.



Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Pre-Holiday Preparation

In preparation of the holidays, Rabbi Birnham led the study and discussion of Three Central High Holiday Moments: The Confessional, The Shofar, and Unetaneh Tokef ("B'Rosh Hashanah Yikatayvun. . . On Rosh Hashanah the decree is inscribed. . .").

The Whizzen Institute at the University of Judaism

Rabbi gave the following report: "As I announced several months ago, my grant proposal was received with favor by the Whizzen Institute, thus allowing a Shul educational team to go to Los Angeles and learn more about Jewish Family Education. Jewish Family Education is the buzz word in the world of Jewish Education and the Whizzen Institute is the generator of Jewish Education programs in the United States." Debi Miles and Rabbi participated in the programs.

Membership

The Synagogue held an Open House for people new to the area on August 14.

Synagogue News

Congratulations to Steven Schoenberg on his graduation from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Engineering. He will be working in Raleigh with a computer company as a computer engineer. Also, congratulations to Brett Schoenberg, who graduated from

Asheville High School, with honors in Chemistry, Calculus, and Advanced Placement Physics, plus he has received a \$1,000 scholarship to North Carolina State. We are very proud of Robin Deutsch, who participated in the USY Pilgrimage this summer. She and thirty other teenagers from North America spent three weeks in Eastern Europe, visiting sites of major Jewish communities before the Holocaust, including Prague, Budapest, Warsaw, Cracow, Riga (Latvia), and Vilnius (Lithuania). Then the group went to Israel for three weeks, for study, social service projects, and fun. Robin received a scholarship from the Janice Karesh Fund, in recognition of her involvement with the Jewish Community. Congratulations to Richard Slosman, son of Fred Slosman and Mrs. Gene (Ellen) Knoefel of Sacramento CA, who recently graduated from The Naropa Institute in Boulder CO, with a Masters of Art Degree in Transpersonal Counseling Psychology. Rick will be residing in Denver and working for the Denver Mental Health Corporation as a therapist. He is the grandson of Mrs. Nettie Slosman and Mr. Hyman Dave. Mazel Tov to David Hurand and Dr. Martha Salyers on the birth of a son, Clay Robert Salyers Hurand, on May 25; to David Goldhagen and Kirsten Ford, who will be getting married on October 22; to Leonard and Missy Blum, who were married in Minneapolis on July 3; and to Julius and Phyllis Blum, on the birth of a granddaughter, Bridget Evelyn Blum, on May 20. Bridget is the daughter of Robert and Dana Blum. Thank you to William and Barbara Lewin for their donation of twenty new crystal candlesticks to the

Synagogue in honor of Rachel's becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Steve and Shirley Kayne of Asheville announce the engagement of their daughter Roni Bea Kayne, to Ian Robbins, son of Allen and Diana Robbins, of Miami, Florida.

Sisterhood

Maggie Rotman, our Sisterhood President says, "Shalom y'all. I've been in Asheville for ten years so I feel entitled to use a southern greeting. I was born in Oxford, U.K. and came to Asheville by way of Toronto, Philadelphia (where my son David and two daughters, Sara and Rebecca were born) and Ann Arbor, but the pursuit of a degree in Fine Art, working, and running a household left little time for much else here. When I quit my job and took a hiatus from degree work, I began gardening, painting for pleasure, and renewing old friendships. It was then I realized how lonely I was for my Jewish community. So I both appreciate and am honored to be Sisterhood President this year, not only for the opportunity to serve, but also for the chance to make new friends and to deepen existing relationships.

Alice Teich's Bat Mitzvah

On August 20, Alice Sarah Teich celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. Her Haftarah portion was "Ki Tetze," from the book of Deuteronomy. Alice led some of the services on Friday night. On Saturday, she led the Torah service, recited her Haftarah, read from the Torah, and conducted the Musaf. Her relatives and Beth Israel congregants also read from the Torah, and many participated in the services in general. Alice's special talent for being a good student with poise, and control were very evident.

A kiddush luncheon followed at the new Asheville Jewish Community Center.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

The adult class of Bar/Bat Mitzvah reports: "It gives them much joy to announce their special time as nine adults join the ranks of many of our 'wonderful children' and become B'nai Mitzvah. The group Simcha will be a 'first' for Beth Israel Synagogue." The students are: Ruth Gaynes, Frank Goldsmith, Caren Kessler, Barbara Levy, Diana Lieb, Barbara Michalove, Douglas Milch, Adele Rose and Lillian Wellisch.

Temple B'nai Sholem

New Bern, NC

by Dr. Marilyn Stern

New officers were elected at our annual membership meeting May 31, 1994 and will serve our congregation for the next two years. Mr. Edward Greenberg of Fairfield Harbor is our new president, Mr. Harold Horowitz of Greenbriar is vice president, Mr. Ronald Stier of Greenbriar is continuing as treasurer and Dr. Marilyn Stern of Oriental is secretary. After completing two terms as president, Dr. Jacob Stern now joins past presidents Maurice Specter and Kathleen Orringer on the Board of Trustees.

For the third consecutive summer, a monthly lay service was held on Shabbat eve. We were heartened by students from elementary school through college level as they read and sang. We are looking forward to our second year of High Holy Day services conducted by lay leaders. The many new retirees coming to our area of the coast are happy and willing to share their many talents with us.

Our members enjoy the many opportunities we have for interfaith activities in the New Bern area. We have participated in building a new playground and helping out at the local "soup kitchen." An adult Sunday school class from New Bern's Centenary United Methodist Church will be visiting our Temple later this month.

At the request of many of our newer members, an adult class for

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prayerbook Hebrew will get underway in September. In addition to our lay Shabbat service on the second Friday evening of each month, some Saturday morning services are being planned. The first one is scheduled for October 8. The gastronomic needs of our worshippers are not going unmet either. Without any Jewish bakeries in the vicinity, we "do our own thing and bring." Recently, a family baked some "out-of-season" Hamentaschen but left them home on the table before driving the 27 miles to services. Upon hearing of the calamity that night, another member drove the 27 miles the next morning to see if it were true! He was rewarded with one of each kind, a cup of coffee and some to take home.

Isabelle Vatz and Muriel Steinberg, who relocated to Raleigh last year, were recently honored at services and given wall hangings of the New Bern skyline for their new homes. Carol Goldman is in Chapel Hill for cancer treatments but will return for our Rosh Hoshanna services. We wish these ladies, as well as all your other regular readers, a sweet New Year.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, NC by Terri Sullivan

The Hickory congregation celebrated with Ron and Sue Cohn and their son Seth this past June. Family and friends gathered for Seth's Bar Mitzvah and were all very proud of the job he did. It was a pleasure to share this happy time

with our membership and with the Cohn family.

Our annual end-of-summer Pool Party was held the last week of August at the home of Marty and Barbara Kallman. This is always a great time to welcome new faces and catch up on everyone's summer comings and goings. We were happy to have Rabbi Ted and Florence Gordon join us from their summer home in Blowing Rock. They were back in town again very shortly since Rabbi Gordon conducted our High Holiday services this year as he has for the past several years. Our traditional Rosh Hashanah oneg was a time for wishing everyone well and was attended by approximately 100 people. Also our congregational Break-Fast was well attended and was a lovely meal prepared by many talented chefs!

For many years Ron Berndt has blown the shofar for Temple Beth Shalom during the High Holidays. This year he proudly shared this mitzvah with his son, Adam. Another new aspect to our services

this year--Rabbi Gordon held a question and answer period at the end of the first night service. He asked that everyone bring "everything they always wanted to know about Judaism" to the service to get all their questions answered! Hopefully we are all now more enlightened to our traditions, holidays and responsibilities!

We would like to welcome all new members and perspective members to our TBS family. Sunday School began on September 11 with an entire new class of five and six year olds. This year we have a record 28 children enrolled--from ages 5-12. We are looking forward to a lively year. Sunday School teachers include: Linda Guttler, Principal; Pam Jones; Liz Garrick; Terri Sullivan; MaryLee Tosky; Amy Powell and Ellen Cangemi.

Along with Sunday School and other activities planned for the year, our Board of Directors looks forward to a busy and energetic year ahead. Welcome to our new president, Aaron Tosky and a happy and healthy New Year to all our friends.

Dr. Ellen Cannon to Speak in Charlotte Two-Day Seminar Open to the Community

September 8--On October 11 and 12, 1994, the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will sponsor a two-day seminar, *Into the Future*, with Jewish expert Dr. Ellen Cannon. At 7:30 pm on October 11, Dr. Cannon will address issues of interest to Jewish professional women in a lecture at Temple Beth El. On the morning of October 12, she will speak to Mothers of young children in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. A light breakfast will be served at 9:00 and the presentation will begin at 9:30. Her final presentation will be open to men and women of the community. At 7:30 pm on Wednesday October 12 at Temple Israel, Dr. Cannon will talk about her ideas on Jewish community in national and international affairs.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Crown City ORT

by *Linda B. Hindel*

The 20th National Board Conference of Women's American ORT will be held Oct. 21-23, 1994 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta. Representing the Crown City Chapter will be President Ellen Wysmuller, Membership Vice Chairman Brenda Lutz, and Programming Vice-Chairman Hope Hagler.

The 20th National Board Conference will concentrate upon the development of a focused, strategic plan for Women's American ORT, designed to guide the organization into the 21st century. Highlights will include an address by Helen Suzman, the distinguished South African politician; presentations by Dr. Ellen Isler, director general of the World ORT Union, and Parvine Motamed, director of ORT Operations U.S.A.; a special session with ORT students from Israel; and many networking and educational opportunities for the delegates who will be attending from throughout the country.

For the 2nd consecutive year, the Crown City Chapter has been asked to present their very own "Female A-Gender" at the National Board Conference. The "Female A-Gender" has been a very popular forum for presentation of women's issues not to mention an extremely enjoyable weekend of ORT sisterhood in the Crown City. This year's "A-Gender" is planned for Jan. 21-22, 1995 at the South Park Suites with numerous guest speakers and demonstrations planned.

Additionally, plans for the ever popular ORT Progressive Dinner scheduled Saturday, Oct. 29, 1994 are in high gear. The theme: "An Evening in King Arthur's **CORT**." The dinner is an opportunity for ORT enthusiasts and their significant others to be wined and dined while benefitting the ORT program.

If you are interested in any of these activities or would like more information about Women's American ORT please contact: Ellen Wysmuller 543-8844 or Brenda Lutz 588-2258.

New Bern Sisterhood Hadassah

by *Dr. Marilyn Stern*

During the past fiscal year our chapter conducted two major fundraisers. In the fall we completed our ninth annual community calendar project and in the spring we held our third annual fashion show. Our educational programs included such topics as Jewish Artifacts (a show and tell about our family heirlooms), Sephardic Customs, Shelters for Battered Women, What Hadassah Does for Israel and an Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew. For one of our evening meetings we invited our spouses to the Temple's fellowship hall for a salad and pasta supper followed by a short walk to see a community theater production.

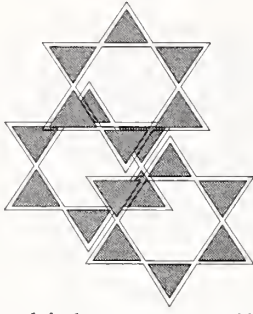
We did not meet in June or July. On August 2, our entire membership was invited to the beautiful new home of Paul and Reva Field for a luncheon meeting. With the High Holy Days coming so early this year, we were busy planning refreshments for Rosh Hoshanna, a Yom Kippur Break-fast and an Oneg schedule for

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Dr. Cannon is a university professor and lecturer popular around the country with Jews of all affiliations and degrees of commitment. Dr. Cannon wants the Charlotte community to know that "if you know everything or if you do not know one thing Jewish I want you to come."

Tickets are \$5/session in advance, \$12/the series, or \$6/session at the door. For more information, please call the Federation office at 366-5007.



NC Hillel Reaches Record Number of Students

Whoever thinks most college students today are shying away from their Jewish identity only has to look at North Carolina Hillel to know that is not the case in the Tar Heel state. As the number of Jewish students at area campuses increases, so does the participation in the wide variety of programs that NC Hillel offers.

Even before students at UNC-Chapel Hill had a chance to make their way to the first day of class, more than 130 students came to see familiar faces and meet new friends at a Bagel Brunch Kick-Off to the 1994 Hillel Orientation Program. Even more exciting were the 80 freshman who attended, that's more than 75 percent of the incoming Jewish students! Over the course of the next two weeks a BBQ, ice cream party, night of mezzuzah making, Shabbat services and dinner, havdalah and movie night brought 460 students through Hillel's doors. Cameron's Kosher Cafe, NC Hillel weekly Tuesday dinner was a tremendous success, while more than 45 graduate students attended a wine and cheese social held later that week.

"I know we have an enthusiastic student body," says Program Director Darin Diner, "but I never imagined we would see such great numbers. Even better, they keep coming back!"

Kick-off programs for North
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Carolina State University and the Greensboro area campuses were also well received. More than a dozen students attended the first Shabbat dinners in Raleigh and Greensboro and student board members were also elected at these schools to plan an exciting year. September was just as busy with Hillel having both Liberal and Traditional High Holiday services in Chapel Hill as well as a full schedule of Sukkot, social and cultural events.

To find out more about North Carolina Hillel's program or what you can do to participate, please call our offices at (919) 942-4057.

The Triangle's First Kosher "Restaurant" Opens its Doors

Where do you go to find a great home-cooked, kosher dinner in the Triangle? The choices are limited, so NC Hillel decided to do something about it. On August 30, Cameron's Kosher Cafe opened its doors for dinner every Tuesday night. Named for the street where the Hillel building stands, the Cafe features an all-you-can-eat buffet, with menus alternating weekly. Whether its Italian, Mexican, Israeli, or Oriental dishes, the Cafe gives students a regular program, as well as good food, which they can expect each week.

On alternating Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, dinner is followed by a community-wide Israeli dancing session. During the other weeks, the Hillel library turns into a theatre for some terrific movies. The Cafe is

open every Tuesday, except holidays, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Call (919) 942-4057 for more.

Hillel Offers Non-Credit Courses

NC Hillel will begin its Fall Semester of non-credit classes the first week of October. Beginning and Intermediate Modern Hebrew, taught by a native Israeli, will be available to students and community members for a small fee. Rabbi Andrew Koren will also be teaching a weekly course in Torah reading and cantillation as well as leading a weekly discussion on "How to Pray Jewish." Dr. George Schelesinger will once again meet every other week for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion followed by a brief minyan and Kiddush. Please call (919) 942-4057 to register or receive any further information.

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the coming year. Our September meeting will be held in the Temple to make further preparations for those events. A new Chapter member, Fay Zerbo, has just moved on-shore after eight years of living abroad and has invited us to hold our October meeting in her new home.

Our 26 members come from several counties and meet on the first Thursday of each month. We try to alternate between afternoon and evening meetings. We welcome visitors--especially prospective members! *Interested persons are encouraged to call Marilyn Stern at (919) 249-0344 evenings.*

Welcome Back To School!



Kindergartens at the Jewish Day School Welcome to School on first day with Aleph Party.

(L. to R.) Andria Mesoznick, Renee Sutker, Gale Osborne and Michael Raus of the Building Committee at the Sardis Site.



community. They encouraged everyone to make the new facility a reality and "raise the roof." Levels of donations were outlined and Michael Raus happily reported that \$38,000 had already been pledged. Shoelaces imprinted with our slogan "Raise the Roof" and campaign T-shirts were distributed as well to provide momentum.

Volunteers and committee members who have been working hard all summer were recognized. Each volunteer was given a special "Raise the Roof" campaign T-shirt and a warm round of applause.

Nancy Kipnis, president of the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO), detailed some of the events that are planned for the year. In addition to supporting the administration and the faculty, the PTO provides special items to the school through its fund raising activities.

One successful program that will be repeated this year is "Challahs of the USA." Janice Cantor is chairing this program in which challahs are purchased from all over the country and delivered on Fridays to the schools.

The week of Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 4, has been selected for the annual Book Fair. In addition to secular books from Scholastic, Inc., there will be religious books. The Book Fair is being held early this year to allow for Chanukah gift purchases. Lisa Shporer and Gale Osborne will be chairing this event.

Braving the summer heat, parents of new, and returning students of the Jewish Day School of Charlotte, and the Sardis Jewish Preschool gathered on Tuesday, August 30th, at the Sardis campus for the annual orientation program.

Among the highlights of the orientation program was the introduction of this year's faculty. Fern Sanderson, director of the Preschool and Mariashi Groner, founder and director of the Day School shared the honor of introducing all teachers and assistants, both secular and Judaic. The faculty, comprised of all certified, degreed teachers, was most impressive. Many hold Masters degrees in education.

Gale Osborne, chair of the finance committee recapped the work that took place over the summer. Along with Andria Mesoznik, a CPA, and Beth Van Amerongen, the fiscal year was changed to coincide with the school year. An audit was performed and new accounting software implemented to assure accurate, timely reporting of all fiscal data.

Coupon books were created to assist in the timely payment of tuition. As an added bonus this year, copies of the 1994-1995 budget were provided to all parents.

As orientation is the one event in which a majority of parents are together, it was the perfect time to kick-off the "Raise the Roof" Parents' building campaign. The overall goal of the campaign is \$3,000,000, which will be accomplished in three phases: Phase I - \$500,000; Phase II - \$500,000 and Phase III - \$2,000,000.

Rabbi Yossi Groner challenged parents to make the new building a reality through their pledges. He explained that the need is a real one. "The school is at full capacity now. We will not be able to continue our 20% growth rate without a new facility," said Groner.

Michael Raus, chairman of the campaign, along with Renee Sutker, committee member, urged parents to think about all that the school has given to our children and



Wildacres & the Summer Season

Interfaith Institute At Wildacres

The 12th Interfaith Institute sponsored by GCAR, the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, and the Blumenthal Foundation, was held August 8 to 11.

This year's theme was THE BINDING OF ISAAC. The attendance included rabbis and Christian clergy of nine denominations. There were also some lay people who are active in interfaith activities.

Principal speakers were Dr. Tikva Kensky and Dr. Lloyd Bailey. Topics discussed related to THE BINDING OF ISAAC WERE "Covenant, Faith Binding Us Together"; "Atonement in Christian and Jewish Theology"; and "Ethical Implications." The Overview was given on the first night by Dr. Carl Evans.

One session divided the assemblage into three groups, each of which discussed one of these topics: "Unbinding of Isaac: Personal & Family Relations," "What God Wants of Us; Personal Alienation," or "Who Is to Die? Ethics of Choice:

Health & Care." Reports from the discussion groups were given to the entire assembly.

The Wildacres Camerata presented a beautiful concert on the final evening in the auditorium. Marlena Fuerstman of Charlotte, who is Cantorial Soloist at Temple Israel, thrilled the audience with her splendid soprano rendition of several numbers. Instrumentalists were Bo Newsome, oboe, from Winston-Salem NC, Brian Lee, violin, assistant concertmaster of Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Charles Medlin, violoncello, of Jamestown NC, and Anita Bultmann Tritt, piano, of Charlotte. Anita also arranged the concert, which has been an inspirational and recreational finale for these Institutes for several years. Their efforts and talents are greatly appreciated.

The Interfaith Institute was conceived and initiated by Herman Blumenthal. Leo Hoffman has been its director and coordinator. He is assisted by the planning committee: George Ackerman, Irving Edelman, Israel Gerber, Jane Summey, Michael Watts, James Bennett, Carl Evans and Philip Silverstein.

Moderators for the Institute's sessions were Irving Edelman, Carl Evans, Israel Gerber and Asher Marks.

The Interfaith Institute has been growing in the number of rabbis and Christian Clergy participating, and is viewed to be extremely successful in the rapport among participants. Fulfilling the specific purpose of these Institutes is the message carried to their congregations and associates by the members who participate. In this sense, it is a group entirely appropriate to the ideals of the founders of Wildacres.

GCAR Rabbis Summer Kallah

The Greater Carolinas Summer Kallah was held at Wildacres August 11-17. Guest Scholar was Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, renowned civil rights leader, emeritus, of Fairmount Temple, Cleveland.

The theme of the week's sessions was SOCIAL VALUES IN RABBINIC THOUGHT.

The Wildacres meeting was coordinated by GCAR president, Philip Silverstein of Columbia SC and assisted by vice president Richard Leviton of Sumter SC.

Rabbi Lelyveld was guest speaker for several B'nai B'rith Institutes at Wildacres, including the first in 1948, and he was welcomed by the many participants who are well acquainted with his accomplishments. He delivered six presentations.

There was a D'var Torah after lunch

each day, refreshing words of wisdom contributed by various rabbis. Rabbi Steven Sager of Durham gave an interesting talk about the comparison between Passover and the High Holy Days. Among the participants was Tikva Frymer-Kensky, who had been one of the two Scholars in Residence at the Interfaith Institute, which preceded the Rabbis' week. She added to the program significantly with a session on women who were prophets in Judaism, especially "Rahab, the 'broad' of Jericho."

The gathering was rich with conviviality and cooperation. Adding to its effectiveness was Susan Sapinsley who worked throughout the year on publicity and countless details to facilitate the activities of the week. Lea Leviton Novgrad was in charge of the children's program which produced notable works of arts and crafts.

Informal groups of rabbis in discussion of issues concerning the forthcoming High Holidays and congregational matters were held, while spouses gathered with matters of interest to them.

Shabbat was celebrated with lively services, and daily Minyonim were held mornings and evenings, under the guidance of Harry Spector, whose cantorial voice embellished each occasion.

A business meeting was held, and the Kallah for the coming winter was scheduled to be held in Savannah, GA at the end of January.

The Rabbis' Summer Kallah traditionally ends with a "Big Show"

and reception following. There were music and skits performed by the rabbis and their families, affording entertainment and cheer during a rainy evening.

Newcomers expressed their satisfaction and enjoyment of the Wildacres week and plan to return next year.

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis serves affiliates from Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform synagogues or institutions. The Summer Kallah is a family gathering with a history of more than 40 years at Wildacres.

Wildacres B'nai B'rith Institute II

August 18-21

The Institute of Judaism No. II has been held at Wildacres annually since it started in 1948, initiated by Maurice Weinstein of Charlotte, NC. The Institutes are part of the B'nai B'rith Continuing Jewish Education Program.

B'nai B'rith, the largest of Jewish organizations, now in its 150th year in the United States, brings together Jews of all ages and backgrounds, promoting Jewish culture and defending Jewish interests. Working for the betterment of society, it harmonizes with Wildacres' dedication to the betterment of human relations.

This year's theme was "Jewish Approaches to Biomedical Issues," a topic of prime interest in America today. Speakers and leaders of discussion were:

Rabbi Kassel Abelson, Rabbi Emeritus of Beth El Synagogue, Minneapolis MN. Active in inter-religious work, he is expert on Jewish religious laws and standards.

Dr. Baruch A. Brody is 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.

Rabbi Elliott Dorff, Provost and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Judaism, directs the Masters and Rabbinical programs. He is a member of the Conservative movement's Committee on Jewish Standards and its Commission on the philosophy of the Conservative movement.

These were outstanding speakers who spoke in terms for lay people as well as professionals. Topics of sessions included the Jewish approach to life and death, Issues at the beginning of life, Abortion, When does life end, Social priorities, Use of scarce medical resources.

Jewish concepts of permission for special procedures and our responsibility to act in accordance were stressed by the speakers. It was acknowledged that we must set priorities, even though we value all life.

Dr. A. J. Kravtin, the spirit behind this Institute in recent years, declared this one a special group who participated to a great degree with intelligence and understanding.

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Recognition was paid to Todd Savitt, who was unable to attend, but whose work in planning the Institute was extensive, as in several years past; to Richard Melenson, who worked untiringly throughout the sessions which ran smoothly and on schedule, and to all participants.

Religious services outdoors were inspiring, led by Dr. Kravtin, assisted by Richard Melenson and others.

Richard and Cynthia Melenson, former residents of Charlotte, long instrumental in the success of this B'nai B'rith Institute, have moved to Salt Lake City UT, and have good wishes of all who know them for their future life there. They plan to continue to return to Wildacres for B'nai B'rith Institutes.

B'nai B'rith Institute I **August 22-25**

The B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism was held at Wildacres, where it originated 47 years ago, from August 22 to 25. This year's program was outstanding, and highly acclaimed by participants who filled the lodges to capacity.

Norman Pliner of Raleigh NC was Institute Chairman, assisted by the committee: Sherry Bernstein, Greta and Sid Baron, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, Betty and Richard Deutsch, Retha and Bill Jasper, Hilda and Herb Learner, Ruth and Richard Levi, Audrey Madans, Myra and Bernie Misek and Muriel and Sidney Rubin.

The faculty of the program were excellent scholars: Professor Jacob Cohen, Dept. of American Studies at Brandeis University. He is an expert on civil rights and Jewish culture, and he sings. His final presentation ended with a surprise rendition of "Rozhinkes und Mandlen."

Prof. Cohen was comforting in his evaluation of the Jewish presence in the United States. Contributions by individual Jews and by the entire Jewish community have had great influence on American culture, depicted in realistic terms by this effective speaker.

"In a sense," he summed up, "we are all performers of the script given to us by our culture. . . We are performers without knowing it." Americans have available a catalogue of forms, and it's not just Jews who are Jewish and Blacks who are Blacks. We borrow and copy from each other. He predicted that the United States will become so Jewish, without knowing it is Jewish, and also will become other things as well, that the individual identities will not be recognizable.

"Identity is the name you give to yourself," this speaker said. His presentation was encouraging, with an "Only in America" undertone.

The Jewish-Black relations subject was covered by Dr. Abraham Peck, also Jews in the South and Holocaust survivors in America. The first of these issues seemed most important, and the history and its importance were a better analysis than we have been given elsewhere.

Sadly, no solutions were offered, nor is the outcome evident at present.

Dr. Peck is himself a survivor, having come from Germany with his parents at a very young age in the 1940s, and his understanding of the effects of the Holocaust on survivors who came to America was enlightening and realistic.

Speaking to this gathering of mostly southerners, either native or transplanted, there was eager participation in the discussion after the talk on Jews and Christians in the South.

Dr. Abraham Peck is Administrative Director of the American Jewish Archives of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He is a noted scholar and author of ten books and numerous articles.

Dr. Edward Shapiro, Professor of History at Seton Hall University is a member of the Academic Council of the American Historical Society and has to his credit many writings on American Jewish history.

His topics in this Institute dealt with Jewish identity and its changing nature, the circumstances and status of Jewish Americans and some of the early history of Jewish immigrants, especially the position of German Jews in contrast to those from Eastern Europe.

Dr. Shapiro is concerned about the weakened sense of Jewish identity in America. However, the

acceptance of Jews generally has grown in the past 50 years to an extent unforeseen and unexpected previously.

Evening entertainment by Robert Abelson of New York provided relief from the serious daily lectures. Robert Abelson co-starred in the Broadway production of "Those Were the Days" and "On Second Avenue." He is actor, cantor and opera singer, a graduate of Hebrew Union College, and is Cantor at Temple Israel in New York City. His repertoire included songs in Yiddish, favorites from the stage of Musical Comedy and operatic numbers.

B'nai B'rith Institutes are educational and social, reuniting members who return from year to year. The Institute is longest in constant existence of all Wildacres groups. Announcements appear in *The American Jewish Times Outlook* in the spring of each year.



Personals



Asrael and Garber Wed

Michele Asrael and Mitchell Arthur Garber both of Atlanta, Georgia were married September 4, 1994 at Temple Israel, Charlotte, NC. A reception followed at Founders Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerson Asrael of Charlotte, NC. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Emory University with a masters in Public Health. She is a faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Ob/Gyn.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Garber of Indialantic, FL. He is a graduate of Duke University, Emory University School of Medicine and Harvard University with a masters in Public Health. He is now attending Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.

Maid of honor was Mindy Asrael, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Yvonne Garber, Lauri Brown, Ashley Fisher, Brooke Fielding and Linda Strauss.

Best man was Stanley Garber. Groomsmen were Joel Asrael, David Asrael, Daniel Bogart, Tom Slyter and Michael Vaughn.

The couple will reside in Atlanta, GA.



Israel Bond Reception

by Jackie Woodland



Exciting plans are being formulated for B'nai B'rith's annual Israel Bond Reception. Please mark your calendars and save the date: **Saturday Evening at 8:00 p.m., October 8, 1994. It will be held at the Velvet Cloak Inn.**

It is a privilege to announce that Herman and Lenora Richman will be the honorees this year. They are a warm and involved couple who have accomplished much in the years they have lived in Raleigh. They transferred here from Philadelphia when their company, Vishay, built a plant in this area. The company owns Vishay Israel with plants in Holen, Dimona and Migdal-Haemek.

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Herman has held many positions in the B'nai B'rith Lodge including those of membership chairman, treasurer, and president. A committed member of Beth Meyer Synagogue, Herman has been the assistant treasurer since 1989.

Herman and Lenora have each served as board members of Wake County Jewish Federation.

Lenora has always been active in Hadassah and has held many board positions including the presidency. She has delivered Meals-on-Wheels since moving here. They are both regular attendees at Beth Meyer services.

Together, the Richmans have worked hard for Israel Bonds over the past 15 years having participated in all aspects of the drive. It is very appropriate that we honor them in this way at this time.

Please plan to attend a special evening. The program has something to please everyone.



Lester and Mitzi Cutler, formerly of Gastonia, NC, now residing in Delray Beach, FL, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20, 1994. They moved to Gastonia from New York in 1957.

Mr. Cutler was the President of Wales Manufacturing in Gastonia, which was established in the early 1960s as a convertor of knitted fabrics for the apparel trades. Mr. Cutler served as the president of Temple Emmanuel in Gastonia from 1968-1970, and he served as chairman of the Gastonia Jewish Welfare Fund, raising funds for the UJA, Israel and The Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Mrs. Cutler worked as Director of Marketing at WAME radio in Charlotte and Assistant Personnel Director at Ivey's. She also served as President of the Temple Emmanuel Sisterhood and the Gastonia chapter of Hadassah, as well as serving on the South Eastern Regional Board of Hadassah.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have two daughters, both reside in Charlotte with their husbands and families. They also have three grandchildren. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary with family and close friends at a dinner-dance at Raintree Country Club in Charlotte.

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Isley Elected International President of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Karen Isley, 18, granddaughter of Miriam Isley of Smithfield and Gerald Isley of Raleigh, and daughter of Jon and Cheryl Isley of Chicago, Illinois, was recently elected International President of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is an international youth group for Jewish teen age girls that promotes community involvement, awareness programs, and Judaism. The group has over 10,000 members worldwide. The international headquarters are in Washington, DC.

Karen will postpone her first year of college at Kansas University this fall to travel around the U.S., Canada, and Europe promoting membership and establishing new chapters for the organization. Karen moves into the position after serving as local chapter and regional council president in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Gaon had to improvise with numerous photographs, many taken from the designer's personal albums. There are also sketches of her works-in-progress and newspaper clippings, some positive, others critical. An 18-minute film, shot in Israel and Paris, gives an intimate portrait of Israel's first lady of fashion.

This is Beer's first fashion show in Israel ("the crowning of my life's work"), and it will probably be her last. After 54 years, Beer is contemplating closing up shop. Since her husband, Dolfi Ebner, the much respected businessman and philanthropist and Beer's soul-mate for more than half a century died last year, the designer claims she has lost her impetus to work. "If I stop now," she says, "I'm retiring at full capacity." And that, she adds, is a good thing.

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and marched back to the kitchen, while the three men watched her size sixteen bottom.

“Not bad for a mature woman. I mean, Madonna we won’t get,” Harold said.

“Well, gentlemen, let’s go back to the cliff next week. You never know, maybe something will change,” Morris said, after redigesting the last bit of chopped liver as a cow might do with blades of grass.

It was understood without saying that Morris would pick up the other two men the next Wednesday just before one o’clock. They got up and each paid their portion of the bill, each telling Gus the same thing when asked how he was doing: He could complain, but he wouldn’t.



When the phone rang at 8:00 a.m. the following morning, Benny knew something was wrong. Nobody called him that early. Few called at all. It was Harold, telling him Morris was in the hospital. Morris had felt strange, but thought it was heartburn from Gus’s #6 special. He drove himself into the emergency room just to be sure.

“The doctor wants to perform a quadruple bypass on him,” Harold said, as if to say how ridiculous that was.

“Wonderful. I bet the surgeon just left his wife and three children for his cute tennis teacher, who wants a home by the lake,” Benny said.

“The point is that Morris wants us to come down and help him decide what to do. I mean, does a man who

wants to jump off a cliff have bypass surgery?”

“Drive off, Harold,” Benny interjected, as if he had to assume the role of the ailing Morris.



When they got to the hospital Morris was already walking around the hall with his gown loosely tied in the back. Harold thought a man with a bad heart would be connected to oxygen, but he wasn’t.

“Well, gentlemen, it comes down to this. Do I have a bypass and live to kill myself, or do I forego modern science and let nature take its course, if you know what I mean? First things first. Did you bring it?”

Harold took a cellophane-wrapped sandwich from a Gus’s Famous Deli bag and handed it to Morris. “Do you think you should eat it? Gus’s food is very salty,” Harold offered.

Morris hurried back to the room and sat on the bed eating the sandwich with the passion of a dying man.

“Morris, I don’t think we can make this decision for you. What about your son?”

“My son, the fancy-shmancy oral surgeon with the tennis court I paid for who never invites me to even pish on it? That son?”

“I know, but he is your flesh and blood,” Harold said.

“You know what my son and I said to each other when his mother died. We shook hands and said nothing. That is the best we could do. Love each other, yes, Talk, no.”

“I think you should do it. I mean, Medicare pays, doesn’t it? Get the most for your money. That’s what my father always said,” Benny added.

“I should go through all that pain and maybe even die, so I can get a bargain?”

“Well, are we really going to jump-drive off that cliff anyway?” Harold asked.

They all looked at each other and said nothing. Morris heard the nurse walk in. He quickly picked the remaining morsel of onion off his lap and smacked it between his lips.



“I’m going to have it. I’ve decided,” Morris said, sounding as peaceful as a man can be knowing that the next morning a saw will cut into his sternum.

Harold held the receiver tightly to his ear. “He didn’t know what to say, but he was glad Morris had made his own decision. “It won’t be so bad, Morris. I mean, the way they rush people out of the hospital these days.”

“Oh yes it will, Harold. It’s going to be terrible, but I decided I should look life in the face and breathe my onion breath on it one more time. If it works, okay. If not, remember what Captain Hook said in that video we rented: Death is the ultimate adventure, not life.”

“Yeah, Morris, I know. I’ll see you tomorrow after surgery.”

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The discussion was making Harold nervous. He didn't like adventures of any kind.



"Benny, Morris left word for the hospital to call me if anything happened. He. . .he didn't make it. They said the surgery has a two percent failure rate. Morris was the two percent, I guess. He left us a letter on a napkin, on his pillow, before they operated. He said he had made a deal with the rabbi. You know, cremations aren't allowed in Jewish law, but the rabbi told Morris that if Morris sort of had it done before the rabbi heard of it, the rabbi would still do a Jewish funeral. He wants his ashes scattered up at the cliff."

"Did you call his son?" asked Benny.

"His son didn't say much. Did sound sad, though. Said he would be here at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday. His wife is at Hilton Head with some hoity-toity friends, she won't be able to attend. Big tennis match."

"I'll call Shirley. Any more family coming?"

"I don't think so. Morris was the last one in his family left, wasn't he?"

Benny and Harold listened to each other breathe and then hung up without even saying good-bye.



The rabbi was of the new breed: very young, without a beard, constantly happy and energetic. Not like the old rabbis, who sometimes looked like they were dealing with the pain of hemorrhoidal tension. As they stood on Jump Off Rock, Morris's son

paced quietly, giving the rabbi some pertinent information about his Dad—as if he really knew him. The day was sunny, and though the view from the cliff was breathtaking, the rabbi and the son spent much time looking down at their shoes. This spot was for Benny, Harold and Morris, but only Morris was there at the moment, in an urn that looked like a Pier One weekend special.

"I wish I'd been able to talk to Dad," the son finally said. "We loved each other. Dad sort of gave his love by giving gifts instead of hugs. Then I got married and we spoke even less. And now this."

The rabbi put his hand on the son's arm as if to say, "It's okay. I see this every day. It's just-just the new world."

Shirley and Gus arrived, and then Jasmine, the maid from Carolina Farms.

"Rabbi, I hate to rush this, but I have a 3:00 return flight," the son said, looking at his watch.

The rabbi had been told of the friendship between Morris, Benny and Harold, and had been trying to wait until all were there. He seemed perturbed to be asked to short-cut the service, but started the liturgy at the son's request.

"Yis-gad-dal v'yis-kaddash sh'meh rabbo."

Shirley reached into her pocketbook and brought out a small plastic baggie. She took out five chunks of onion and passed them around. The novice rabbi seemed startled, hoping he had not forgotten an ancient

tradition he should know. The son took the onion and was now able to evoke a tear for his father.

The engine of the yellow rental truck was loud, even though it was a good distance away from the edge of the cliff. The rabbi did not stop. "B'olmo di'v-ro kir'u-sey. . ."

The rabbi finished the Hebrew portion and was about to speak of what the Talmud says about the meaning of life when he looked up, noticing the racing truck heading straight for the assembled. Human voices could be heard emanating from the truck's cab, sounds usually reserved for cowboys on bucking broncos as they came out of rodeo chutes—sounds reserved for people with a passion for what they were doing. "Yaaaaah-hooooo!" the two cowboy wannabees in yarmulkes yelled.

Yasmine, Shirley and Gus scrambled to get out of the way. Morris's son seemed like his legs wouldn't quite move. He glared at the truck as if daring it to damage his Armani pleated trousers. The rabbi simply yelled, "What the Hell?" and dived for the closest ditch.

Thanks to the modern invention of disc brakes, now standard on all rental trucks, the yellow moving van dug its tires into the mountain clay like the claws of a Carolina panther, stopping just feet from the abyss.

The doors of the truck opened slowly, as if they too had chronic arthritis like its occupants. Benny was first out, then Harold. Both strode over to where Morris's urn lay on its side, still containing what was

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left of their friend.

"Morris, we just couldn't do it. We were going with you, but then I started thinking about the four years I would have wasted trying to eliminate butter from my diet," Benny said.

"Yeah, Morris. Me too. I mean, we don't want you to be lonely or anything. I even have my two television sets in the back of the truck, but I decided, so what if my granddaughter gets embarrassed for a few more years? When I go she can buy the whole video store out," said Harold.

"Morris," said Benny, "you always did miss the bargains. Just today the Spa place had an ad for a \$29 trial membership. Remember those "Svitz" places in New York? Sweat poured off us like the Hudson River! I want to svitz again, Morris. Don't be mad?"

The rest of the crowd had now

returned. Jasmeen picked up the urn and kissed it gently. "And the trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk even more," she said.

The rabbi loved philosophic epistles. "Hindu has some wonderful truths," he said to Jasmeen.

"Not Hindu," Jasmeen said softly. "Erica Jong."

Harold whispered to Benny, "You think Morris and she--?"

Jasmeen handed the urn to Shirley, who opened the top of it and released Morris into the air. As if God was waiting for his cue, a breeze whipped up both the plastic baggie filled with onions that had been lying on the ground and Morris's remains, and floated them out over the cliff and on to Captain Hook's great adventure.

Morris's son hurried to his rental car to return to the airport. As he walked by Benny and Harold, he overheard Harold say, "I'm telling you, Benny, one year I sent my mother-in-law to Israel, twice, from the profits of those gloves."

"Thank God for enlarged prostates," Benny answered.



"What in God's name is the #6?" the young stock broker in a starched shirt and silk tie asked Shirley.

"Oh, that's our special memorial sandwich."

"Chopped liver with a slice of passion flower?" the customer said, snickering to his pretty companion.

"Yeah, that's right. Of course, you wouldn't know true passion if it killed you. . .if you know what I mean," Shirley said, turning and walking away.

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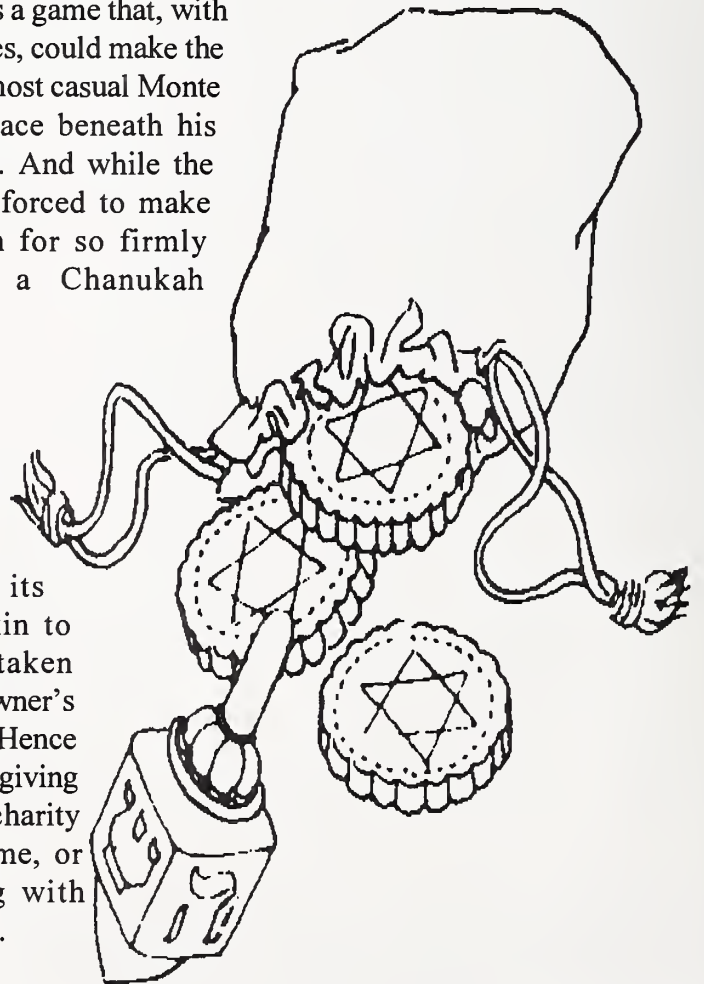
Most people think that the dreidel game consists solely of spinning the dreidel. This is roughly equivalent to the notion that all there is to poker is shuffling the deck. The comparison may be odious to the Jewish sensibility; but the dreidel game is, in fact, a form of gambling, the only one upon which the rabbis refrained from frowning--and that only on Chanukah. On Chanukah, gelt abounds; it's easy come, and it might as well be easy go.

Note the Hebrew letters inscribed on each side of the dreidel: nun , gimel , hey , shin. They're not just for decoration; they stand for the words nes gadol hayah sham, "a great miracle happened there." (There is the land of Israel; for Israelis, of course, here is the land of Israel, and the last letter is altered accordingly to a *pey* for *po*.)

The letters also stand, in their Yiddish personae, for the four possible outcomes of each spin of the dreidel. Each player has put

money into the pot; each spins the top. If it falls on the *nun* side, nothing--*nichts*--happens. If it falls on the *gimel*, the spinner takes all--*ganz*. *Hey* means *halb*--he puts more money in the pot. Clearly this is a game that, with weighty stakes, could make the pulse of the most casual Monte Carlo rake race beneath his French cuffs. And while the rabbis were forced to make dispensation for so firmly entrenched a Chanukah tradition, *r e a l* gambling *w e n t* against their moral grain; *t h e y* considered its winnings akin to property taken without the owner's true consent. Hence the custom of giving the cash to charity after the game, or else playing with candy or nuts.

Perhaps there is, after all, something to be said for simple, unadorned spinning; it can be viewed as a serious if not strenuous athletic activity, and perhaps even a scientific pursuit.



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A Celebration of Song

by Janice Ditchek



Above: Diana Fuchsman, 17, from Vinnitsa, Ukraine, second place winner of the Hallelujah Israel Song Contest in Jerusalem. Fuchsman represented the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) Moscow Jewish Music and Arts Center and received the second place award both for the words and music of her song "Haggadah" and for her overall performance. Photo by JDC.

In any other setting, it might not have seemed so extraordinary. A petite, dark-haired seventeen year old stood on stage ready to perform in a Jewish musical contest. She held a menorah of brightly glowing candles as she sang. Ten judges and an audience of 800 sat in awe as she mesmerized the crowd with her original composition about Jewish history, titled "Haggadah." When the song was over, the audience showered her with roses and

enthusiastic applause. At the end of the evening, the young woman was chosen from among the participating youth as the first place winner.

On the surface, there was nothing too outstanding about this event beyond the display of talent that had been shared. A group of young people performed in competition, and some won prizes. Such events take place in numerous synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and performing halls throughout the United States.

But this one did not. This performance was held last June in Moscow, a city in which such an openly staged Jewish cultural event would have been illegal, if at all conceivable, just a few short years ago.

The finalist, Diana Fuchsman, a resident of Vinnitsa in the western Ukraine, had come to Moscow to participate in the first American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee sponsored Hallelujah Festival held in the former Soviet Union. The festival originated with a request last Spring from the Israel Hallelujah Festival to identify a student representative to participate in Israel's annual international Hallelujah contest in July. JDC responded by creating a local program designed to meet this request while also benefiting the greatest number of people at home. A program was developed to capitalize on the Soviet love of music. Patterned after the Israel festival, the contest served to strengthen Jewish identity by publicly connecting the Soviet Jewish community to its religious and cultural roots.

Thirteen competitors between the ages of 15 and 21 came from twelve different cities around the former Soviet Union including Kiev, Cherson, Kirvograd, Kishinev, Minsk, Riga, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Contest rules required that each song entry be an original composition, written by the youth about Judaism, and containing at least some Hebrew. For the first time ever these youngsters had the opportunity to openly express their feelings about their Jewishness in their native tongue. At last, they, their families and neighbors had been invited to publicly participate in a cultural event whose main goals were to affirm their sense of Jewish communal life, to share their pride in Israel and to celebrate Jewish song and culture.

For the hundreds of Jews in the audience, the Moscow Hallelujah Festival was truly a crowning event. Jewish song and dance had finally been moved out of darkened basements and onto the public stage in a downtown Moscow theater. For Soviet Jews who had long lived in a society rich in cultural life yet devoid of religiosity, the merging of these two worlds was an immensely powerful and emotional experience. Participants and observers alike agreed that the festival greatly elevated communal pride in their Jewish identity.

For the Jews and non-Jews present, the festival represented the first public acknowledgement of the Jewish contribution to Russian culture. Addressing the audience at the end of the festival a non-Jewish official of the Russian Ministry of Culture who also served as a judge

in the contest, said “. . .the Russian Ministry of Culture is proud to participate in such events. We have a long relationship with the Jewish Arts Center and we are willing to support their activities in the future.”

The contest's judges, most of whom had never been openly affiliated with the Jewish community represented a range of famous and well respected Russian cultural figures. Not all of them were Jewish, and of those who were, 90% had never had any previous contact with Jewish life. Their level of involvement, support and commitment to this first public Jewish cultural event was therefore remarkable.

In conjunction with JDC and Israeli delegates, the judges worked together to select a student who would best represent Jewish culture in the former Soviet Union at the Hallelujah Festival finals in Israel. Diana Fuchsman, winner of the Moscow festival, was that representative.

Fuchsman placed second in the finals in Israel with her song “Haggadah” (legend). She received the second place award both for the words and music to the song and for her overall performance.

JDC's Music and Arts Center, founded in 1991, has often been at the heart of programs that enrich Jewish communal life in the former Soviet Union. The past decades of forbidden religious affiliation had left the Jewish community without teachers and leaders. Therefore, the Center implements its programs with the understanding that the lack of Jewish education in the former Soviet Union necessitates

untraditional means of bringing Russian Jews back to their Jewish roots. Cantor Vladimir Pliss, the Center's director, is aware that the only way to bring people back into the Jewish world is to capture their hearts. Accordingly, the community's passion for theater, music and the arts is used by the Center as a unique entry point. As in the case of the Moscow Hallelujah Festival, the Center follows JDC philosophy, creating programs that are sensitive to the local population and its specific needs.

The Moscow Hallelujah Festival will become an annual event of the Music and Arts Center providing a vehicle for hundreds of Jews to rekindle their connections to Judaism and to Israel. As an ongoing program, the festival will help Soviet Jews in their efforts to reclaim and revive a culture that had been lost for decades.

Activities of the JDC are funded by the regular campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Federations throughout the United States.





A TIME REVISITED

BY MYRA
ROBINSON

At age 73, I've lived more than half of my life in the South, firmly and happily entrenched in my adopted Southern lifestyle. My husband and I moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, shortly after we were married, raised our two daughters here, and have spent these many wonderful years surrounded by friends we cherish.

I was born and raised, however, in an entirely different environment, in a place called Borough Park in Brooklyn, New York. The neighborhood in which I grew up was totally Jewish. People laugh at me now when I admit that, as a child, I thought the whole world was Jewish. My mother kept a kosher home in spite of herself; after all, everyone in our neighborhood kept kosher, even the Chinese restaurant. Shulls dotted the streets of Borough Park, and I believed everyone

everywhere was Jewish because, from my limited frame of reference, they were.

Growing up back then was very simple. The days were divided between school and playing in the street. There was comfort in knowing that we never strayed too far from our protective environment. It was a beautiful street, my street. The trees grew together overhead like one huge, protective canopy, as if they knew we needed them to cover us and sustain our security. It was a very happy time of my life.

As I grew up, hard times hit my family as they did every other family. But I was blissfully unaware of those lean days. I was the youngest child of three and I simply continued to play merrily on the streets with my friends, who were as unaware of the struggle as I was.

For me, those were years of contentment, and a few months ago memories of them began to surface again, softly and sentimentally. Eventually, I developed an uncontrollable longing to go back. I hadn't been to New York in nearly 12 years, and I found myself thinking often about how much my old neighborhood surely must have changed. Suddenly, I wanted to see for myself--I wanted to see if anything remained of the place I called home. I wanted to see my parents' house and walk along those streets.

No sooner had I come to this decision than a dear friend and her sister invited me to come visit them in New York. It took very little encouragement for me to accept. And for the next week or so leading up to the trip, I thought of little else.

Finally the day arrived for me to go. After a short flight, I could feel my heart pounding as the transfer bus rolled into Port Authority. My excitement was nearly uncontrollable as I set foot on the sidewalk.

That was the beginning of ten days packed into five, and my old feelings about New York City in general were revived: There simply is no other place like it in the world. As my friend's sister had said to me when she invited me up, "You need a New York 'fix'." And indeed, I did!

Of course, from the first day, my top priority was to go out to Brooklyn. My well-meaning friends tried to caution me against it: the subway ride, the types of people on the subway, too much time that's passed--I would get confused, they insisted. But I wouldn't be deterred; I knew I

had to go. And on my last morning in the city, I did.

The subway has an ominous reputation now, as television had impressed upon me indelibly. I'll admit I was a bit fearful, uncertain and suspicious of my fellow riders. Strange--the subway was such a part of my life all those years growing up; I never gave it a second thought back then. But now I rode with these disquieting feelings which I soon found to be totally unwarranted; no one even glanced at me! I was almost disappointed. It wasn't bad at all.

I rode to the 50th Street Station on the B - train. It was a long ride, or it seemed to be. I was growing impatient when the train suddenly ran above ground onto an elevated track.

I was trembling with anticipation and anxiety as we approached the stop. I recalled that down on the street nearby used to be Loew's 46th Street Theatre. Then I spied it: The frieze was still there and still in color. Great! Then I looked again and saw a big sign on the side of the building: "Furniture For Every Occasion." Well, a small change. Not too bad.

The train slowed then stopped, and soon I was stepping off onto a station that was as familiar to me as if I'd been there yesterday. I practically ran down the staircase--which is no small feat at age 73--and looked about me.

Everything, *everything* was the same. I saw different names on places, but physically, it was all the same. The fruit store, the butcher shop with its chickens hanging in the window, the candy store, fish market, "beauty parlor"--all the same. And there was Gertrude's Millinery Shop, where my

wedding cap and veil were made.

Though I'd been back periodically up until about 12 years ago, I now ached with a nostalgia I'd never experienced during previous visits. I walked slowly down the three streets from the subway station, staring at and often actually touching the sides of the buildings. Soon I approached the corner of the street where I was born and raised.

I was there, and it was now, but it felt like *then*. I was surprised when I suddenly remembered the names of the kids I'd played with. I recalled, as I passed Laura's house, that she and I had had some kind of spat, as seven-or-eight-year-olds often do. But I also recalled that our problem had been quickly resolved when my mother took me by the hand and said, "You are going down there to kiss and make up." And we did.

There was constant motion on those streets back then, enlivened by the sounds of kids at play. I remembered hours of roller skating and stoop ball, of marbles and jacks. Hours that came to a stop only when we were summoned for dinner and homework.

With those memories dancing in my head, I neared 1659 52nd Street, telephone number GE 5-1469. (How could I have remembered that?) And there it was: my childhood home. It now had a brick front, but otherwise it, too, was just the same--a two-story stucco house. I couldn't resist; I rang the doorbell. No one answered. So I walked down the driveway and peered through one

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of the windows. There was the dining room, where my family's green-fringed chandelier had hung some 60 years ago. It was gone now, of course, and the little backyard was paved over. No more lily-of-the-valley. How sad.

But it was quiet back there, and lovely in a way that can only come from reminiscences. I was overcome with the desire to call out a name in the hopes that someone would come out to reminisce with me. I didn't know it at the time, but that's exactly what was about to happen.

The streets were still lined with those trees that grow in Brooklyn; trees that meet each other overhead like clasped hands. And as I looked down the street, the sunlight blinked in and out of their long, intertwined fingers. I was moved almost to tears; my street was as I had left it.

There were two old men painting next door. I stopped and told them who I was and what I was doing here. They, in turn, stopped a woman on the street and told her what I had told them. She stopped a letterman coming down the street, who packaged the whole unfolding event for me by saying, "Come with me. After all these years, there's still someone here who you'll know."

We all marched down the street--the painters, the woman, the letterman and I--until we came to a certain house. The letterman rang the doorbell, and out of the house emerged a man whose name I remembered vaguely to be Archie. I told him my family name and, with a broad, somewhat toothless smile, he said, "My goodness, you're the

youngest daughter, aren't you" Your brother, Sidney--I played punch ball with him." And on and on. I simply couldn't believe it!

We walked down to P.S. 180, our large brick school building with its cement school yard. We laughed, remembering the man who used to sell us hot pretzels "with or without mustard." (What I would have given for one of those right then!) "The building still functions," my old neighbor told me. "It's now a school for special children."

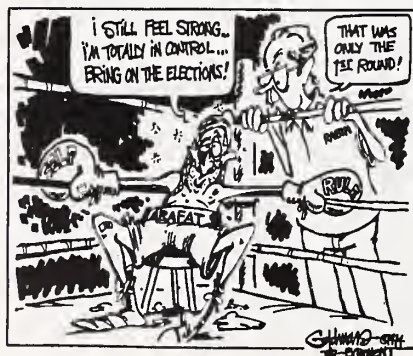
But you know what? It, too, looked the same as I remembered. My past was engulfing me like a thick, warm blanket on a snowy night. Archie and I poured forth with all kinds of stories, and I nurtured those memories and bundled them all inside me. Even if I made more of them than they were, it felt good and comforting and I was so happy to be there.

After a few more delicious hours, I shook Archie's hand and regretfully had to leave. Slowly, I walked back to the subway, taking a different route this time, a few blocks further this way, a few blocks further that way. And I had to acknowledge a few changes along the way. I passed at least five or six shuls on each street, and there were more men

milling about--men in long black coats and big black hats. They seemed more heavily bearded and earlocked and somber than the Hasidic men I remembered from my childhood. The women seemed shorter and more corpulent in their long-sleeved dresses and kerchiefs covering their heads. But the children? They were, as ever, just happy, active children. The little boys rode their bikes so fast that their "payess" flew behind them. I found myself feeling as if I were looking at the whole scene--and myself--from some other, objective vantage point. Or perhaps this was a movie and I was the star?

Shortly, and all too soon, I reached the subway. I climbed the stairs to the raised platform and waited for the train, wondering whether I would ever be back. After all, I'm 73 years old now.

But my trip to New York was exhilarating, and it will live with me for a very, very long time. Wonderfully secure in the sameness of my old neighborhood, I had experienced feelings and sensations of my old neighborhood, I had experienced feelings and sensations that, for the most part, had been dormant for many years. Borough Park had found my heart strings and tugged on them mightily. For a few hours, time had stood perfectly still. I had gone back home again.





Roaming the Past with David Schulman

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Missing Mom

My mother's Yartzheit candle burns in my kitchen. It is the thirteenth anniversary of her death. The candle flickers brightly inside the glass. I cannot avoid thinking of Mom for at least twenty-four hours. It was just last month that I really started to miss her.

I know that sounds horrible. I don't mean it to. Over the last thirteen years, I have remarried, adopted a daughter, fathered a son, and gained and lost about fifty pounds. I have also opened and closed six retail stores, attended dozens of seminars ranging from how to deal with angry customers to how to motivate people and manage my time. I have bought and sold four homes in two towns. Generally, I have rushed around my life like one of those kamikaze flies in a kitchen full of hot Brussels sprouts. That is until now.

I did cry real tears at Mom's funeral. For at least twenty seconds, I felt a wet stream roll down my cheeks as her casket rolled out of the synagogue, but when I felt my body tremble down to my soul I felt that I should revert to what was

comfortable . . . being in total control of my emotions. So I stopped crying. That is until now.

Who was Lillian Zheutlin that left Jersey City in 1938 to marry Sol Schulman and come South?

Her family said that when she first came to America from Poland she was a teenager that looked "just like the beautiful Olympic skater, Sonja Henney." Her father had died before she immigrated, and she left her Mother and two step brothers in Poland. They were family she would never see again. In Jersey City, she and a brother and sister were immediately enveloped by a large loving extended family. Dad says he remembers first seeing Mom when he was also a teenager at the home of Aunt Dora Pliskin in Jersey City, and then he didn't see her again until his mid-twenties. Aunt Dora's and Uncle Louis' home was second only to the Statue of Liberty as a welcome beacon for many immigrants.

Of course, I remember many important but routine things that Mom did for my brother, Herbert

and me, but I like most to remember the things that made Mom special. . .like how she handled her emotions. . .which she didn't.

"Hello, Ida, this is Lilly," Believe it or not, you have just read an entire transcript of my Mom's annual Rosh Hashonah phone call to her sister, Ida. Barely able to get to the end of her first sentence, Mom would start crying, then laughing at the fact that she was once again crying, then she would cry some more. That was the whole phone call . . . every year the exact same thing happened. I never met Aunt Ida who was somewhat of a recluse who lived and died in virtually the same spot in Jersey City that she had immigrated to. We never went North, Ida never came South. Though Mom and Ida did write each other in Yiddish from time to time, they didn't see each other for over thirty years.

One time I just had to pick up the extension phone to hear more of this mysterious call . . . I wanted to hear what Aunt Ida was saying that made Mom cry.

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“Hello . . . Libbala . . .” Yep, that was it on her side, too. I could hear the tears start to roll just as hard as Mom’s did. Northern tears sounded just like Southern tears. I guess some psychotherapist could spend an entire career delving deeply into just why these two sisters could only cry together, no doubt it was some kind of neurotic behavior. I look back at it now and don’t really care why. I just see Mom being her uncontrollable self, and I love the picture I see.

Mom had a way of feeling other people’s emotions, too. Whenever I would tell her of some average school day happening in which I felt I had been somehow wounded, I could literally see Mom wince. This was not just for her sons but for anyone or cause she cared about. It might have been a picture in Life Magazine or a news item on Huntley-Brinkley. Mom simply could not not feel for someone in need. This trait of being able to assume another’s psyche surely did not make for a comfortable life. Mom was a worrier’s worrier and a scared soul . . . she had a right to be.

“The Germans, they were very bad,” Mom would say as we sat on the screened porch outside our safe, secure mountain home. She would still almost whisper when she talked about the Nazis as if they still might

be lurking fifty years later. Her stories were told to me sporadically and not very often. Every five years or so Mom would feel like talking about the pogroms in her youth. I wish I could hear even one more story from her, but I won’t.



“They blew off your Uncle Harry’s fingers, the mamsas,” she would say. Then she would start to tell me of her terrible boat ride to America . . . about the numbers of people in the bottom of the ship, about the vicious sea . . . then she would just stop. Unfortunately, I never got past those storms. Mom would always end the discussions right there. I could see her thoughts drift as she pictured reliving that trip, and then one September, thirteen years ago, I knew I had heard the last of Mom’s nightmare.

Mom worked side by side with Dad in our store. Quietly she ran the cash register day in and day out for decades. I am not sure what her inner desires or real pleasures were. Once a week she would take a couple of hours to get her hair washed and set at Lela’s Beauty Shop across the street. Lela and Mom really appreciated each other, and she looked forward to each Tuesday.

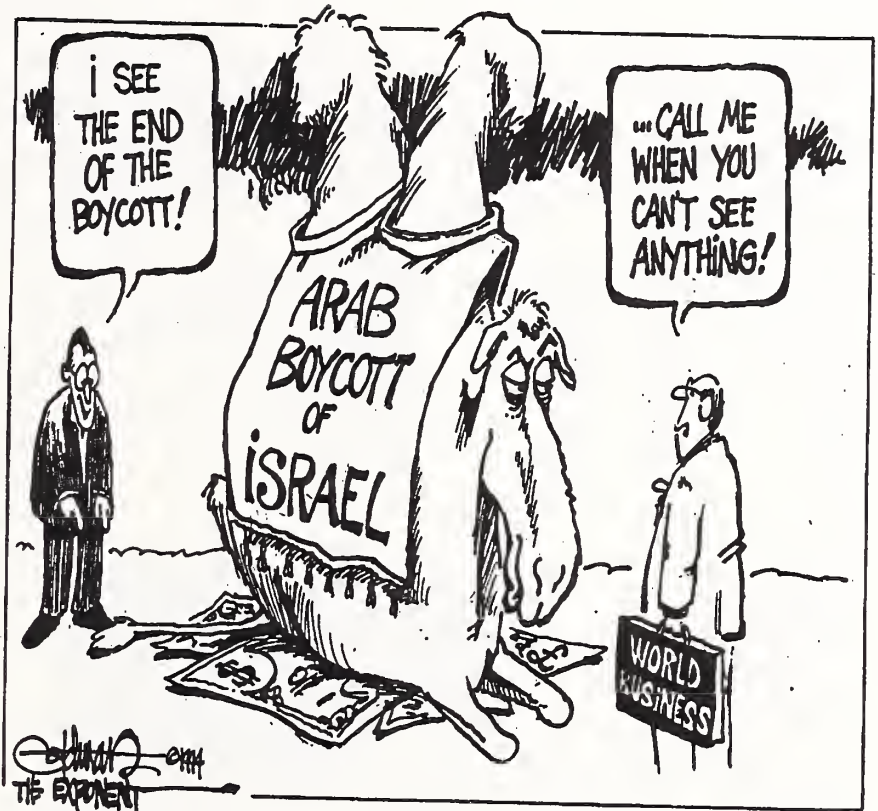
Once a year just before the High Holy Days, Mom would take the time to go to Bon Marche Department Store in Asheville to get a really snazzy hat. She would try on what seemed like to me as a kid, thousands of hats, trying to decide on just the right one. The hats she chose were dramatic with feathers that curled high into the air and in passionate colors like deep purple and red and gold. Even though I was bored to death, I enjoyed seeing a side of Mom I rarely knew. Her whole life was literally wrapped around Dad, Herbert, and me. If she resented it, I never saw it, but

when she got into the world of hats at Bon Marche, I knew there was nobody in that world but her, and that was good.

So why now, thirteen years after her passing, do I suddenly and deeply miss Mom? I think it is because it is just now that she is really leaving. Even in death Mom had a way of still knowing how much I have needed her. It is not that I don’t need her now, believe me. If we would all be honest in this life most would admit that all we have really done from childhood to adulthood is to

move from being totally scared humans with no facades to totally scared humans in a multitude of sophisticated disguises. Maybe I have now come to my point in life that Mom can rest in peace. I know that whatever I have done and will do it is not in spite of Mom's emotions but with her emotions. She will always be the grandmother that my children never knew, but nevertheless a grandmother that has shaped their lives. You see, when my children tell me of their fears, I also wince. I can't ever forget Mom's tears with Aunt Ida, Mom taught me how to cry. I won't ever forget the image of her behind that giant old brown NCR register, she taught me the meaning of hard work and loyalty. I won't forget Mom whispering what the Nazis did, she taught me the meaning of freedom. I won't forget Mom in those wonderful hats, for in wearing them Mom taught me there are times we should do things just for ourselves.

So I bid Mom a belated thirteen year old goodbye which is really a see you later, and now I will miss her.



Miraculous MOLIVE Oil

by Ava Carmel

(WZPS) Chanukah commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his followers over the army of Antiochus IV, King of the Seleucid kingdom following which the Temple in Jerusalem was recaptured and rededicated (164 BCE). The lamp fuelled by a meager amount of olive oil miraculously burned for eight days.

Significance

This rich, green oil was a common commodity throughout the ancient Mediterranean world, where it was used to fuel the squat pear-shaped clay lamps used in private homes. It was also a popular food, in fact the only dietary source of fat, other than meat, at that time.

Neolithic man discovered oil in the ripe, black fruit, crushing and salting it to remove its bitterness. By the middle of the third millennium BCE, pressing olive oil had become a lucrative industry on which the economy of numerous towns was based, with production in the town of Kella alone recorded to have been 14,000 litres per year.

Olive oil was exported to Egypt, Phoenicia and Syria in exchange for other necessary commodities, such as wood for the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. "So Hiram kept Solomon supplied with all the cedar and pine that he wanted, and Solomon supplied Hiram with twenty thousand kor of wheat for his household and twenty dor of oil of pounded olives." (1 Kings 5, 10, 11).

The oil formed an important part in ceremonies and rituals, such as the preparation of the sacred "Tent of the Presence" in the Sinai desert: "Eleazar son of Aaron the priest shall have charge of the lamp-oil, the fragrant incense, the regular grain-offering, and the anointing oil." (Numbers 4:16). It was also used when the elders of Israel "anointed David king over Israel." (2 Samuel 5:4)

Beauty Aid, Medication and Weapon

In the hot, dry climate of the Middle East, before the invention of bar soap, the body was cleansed with various vegetable or mineral substances containing potassium, then rubbed with oil to prevent the skin from drying and cracking. Oils and creams were kept in decorative containers of alabaster or stone. Homer, in the *Odyssey* writes, "Her mother gave her also soft olive oil in a flask of gold, that she and her maidens might have it for the bath."

The Greeks placed great importance on sports and the most cherished prize in the Olympics was the decorated amphora filled with pure olive oil. Before competitions athletes would oil their skin and sprinkle it with powder. After the game, the oily layer was removed with a scraper called a strigil.

Medicinally olive oil was a panacea, used for treating a wide variety of illnesses and ailments such as arthritis, digestive disorders, ear infections and sore throats. It was also popular as hair oil. Scented plants like aloes, henna, saffron, frankincense, myrrh, balm and cinnamon were steeped in olive oil,

to create fragrant perfumes, which were kept in containers of lead or alabaster, or delicate blown-glass phials. These perfumes were also used to freshen burial chambers and in preparing the dead for burial, in keeping with the Mishnah, which states that the body was to be cleaned with oil and washed with water before being wrapped in a shroud. (Sabbath, 23:5).

Huge jugs of olive oil served a unique purpose during wartime. In his book "The Jewish War," Josephus describes how he "ordered boiling oil to be poured on the soldiers under the shields. Scalded and burnt, the Romans broke up their formation and in agonizing pain rolled down the wall; for the oil instantly ran under their armour and over their entire bodies from head to foot, consuming their flesh as relentlessly as a fire, being by nature quick to grow hot and slow to cool, because of its fattiness."

Limited Market

The commercial olive, *Olea europea* L., was developed from a wild variety rich in oil-up to a quarter of the weight of the fruit. The olives were poured onto a round, stone table and crushed by a huge millstone, then ladled into round baskets and the oil pressed out of them by means of a long lever, weighted down with heavy stones. The oil seeped out into hollow pools, impurities falling to the bottom, and the clear oil was scooped up from the top. The Romans invented a giant screw-like press which proved to be even more efficient. These same methods, with moderate mechanization were still being used until recent times. Olive trees have alternating good and bad years. This

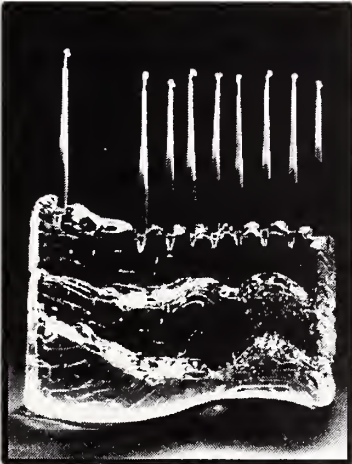
year in Israel the crop was excellent, providing 6,000 tons of oil. But much of this will go into storage unless a new export market is found, for its strong flavor does not appeal to European and American palates. The Intifada, also, has resulted in the cessation of exports to Arab countries, where Israel's aromatic, slightly bitter oil, whose flavor blends so well with Middle Eastern cuisine, used to fetch twice the price of olive oil from other countries.

So over 2,100 years after the miracle of Chanukah, olive oil is being replaced by cheaper refined oils from soybean, safflower, sunflower and cotton seed. But in villages such as Rame in Galilee, local Arab farmers continue to bring their yields to be stone-pressed in the traditional manner. They still prefer to dip their pita into the thick, flavorful green oil as our ancestors once did.

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Herschel & Judy Fox

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Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

Belk Theater of the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

November 30, 1994, 8:00 p.m.



HOW THE ISRAEL POPS ORCHESTRA BEGAN

In 1984, Michael Isaacson, noted Hollywood television and film composer, composed and conducted a recording of contemporary Jewish music for cantor and symphony orchestra entitled "LEGACY" which he recorded in Tel Aviv with The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. This productive and stimulating association with Israel's leading orchestral ensemble led to several subsequent recordings and the mutual desire between Dr. Isaacson and the orchestra to work together often.

Three years later in 1987, Isaacson, surveying symphonic programming trends throughout America and Europe, saw a need for a full evening's Pops program which would present to the world the beauty of Israel's folk and popular music while entertainingly reflect the cultural and historic diversity of this ancient, yet modern, land as well.

Once again in Tel Aviv, in the latter part of September 1988, members of Israel's premiere orchestral community were personally selected to create an exciting new symphonic recording entitled: "Opening Night-Michael Isaacson & The Israel Pops".

In the spring of 1989 All Star Forum invited Dr. Isaacson to bring the Israel Pops musical program to Philadelphia along with **Theodore Bikel** appearing as guest artist. These performances were so exciting and well received that All Star Forum and Columbia Artists Management (CAMI) structured an American east coast tour of the program as presented in Philadelphia. The resulting March 1991 tour was presented in: *Jacksonville, Florida; Ft. Lauderdale, Sarasota, Boca Raton, Miami Beach, Naples and Tampa; Atlanta, Georgia, Birmingham, Alabama, Rochester, New York; Brooklyn, Syracuse; New Brunswick, New Jersey, Worcester, Massachusetts; Schnectady, New York; Flushing, Queens, and Greenvale, Long Island.*



Look on page 44 for an interview with Michael Isaacson

Herschel and Judy Fox are "*A MUSICAL MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN*"--was how one reviewer described their performance. In the 13 years they have been married, Herschel and Judy have absolutely electrified audiences in countless appearances throughout North America. Herschel does stand up comedy in the American show biz tradition, but his topics are Jewish cultural, family, and religious life, hilariously presented. The late great Mickey Katz called Herschel's routine "at the opera" the single most funny piece of material that he has seen in over 50 years. Herschel began as a young cantor in Winnipeg, Canada, and traveled for

many years in the Yiddish Theatre as a singer/actor. He appeared with Jan Peerce, David Kusevitsky, Molly Picon, and many other stars.

Judy Fox was for many years a major popular singer in the New York supper club and night club circuit. She opened for Rodney Dangerfield, appeared at New York's Copacabana, Riverboat, Cruises, Conventions, and was a favorite in the Catskills. Jan Peerce called her "the greatest female cantor in the world." Judy is currently the cantor for the Synagogue for The Performing Arts. Her magnificent voice is spellbinding, and truly unforgettable as she combines cantorial, Yiddish--all the way to Broadway and contemporary favorites. Her energy is incomparable. and Judy bring you the fire of Jewish Music plus American and Jewish humor, all

performed with dignity, in good taste, with Jewish warmth, that comes from a tradition they personally live and love.

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Spa Secrets: Breakfast Recipes from Top Spa Chefs

Whether you've visited a spa resort or not, you probably agree the mere mention of a spa conjures up images of tranquil days, full of self indulgence.

The Executive Chefs at three of the nation's leading spa resorts used Wheatena Toasted Wheat Cereal to develop breakfast treats that please both the palate and the body. Proprietor-Chef Edward Saffie from Norwich Inn and Spa, Chefs Ron Hook from Doral Saturnia International Spa Resort and Joseph LaGeder from La Costa Resort & Spa all provided their take on delicious and easy breakfast recipes. Because Wheatena is a good source of fiber, building a breakfast recipe on this foundation helps ensure health. The Chefs' special touches add great taste.



So put yourself in a resort state of mind and try one of these breakfast recipes with a cup of tea or a glass of juice. Then, close your eyes, breathe deeply and imagine for a moment you're on vacation at the spa. And, after you've enjoyed this calm moment, open your eyes and brave the day!

Pineapple Apricot Muffins

Chef Ron Hook
Doral Saturnia International Spa
Resort
Miami, Florida

These delicious muffins taste as good as they look.

PAM No Stick Cooking Spray
1-1/2 cups flour
1 cup Wheatena Toasted Wheat Cereal
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (20 oz.) unsweetened crushed pineapple, with juice
3/4 cup finely chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
4 egg whites
2 eggs
zest of one lemon

Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray muffin cups (18 three-inch) with PAM. In a large bowl, combine flour, Wheatena, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl combine remaining ingredients. Add wet ingredients to dry mixture, stirring until just moistened. Do not overmix. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or

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BJH Briefs

Holiday Observances Sweeten the Year



BBYO members decorate the Sukkah at the Home, seen from left to right are: Natalie Kojen, Andrea Burton, Dana Covitz, BBYO advisor Kathy Burton, Ben Fromson, Robin Block, Rebecca Levy and Emily Sloan; not pictured is Rachael Liebschutz.

High Holy Day services bring spiritual renewal and continuity to the residents of the Home. Keeping with BJH tradition, volunteers Elbert Levy and Alan Andler assisted Sam Jacobson, Religious Director of the Home, with the Services for Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur. Alan Andler's chanting of the Kol Nidre prayer is a beautiful addition to the service each year. Completing the cycle of Holy Day observances were services led by Sam Jacobson for Sukkot and Simchat Torah, traditional holiday meals and a variety of honey cakes to sweeten the year.

A Farewell to Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem lent a bitter-sweet note to the sweet Holiday Season. At a reception in his honor, Rabbi Liebschutz said goodbye to the residents and spoke of how much his nine year association with BJH has meant to him. During his years in Winston-Salem, Rabbi Liebschutz has conducted a monthly Rabbi's Hour Program at the Home, served on the Board of Trustees and has been a frequent visitor and friend to the residents. Residents and staff wished the Rabbi good fortune as he begins a new position as Rabbi and Director of Pastoral Services at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington.

Members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in Winston-Salem provided a needed service for the Home when they decorated the BJH Sukkah and the youth had a good time doing it. Many hands made the activity of decorating the large BJH Sukkah in the courtyard, into a pleasurable Mitzvah. A week of beautiful weather allowed the residents to enjoy celebrating in the outdoor Sukkah as well as viewing the beautiful Sukkah from indoors.

Yiddish, Hungarian, Romanian and Sephardic Jewish melodies rang through the branches of the Sukkah and touched the listeners, residents, staff and visitors attending the Sukkot celebration. A trio of multi-talented performers, Bert Chessin, violinist, and Jane Pepler, pianist and singer, from Chapel Hill and Paul "Doc" Fribush clarinetist, from Greensboro are known as Klezmer South. Warmth, beautiful music, humor and Jewish "soul" pervaded their performance and this holiday celebration was filled with toes tapping, hands clapping and voices humming.



Rabbi Tom Liebschutz bids farewell to BJH friend Bernice Goldfinger.



Sam Jacobson conducts services in the BJH synagogue.



BBYO members begin decorating the large Sukkah in the BJH courtyard.



Herman and Rose Nove begin the holiday celebration with the blessings for the candles, wine and challah.



Ben Cnessin, Jane Feppier and Paul "Doc" Frisbush entertain for Sukkot with soul stirring Klezmer music

Celebrating Sukkot



Natalie Kojen and Emily Sloan add finishing touches to the beautiful Sukkah.

Residents clap their hands in time to the rhythmic music played by Klezmer South.



Sue's News

A Fair Day Was a Great Day



Enjoying a day at the Fair are: above, volunteer Anita Rubin with Fair Oaks' resident Basya Yudelevich and below, volunteer Sue Weisenfeld with Fair Oaks' resident Syd Kastel.



Winston-Salem volunteers wait for residents to arrive at the Fair; seen from the left are: Marian and Moe Sloan, Joanne Graham, Millie Slatkoff, Mary Siceloff and Frances Brenner.

"This is one day I'll never forget," "I've had such a good time," "I haven't had this much fun in a long time." These comments spoken by residents on a trip to the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem were music to our ears. Both volunteers and staff know that by making a day at the Fair possible for a resident they are making a difference in someone's life. Both volunteers and staff have a good time doing this each year. Seeing the smiles, hearing the spoken joy and watching happy faces surely double the pleasure.

With the caring assistance of 14 volunteers, 7 student nurses and 10 BJH staff, 33 residents were

able to enjoy this annual event. The pleasures were many on this glorious crisp fall day, as residents and their volunteer partners took in all of the sights, sounds, and treats of the Fair. Sheep shearing, craft exhibits, BJH ribbon winners and live stock exhibits were favorite sights, while sampling the variety of foods, from sugar coated funnel cakes to pizza seemed to be the most popular activity.

Fair days are great days. They touch all of our senses and most of all they touch the heart. Thanks to our volunteers, the student nurses and staff who make special days possible and who make all days special.

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News

Editor
Sue Clein

Having a Great Day At The Fair!



Above: BJH resident Anne Nelson with volunteer Mary Siceloff

Below: BJH resident Mickey Samet with volunteer Frances Brenner.



Volunteer Millie Slatkoff takes in the Fair with Fair Oaks' residents Ralph Mitchell (left) and Goldie Sandler (right)



Waiting for the residents to arrive are volunteers from Greensboro; from the left are Bill Swirin, Marsha Glazman, Ruth Jacobs, Alice Romer, Anita Rubin, Sue Weisenfeld, Andrea Kabat and Polly Strasser.

Fair Oaks' residents Nelly Schwarz and Hilda Gilbert see the Fair with the aid of volunteers Andrea Kabat and Polly Strasser.



Calendar Highlights November

- 1 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 4 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Circle
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood-Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 8 Leave for Senior Citizen luncheon, VFW Hall in Clemmons, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 10 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, 1:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 10 Schmoozing with Seth, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 13 Brenner Concert with Paul Peterson, "Songfest and Fun," 3:00, Commons Auditorium
- 17 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 Musical Tunes with Jan Sawyer, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 18 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving Services, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 30 Hanukkah Party, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium

WELCOME

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

Freda Fern
Lakeworth, Florida
Hannah Hockfield
Durham, NC
Joseph Hockfield
Durham, NC
William Pringle
Bermuda Run, NC



Welcoming new Fair Oaks' resident Freda Fern, left, to the Starmount Luncheon are volunteers Josie Swirin and Ruth Jacobs.

Blumies. Gift Shop



“Blumies” Gift Shop Needs You! The Shop Where Your Gift Gives Twice.

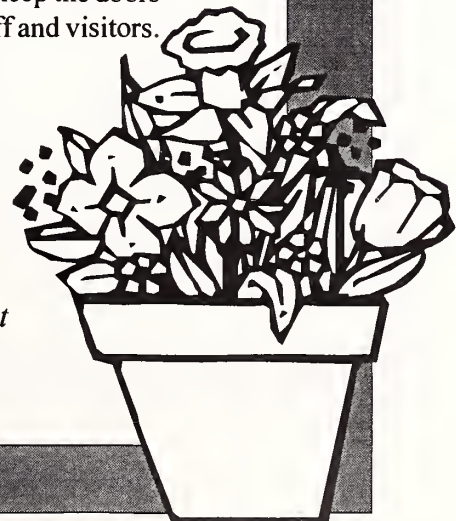
Shop at “Blumies” the BJH gift shop and you double your gift. Volunteer at “Blumies” and you are giving a gift that keeps on giving. When you shop or volunteer at “Blumies” you are not only giving a gift that gives once, but you are giving twice with your gift to the Home. Staffed by volunteers, the Gift Shop has operated and contributed proceeds to the Home's yearly budget since the Home opened its doors in 1965. From the Gift shop's early beginnings selling from a large wall cabinet in A-wing, the shop grew and moved over the years and settled into a new location in the Fair Oaks Commons building in 1988.

“Blumies” is a beautiful shop to browse in and find just the perfect gift for a friend, a special occasion or for yourself. The residents, the staff and visitors enjoy stopping by the shop to pick up a needed card, chat with the volunteer or find a lovely gift. “Blumies” shelves are filled with unusual and new items from baby bibs to baskets; floral pens, sparkling pins, and decorative platters are just a few new items adorning the shelves.

Chanukah begins November 27, remember “Blumies” for the unusual for friends and family for your Chanukah and Christmas giving. “Blumies” can fill your needs but BJH needs you to fill “Blumies” needs. The Gift Shop needs volunteers to keep the doors open and the merchandise available for residents, staff and visitors.

- Do you have a few hours a week to spare?*
- Do you visit the Home on a regular basis?*
- Do you enjoy working surrounded by beautiful objects?*
- Does doing a Mitzvah make you feel good?*
- Do you like people and making new friends?*

If you can say yes to any of the above, please call Sue Clein at (910) 766-6401 or (910) 712-4507 and try your hand at giving a gift of time to BJH.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER

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

Happy Anniversary

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

6 Years

Salinda Monroe, RN, B-1

4 Years

Margaret Fraser, Dietary

3 Years

Tracey Davis, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

2 Years

Lillie Glenn, Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

Sally Osborne, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

1 Year

Charlotte Brown, Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

Emma Garvin, Dietary

Cecil Conner, Dietary

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Fannie Benson

Sarah Cohen

Irving Greenberg

May their cherished
memories bring comfort to
their loved ones.



Executive Director, Seth Levy, takes a turn at cooking chicken on the grill so that residents may enjoy lunch outdoors on a nice fall day.

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

Joe Roberts

**Cook's Helper-Dietary
September**

Joe Roberts joined the BJH Dietary department as a dietary aide in March 1994. His positive attitude and excellent work soon advanced him to the position of cook's helper. Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Joe is proud of this honor and of being the youngest employee to receive it. At nineteen, Joe Roberts is a determined young man with career goals.

Joe's interest in cooking began at home. The oldest of five children, he did the cooking for the family. According to Joe, a job at Shoney's restaurant opened the door into the food field for him and led to his working at BJH, at a job he says he loves. Joe begins his day early at 6:30 a.m., helping to prepare and to serve the breakfast meal. "I always look forward to coming to work," exclaims Joe, "the people and the environment are what I like best. My job is enjoyable because everyone is so friendly and I have made a lot of friends here."

Joe has lived in Winston-Salem all his life; he graduated from Glen High School in 1993. In the 10th grade he was nominated for and received a scholarship to attend a Medical Careers Program at Bowman Gray Medical School. During this introduction to medical careers Joe became interested in working in a health field and in helping people. His goals are to attend night school and work toward a degree in Physical Therapy. In his



leisure time, Joe enjoys cooking, along with spending time with friends, biking and swimming.

BJH congratulates Joe Roberts, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.

Leona Cook

**Nursing Assistant B-2
August**



Leona Cook has been a dedicated and caring employee since she joined the BJH staff as a nursing assistant in March 1988. Leona

brought a background of nursing experience with her, as she had worked as a nursing assistant since 1976 with experience in both a nursing home and a hospital. However, according to Leona, her true training began at home where she learned to care for an invalid aunt.

Leona was born in Winston-Salem and graduated from North Forsyth High School. She was raised by her grandmother in Winston-Salem and also spent time living and working with her mother, who was a R.N. at Willow Brook State School in New York. Leona said she always wanted to be a nurse and was called upon to nurse family members who became ill.

Leona Cook, describing her work at BJH as a challenge, says "I learn new things everyday. I love the residents and I love to help people. I like talking to the residents; knowing that I can help somebody brings me joy." "Lorraine Hetrick, B-2 Unit Supervisor, praises Leona, saying "She is always willing to help on her days off or to work overtime when needed. Leona is very flexible and is conscientious about the care she gives to our residents."

Leona Cook lives with her three daughters, age 14, 16 and 18. Her leisure time she says is filled with church work, singing in the choir and visiting elderly church members. Always a caregiver Leona says someday she would like to do volunteer work with Aids patients.

BJH is pleased to congratulate Leona Cook, a deserving recipient of this honor.



What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg

Director of Development

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)

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Please mark personal and confidential
 Mail to: Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, Blumenthal Jewish Home,
 P.O. Box 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012

What A Machaya - What A Mensch



Herman Blumenthal at Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

It is a pleasure to come to work and know that you are going to receive the support to do an effective job. For the past three years, I have had the help of a man who gives unselfishly of himself to his community. His name is Herman Blumenthal.

In 1987, Herman told the Board of the Blumenthal Home that we could raise the \$8 million to construct Fair Oaks and to renovate other parts of the nursing home. Together with Wayne Silverman, the first Development Director of the Home, Herman traveled the two-state area seeking donations to the Home. They solicited prospects in groups, individuals, after 6 p.m., at their homes, in their offices, wherever.

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I have learned a great deal about good solicitation from Herman. He will first tell you about the great things that are happening at the Home. He will discuss why funds are needed and how your contribution will be used. He will ask you to make a commitment to the needs of the elderly. Sometimes, he will suggest a specific amount. Herman uses the time to educate a person on the Home. He does not twist your arm or insult your intelligence. When he leaves, you feel good about the Home and you are in awe of this gentle man who gives his time.

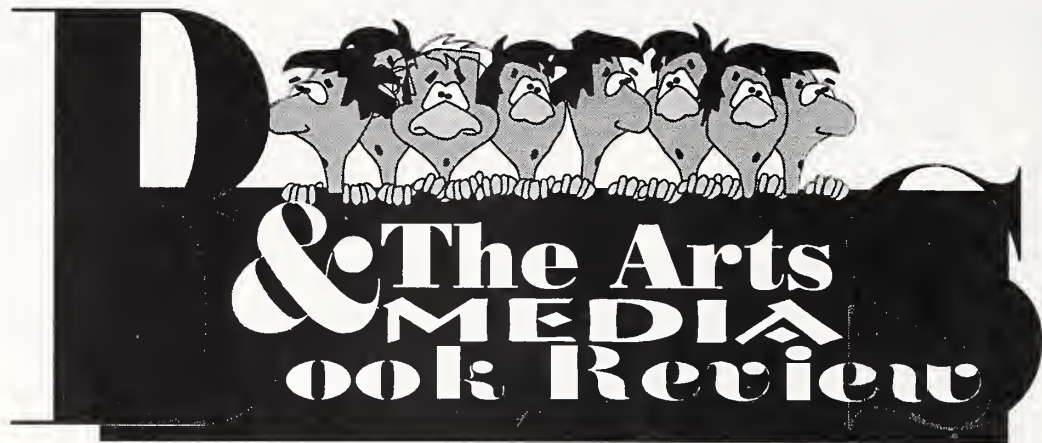
Through his influence, Herman has been able to attract millions of

dollars to the Home. People respect Herman and trust him. They give to the Home because they believe in the cause and because they believe in Herman.

Before the end of the year, we hope to complete the solicitations for the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign. I owe a debt of gratitude. This whole community owes a debt of gratitude to a real Mensch. Without this man, we would not have raised the funds which allowed and will allow hundreds of people to improve the quality of their lives.

Life at Fair Oaks includes outdoor chats on a sunny day with activity therapist Gail Ruthfield; seen clockwis, are Irene Mendelson, Ralph Mitchell, Ida Feinberg and Gail Ruthfield.





The Uninvited Guest And Other Jewish Holiday Tales

by **Nina Jaffe**

Scholastic Inc. 72 pp. \$15.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This beautifully illustrated book, "illustrated by Elivia," is a collection of stories that are reminiscent of children's stories I used to read.

Six Jewish holidays are described, each followed by one of the folktales. The stories are old fashioned; the full page illustrations are prints of very modern water colors. They look like Chagall's.

The author, Nina Jaffe has written three other books, and she is also a professional storyteller who has delighted audiences in many places. She is a specialist in music, folklore and storytelling on the graduate faculty at Bank Street College in New York.

Elivia Savadier, the illustrator, grew up in South Africa. She now lives in Massachusetts.

The book is recommended for children and adults of all ages, and will delight all of them.

At the end of the book is an explanation of the Jewish calendar and a glossary of Yiddish and Hebrew terms used in the text. Both entertainment and education are contained between the handsome hard covers of *The Uninvited Guest*.

The Hollow Inheritance A Comprehensive Refutation of Christian Missionaries

by **Michael Drazin**

Feldheim Publishers

\$14.95 220 pp.

There is a spiritual war presently being waged against the Jewish people by a well trained and dedicated army of Christian missionaries. Unfortunately, they find us easy prey. For, although we know that their message is false and a distortion of our Hebrew Bible, most of us cannot quote chapter and verse to prove it. And certainly, few of us know the New Testament well enough to put a missionary on the defensive.

This phenomenon makes the publication of *Their Hollow Inheritance: A Comprehensive Refutation Of Christian Missionaries* a very valuable and timely asset. It is designed to serve as a reference manual for one to know at a glance what missionaries espouse and how to refute them.

Michael Drazin accomplishes this goal, firstly, by revealing the little known and astonishing parallels between the New Testament narratives and the more ancient texts of the Hindus and Buddhists. He quotes Church leaders and non-Jewish specialists of comparative religion to support the thesis that these similarities are not coincidental.

He then groups under thirteen chapter headings all the verses from the Hebrew Bible that missionaries use to give credence to their doctrines. In each instance their true meaning and intent is proven in a commentary that is both clear and concise. In so doing, Mr. Drazin quotes only from Scripture, sources that missionaries accept unequivocally.

The final chapter reviews two

thousand years of traditional Jewish thought concerning the real Messiah and the Messianic era. This includes a synopsis of the Noahide Covenant, the Divine Code of Law binding upon all non-Jews.

With the inclusion of the numerous fallacies, contradictions and crude factual mistakes contained in the New Testament, *Their Hollow Inheritance* is truly A Comprehensive Refutation of Christian Missionaries. As so aptly stated in the N'Shei Chabad Magazine: "This book should be in every Jewish home."

Talking About Death: A Dialogue between Parent and Child

by Rabbi Earl A. Grollman,
Drawings by Susan Avishai
Beacon Press 118 pp. \$10.95 paperback
Reviewed by Pearl B. Rohde, M.S.

Rabbi Grollman has presented a guidance text combined with a Read Along illustrated black and white children's story, which could be useful for a one to one story telling for a group of children approximately age 4 to 10 years--more or less. The language is plain and develops the concept of death starting with plants and animals.

He approaches misconceptions that children commonly believe such as: This person died because I did something bad or wrong or not enough of. Or this person died to punish me.

He approaches customs of mourning: People congregate and share. They may cry or laugh, remembering the **good times**. Children may or may not talk, but any form of sharing is acceptable.

The range of responses varies. Pre-school children may not believe that death is final. They may believe that the deceased lives at the cemetery. Age 5 to 9 may believe that death is real but only for other people, not them.

Ages 10 and older--these children are more realistic--death is final.

His advice to parents are such as:
Being honest about death
Never say that the parent has gone on a trip
Don't paint a beautiful picture of life to come.

Children's responses range from **Denial to Grief to Anger to Guilt to Running Away.**

He advises that a funeral be explained to a child.
A child should be permitted to say goodbye.
Visit a cemetery before the time arrives, if possible.
Handle a suicide with care. Don't allow the child to seek out resemblances to the deceased.
Suicide is not inherited. Handling national tragedies such as a presidential assassination and the Space Shuttle Challenger.

In guidelines to bereaved adults:
He recommends patience, monitoring one's health, avoiding alcohol or drugs, helping others, sharing pain, seeking religion, finding others who grieve.

Pearl B. Rohde is a practicing Clinical Psychologist in Charlotte NC.

Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner: A Sort of Love Story

by Alan Zweibel
Villard Books, 14.95 Hardcover

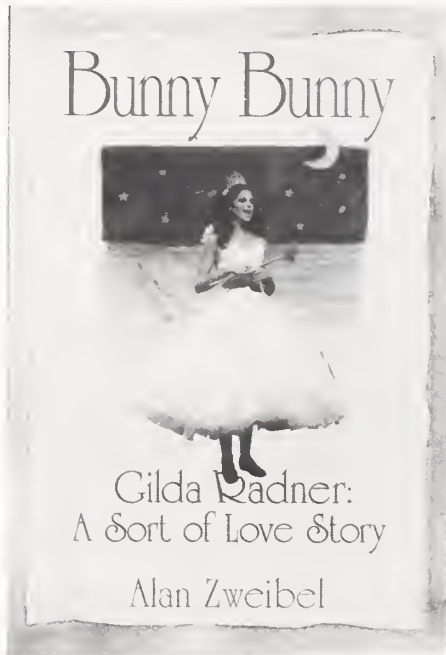
Bunny, Bunny takes its title from the childhood incantation Gilda recited on the first morning of every month to ward off unhappiness. Some months it worked, some months it didn't but one thing's for sure: from the day they met in 1975 on the set of the original **Saturday Night Live**, Zweibel and Gilda lived through laughter and tears. And now his poignant memories of their special friendship are shared with us.

In a sequence of whimsical memory bites in dialogue, *Bunny, Bunny* zings through almost two decades with incredible vibrancy as it tells of a guy and a girl who are totally there for each other but forget to fall in love. From their first uproarious hellos, when Zweibel is a neophyte writer and Gilda an unknown comedienne, to the last good-byes; through fame and fortune, broken marriages and happy ones, loneliness and lunacy, dark nights and sunny days, Zweibel and "Gilbert" (his special nickname for her) maintain their mutual devotion as they josh, kvetch, and care. And

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during Radner's long battle with cancer, Zweibel supplies a steady stream of reasons to hope--until the inevitable phone call comes. . .

At first Zweibel didn't intend to publish his reminiscences. He initially wrote *Bunny, Bunny* four years after Gilda's death to help alleviate his profound sense of loss and to reconnect with his old friend. "But then I thought about the sense of loss that everyone, including those who never met Gilda, felt when she passed away," he writes. "I wondered if, in addition to her work, was there something else that could pay appropriate tribute to Gilda's time on this planet?" Toward that end, Zweibel will donate his proceeds from *Bunny, Bunny* to Gilda's Club, a free, non-profit support center for cancer patients and their families.

To anyone who doesn't believe that friendship can be the most profound form of love, *Bunny, Bunny* will come as a revelation. To the rest of us, it will prove a side-splitting, bittersweet delight.

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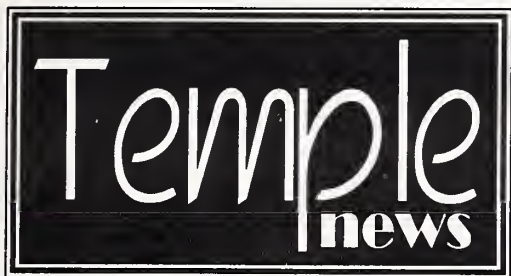
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Beth David

Synagogue

Greensboro NC

by Sam Moffitt

With fall in the air and the promise of the New Year still on our minds, Beth David continues our offering of meaningful and enjoyable religious and community events. The B'nai Shalom "Sukka Walk" was a smashing success with more than seventy-five children and parents participating in visiting local families' sukkas. We were pleased to share our Sukkot celebration traditions with our entire community as we received press coverage in our local paper, the Greensboro News and Record.

The Beth David Kadimah Youth Program hosted another event celebrating the joyful Sukkot holiday--an "Ushpizza." Youngsters in this program enjoyed eating pizza bagels in the Sukka and visiting with their friends. Not only did the youngsters enjoy the outdoors and the Sukka, but earlier that day, our congregation's adults concluded their annual meeting with the "Salad Bar in the Sukka." What a great way to end the fall holidays!

Our cheerful and spirited Simchat Torah celebration was, as usual, very well attended. Parents and children alike danced, prayed, and took part

in Torah processional around our synagogue.

The second of our monthly series of late Friday night Oneg Shabbats hosted Irma Moss, the Greensboro Hillel Coordinator. She spoke about the Jewish college scene today and issues facing our college students. Our next late Friday night Oneg Shabbat will feature the Reverend Howard Chubbs who will speak about "Black-Jewish Connections."

On November 13, we will be pleased to host Eli Evans, noted speaker and author. Along with other Triad Jewish institutions, Beth David is sponsoring this community forum to discuss issues for Jews living in the South and share solutions for some of these unique challenges that we face.

We welcomed the upcoming Greensboro Jewish Federation community mission members and their families to our synagogue for a prayerful send-off prior to their departure to Israel. We wish them Tzaytchem L'shalom U'vo'achem L'shalom--May they go and return in peace.

Finally, our exhibit of "Jewish Israeli and Arab Israeli Children's Art for Peace" opened in the halls of our synagogue. The opening program featured an Israeli Arab Visiting Professor from Guilford College, a Jewish Israeli Peace Activist, as well as our own Beatrice Shall, an art educator. The opening was attended by over one hundred people and the event received wide press coverage. The exhibit will be featured at Beth David through

Thanksgiving.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Lepow

Temple Beth El is pleased to launch this Fall's resumption of Adult Education classes. **Shabbat Bible Study** with Rabbi Bennett has resumed at 9:45 a.m. each Saturday morning. The class is an informal and exciting way to study and discuss the weekly portion. The discussions will also encompass other topics of interest and all are invited to participate. No previous experience required! Join us whenever you can--you'll be glad you did!

Do the Hebrew letters look like Greek to you? Are you a novice at Hebrew? Then join Temple members and Sisterhood President Ana Resnik for **Prayerbook Hebrew** on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Call Cherie 366-1948 for more information.

Pathways to Jewish Learning with Rabbi Bennett has begun and will continue through November 21, each Monday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. This Fall's topic is "What's Happening--Jewish Current Events" and is focused on the unfolding stories in world events that affect us as Jews. Topics include the developments toward peace in the Middle East, the aftermath of the bombing in Buenos Aires, and other stories in the United States and abroad.

Our **Senior Seminar at Monthly Lunch** with Rabbi Bennett has

begun and will continue on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. November's topic is "The Israeli Peace Process." Join us for lunch, learning and laughter! Bring your own lunch and we will provide the drinks.

Our annual Sisterhood Attic Sale will be held on November 20, 21 and 22 in the Silverman Social Hall. This popular fundraiser has become well known in the general Charlotte community and always attracts a crowd. We are still accepting donations, so please leave your gently used items at the Attic Sale Trailer in the Temple parking lot.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD sponsored the Rosh Hashana reception on September 5 following Erev Rosh Hashana services, and the lavish Break-the-Fast on September 15 following Yom Kippur services. Rusty Schapiro and Natalie Nachman headed the preparations for the Rosh Hashana reception, and Ruth Weber and Cele and Jules Resnick coordinated the Break-the-Fast.

An open meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 18, in Unger Hall, starting at 10:30 am. The speaker was Dr. Andrea Gravatt, pediatrician and founder of the regional Child Abuse Center, who emphasized the importance of putting books into the hands of children. This event was part of the Sisterhood's Year of the Child Book Discover program, co-sponsored by Dr. Gravatt and the YMCA.

Mary Ann Jaben, Hilda Pozner and Anna Friedman have agreed to work on this Social Action program headed by Shirley Berdie.

IN THE NEWS was Rabbi Ratner, whose agreeable face appeared in living color on the first page of the Community section of the August 30 Tuesday Asheville Citizen-Times; he and Beth Israel's Rabbi Birnham were photographed as they installed a Mazuzah preceding the dedication of the new Jewish Community Center in Asheville. And Stephanie Cooper's picture appeared on Sunday August 28, together with an article about her selection as 1994 Career Woman of the Year by the Asheville Business and Professional Women's Organization.

Evan Gilreath's excellent letter to the editor of the Citizen-Times on September 16 strongly suggested that the school system make sure that Jewish students are not penalized in any way for their absences during Jewish holidays.

On September 22, next to an article prominently headlined "Karpens honored for philanthropy," Leah and Morris' color picture appeared on the first page of the Community section of the Citizen-Times. To quote the paper, "The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina honored Leah and Morris Karpen. . .for their philanthropy at an awards luncheon. . .The Karpens received the Raymond A. Hust Philanthropic Leadership Award. . ." The article went on to mention their many major contributions to Asheville institutions.

And in a September 25 ad

celebrating the three new centers at Memorial Mission Hospital, long-time Mission volunteer Fran Aaron's picture appeared.

ROSH HASHANA at the Temple was memorably observed in the traditional manner. . .Rabbi Ratner spoke "On the Virtues of Variety"-an examination of the dynamics of effective Jewish communal living."

YOM KIPPUR services were introduced by a duo with flutist Dick Braun and the new Temple organist David Cohen. The Rabbi's sermon reminded the congregation of the biblical injunction to choose life, and he took the occasion to voice his admiration for his wife Susan. The Kol Nidrei service was so well attended that extra chairs had to be supplied.

The theme of the Rabbi's morning sermon was the story of Adam and Eve, which, he said, emphasized the importance of taking responsibility for one's own actions, and not behaving like Adam, who blamed Eve, who blamed the Serpent for their banishment from the Garden of Eden. The little children were invited to the Bima to be near Dick Braun as he blew the Shofar at the conclusion of services.

THE CONSTANCE HEAD MEMORIAL STUDY HOUR on the afternoon of Yom Kippur had as its subject "Building Bridges: What Have We Learned?" Ron Manheimer, Carolyn Manheimer and Roberta Newman presented their views. The following open discussion sought to answer the question: What's next in Black-Jewish relationships in this community? A sizeable group was

in attendance, and although no concensus was reached it was felt that the occasion may have raised awareness of the situation and its possible outcome.

The magnificent holiday flowers for Rosh Hashana were given in memory of Ed Rosenberg by the Rosenberg and Gilreath families, and those for Yom Kippur were given by Ginger Lerner in memory of her husband Dr. Paul Lerner and by Sara Goldstein in memory of her husband Bernard Goldstein and her sister Jeanette Klein.

OUTREACH held a get-together on Sunday, September 24, at the home of Stephanie Cooper.

MAZEL TOV quotes from the September Temple Bulletin: “. . .to Rebecca Ratner and Diana Gergel who swam in the JCC Red Cross Swim a Cross and far exceeded their goals. . .to Bea and Norman Greenberg who have had a joyous year of events: 57th wedding anniversary (for which they wish to extend their gratitude to many friends for good wishes expressed by contributing to worthy charities in their honor), Daughter Ronnye and husband Harvey Weisberg celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary--Granddaughter Sherri Weisberg graduating FSU as an Honor student being listed on both the Dean's List and the President's List (now continuing her education for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy) and keeping up with her 4.0 average--Grandson Bart Guim announcing wedding plans--Approaching Norman's 80th. . .”

A WARM WELCOME to the Temple's new members: David and November 1994

Eleabeth Davis, Sonja Shulimson, Philip and Carol Cohen, Abraham and Dorothy Golf, and Wallace and Irene Wolf.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

To all who helped during Yamim Noraim Services, “Todah Rabbah.” More than fifty-five members participated in the Sukkah Dinner. A big success!

Big Crowd Celebrates Simchat Torah

A circle of people celebrated the completion of the yearly cycle of Torah reading. Inside the circle were many children. All the five books of Moses were visible at one time! In was an amazing sight. We all could feel the energy soaring around the completed Cycle of the Jewish Year, and Life itself. Before and after the opening of the Torah, we sang and danced to the voices of Philip Cohen, Bob Deutsch, and Barbara Pasternack.

Youth Group Meetings

Jewish High School students met with Rabbi Birnham in October and November, and will meet with other inspiring teachers during the rest of the year.

B'nai Mitzvah

The B'nai Mitzvah class, under the tutelage of Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and Geoff Brown, reached fruition on October 15. The class consisted of Ruth Gaynes, Frank Goldsmith, Caren Kessler, Barbara Levy, Diana Lieb, Barbara Michalove, Dr. Douglas Milch, Adele Rose, and Lillian Wellisch. All participated in leading a portion of the service,

reading from the Torah and chanting the Haftarah, Lech Lecha. A kiddush lunch followed the Saturday morning service for congregants and guests.

Not only was the occasion self-satisfying for the B'nai Mitzvah in every way, but the following comments further augmented their euphoria. From Morris Fox, among others in the Congregation with the same thought: “I have been to many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs but never felt more moved.” From a non-Jewish guest: “I told my wife after I returned from services, that I could not let go of the feeling of being involved in the experience. I felt that I had made a personal investment by being there and participating.”

Community Forum

Beth Israel congregants joined in an exciting community forum on November 13, featuring Eli Evans. We explored the “Challenges of Living as a Jew in a Small Southern Community,” through a presentation by Mr. Evans, followed by self discovery break-out sessions. The forum was held at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro.

Classes Coming Soon

- *Hebrew Classes: Learning to read Hebrew in five 1.5 hour classes on Sunday mornings. A follow-up class will teach comprehension and fluency on Sunday afternoons.
- *Beginner's Yiddish Class: Sunday afternoons
- *Rabbi's Study Group: “The Power of Psalms”-Wednesdays
- *Introduction to Judaism (Five sessions): Sunday mornings
- *Introduction to Jewish Mysticism (Four sessions)
- *Women and Judaism (Three

sessions)

*Why Christianity and Judaism Took Separate Paths (Two sessions)

*The Business Person's Study Hour (including lunch): once a month at the shul.

Bridging the Gap

Professor Ed Katz, Rick Chess, and Dr. Robert Moog will be organizing some ice-breaking events with the African-American Community in Asheville and are calling for all interested parties to help.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat was held on Saturday, October 22, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Rebetzin Sara Birnham is the coordinator.

Our New Social Committee

Our new Social Committee will be organizing soon. Thus far, the following have expressed interest: Jennifer Brown, Robert Eidus, Ed Greene, Marty Lee, Rochelle Neuringer, David Schulman, and Claire Toreky.

Investment Club

Beth Israel is putting together its first social committee and David Schulman has just the idea to kick things off: an Investment Club for those interested in learning more about how financial investments work.

Sisterhood

Liz Nigrosh and Marlene Breger-Joyce report another successful Break-the-Fast, thanks to the culinary talents of Arlene Cotler and her crew, and the enthusiasm of our own congregants.

Maggie Rotman, our new Sisterhood President, tells us, "Sisterhood is off

to a great start! Over forty women came to our Sunday Brunch--the veteran members and lots of new ones, as well. It seemed as if everyone had lots to talk about and good food to eat, along with a fun ice breaker to get things going. We give our sincerest thanks to those women who helped make this event such a success: Hilda Ehrlich, Rose Deutschman (Sandy Tureff's cousin who was visiting Asheville), Michele Heller, Barbara Laibson, Evelyn Landsberg, and Sara Birnham, and all who helped purchase and prepare the food. Thanks to Carol Deutsch and Ruth Gaynes who helped with ice-breaker ideas.

We would like to thank the following women who helped with the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg: Phyllis Blum, Lyn Dunn, Norma Feingold, Joyce Greene, Michele Heller, Sandy Landberg, Barbara Michalove, Adele Rose, and Lillian Wellisch.

Membership Committee

Toby Cohen, Membership Co-Chair, reports that Natalie Kramer is a new member of her committee and an additional member of the committee will be announced next month to take on the responsibility of the Twinning Program. Saturday November 12, was Membership Shabbat with a Kiddush luncheon prepared by the Membership Committee following services.

New Member Chai-Lites

Beth Israel is proud to welcome the following members to our growing family: Buffalo, New York, sent us David and Sara Cohen. Sara is the Activities Director at Brentwood Hills Nursing Center. David has

landed positions as music teacher at the Randolph Elementary School and also the Musical Director at Temple Beth Ha-Tephila.

Teri and Greg Siegel came to Asheville to be close to family, Teri's brother. They arrived from East Meadow, Long Island, New York, in September. Although Teri has her hand full being a full-time mom and settling into the area, she is already talking about return to her ten-year career as an aerobics instructor. Greg is leaving his career in the restaurant business in favor of a slower pace of life. He and his brother-in-law are currently building residential homes just north of Asheville.

Claire and Evan Dubin came to Asheville via Washington, D.C. Claire's background is in education with a specialty in teaching disabled students. Evan is an English teacher with the Juvenile Evaluation Center.

Although originally from Niagara Falls, New York, Don Joyner has lived in Asheville for 31 years. He transferred here from Alliance Carolina Tool and Mold with whom he now is a senior employee specializing in key precision cylindrical grinding. He was a member of Beth Israel's 1994 Conversion Class.

When Philip and Carol Cohen attended a retirement seminar two years ago at UNCA, they knew that Asheville was the place for them. They said, "Not only is it a beautiful place--it has a super Jewish community."

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

Our younger members and their families enjoyed the children's Shabbat dinner and services held on October 14. Also, the Vav Class had their class dinner at Temple Israel on October 21. "Celebrating Life: The Art of Jewish Living" luncheon program resumed on October 20 with a fascinating talk by Gladys Lavitan entitled, "Bible Stories They Wouldn't Teach You in Sunday School." On October 24, the Jewish Books Discussion Group met for Part 2 of the Poetry Anthology discussion, Jiri Weil's *Life with a Star*.

Upcoming Events

Temple Israelites are excited about the Luski Families Concert, which will be held at Temple Israel on Sunday, November 6, at 8:00 p.m. The program, "An Evening with Leonard Bernstein," will be performed by Gene Kavadlo, Charles Rosekranz (conductor of Opera Carolina), Viva Klezmer, the Alan Kaufman Trio, Marlene Fuerstman, and the Singers of Opera Carolina. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Please contact the Temple office at 362-2796 for ticket information.

The Sisterhood Annual Torah Fund Luncheon will take place at Temple Israel on Wednesday, November 9, at 11:00. Rabbi Murray Ezring will speak on Chanukah, and proceeds from the luncheon will help fund various schools, libraries, camps, and museums on behalf of the

Jewish Theological Seminary. Please mail your check for \$7.50 per person to Temple Israel (4901 Providence Road, Charlotte NC 28226); your check is your reservation.

The Jewish Books Discussion Group will meet on November 29 to discuss Julius Lester's *Love Song*, a moving account of an Afro-American's conversion to Judaism. Meetings are open to all members of the Jewish Community. "Drop-ins" are welcome. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to the following new arrivals: Natalie Taylor Swimmer, daughter of Kirstin and David Swimmer, was born on August 17. The proud grandparents are Marilyn and Harry Swimmer of Charlotte NC. Matthew Charles Gorst, son of Debbie and David Gorst of Atlanta GA, was born on August 24. The proud grandparents are Charles Gorst of Atlanta, Evelyn and Sam Krieger of Charlotte, and

great-grandfather Frank Schuster of West Palm Beach FL. Alec Jackson Haber, son of Shannon and Dr. Robert Haber of Charlotte, was born on August 25.

Mazel tov also to the following newlyweds: Michele Asrael and Mitchell Garber were married at Temple Israel on September 4.

Congratulations to the following recent B'nai Mitzvah: Julie Malickson, daughter of Roberta and Jeff Malickson, became a Bat Mitzvah on October 8. Talya Maslov, daughter of Debbie Maslov, became a Bat Mitzvah on October 15.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Debra and Jay Abraham, Audrey and Dr. Kenneth Ashkin, Sonya and Dr. Gary Bradski, Diann and Lawrence Gordon, Adele Grossman, Hope and Warren Hagler, Sandy and Steven Hoagland, Lillian and Murray Nussbaum, Ellen and Dr. Ira Siegman, Ellen and Leonard Stern, and Donna and Joseph Winick.



High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory NC.
Left to right: Adam Berndt, Rabbi Ted Gordon, and Ron Berndt

ORGANIZATIONS

Raleigh Hadassah

by Maxine Smith

The Raleigh chapter celebrated the 75th birthday of Hadassah on Sunday evening, October 23 at Temple Beth Or. The celebration included dinner with the food donated by some of Raleigh's leading caterers who showcased their specialties. The mood was festive and the food delicious which helped make that night very special.

On October 30 a dessert reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Kanarek on behalf of Hadassah Big Gifts. The guest speaker was Barbara (Bobbi) K. Levin, President of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah.

Women's American ORT Delegation Returns From National Board Conference in Atlanta

by Linda B. Hindel

Women's American ORT delegates to the 20th National Board Conference, representing Charlotte, returned home recently after having spent three days at The Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, Georgia. The two delegates played a major role in helping to adopt a strategic plan for the organization's future, while participating in various leadership training sessions and meeting with members of Women's American ORT from throughout the country.

The Charlotte delegation was composed of Ellen Wismuller,

president and Brenda Lutz, fundraising vice-president. According to Wismuller, "We were once again very proud to present our innovative 'Female A-Gender' at National, the weekend female retreat which is scheduled this year for the weekend of Jan. 21, 1995.

Highlights of the Conference, which was attended by 500 women, included a major address by Helen Suzman, distinguished political leader from South Africa and one of the world's most honored human rights leaders; opportunities to meet and dialogue with Sandra Isenstein,

national president of Women's American ORT; Dr. Ellen Isler, director-general of the World ORT Union, and Parvine Motamed, director of ORT Operations, U.S.A.; sessions with young students from ORT schools abroad; and workshops on advocacy for education and other leadership skills.

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 a major source of financial support to its central budget.

More than 25,000 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 some 50 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.

For further information, please contact: Ellen Wismuller at 543-8844 or Brenda Lutz at 946-0110.

HaLailah Chapter B'nai B'rith Women

by Jane L. Marcus

New Officers Installed:

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This coming year BBW will be reinstating a special project called the Judaism Institute. The goal of this project is to educate the School Board Members, Board of Education Members, Teachers in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, both public and private, and our friends in the non-Jewish community on Jewish holidays and traditions. Our target date for this project is the end of October or the beginning of November. We know everyone will want to be a part of this exciting project. If you would like to help, please call Wendy Rosen (364-9765). We will need EVERYONE'S help.

The Speizman Jewish Library planned a reading incentive program which was piloted this summer and will continue throughout the next school year. Encouraging children ages 6 to 12 to read Jewish literature, prizes will be awarded for 5 books read-a Treasure Chest prize, and 10 books read-a paperback book by a Jewish author. Halialah board members voted unanimously to sponsor the book prizes, from donations to the Becky Shulimson Fund.

Our chapter will do a Chanukah luncheon on the 28th of November. Please call Wendy Rosen if you are interested in helping out.

Luski Families Concert

Temple Israel
 Sunday, November 6th
 8:00 pm

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Kanof Exhibit to Open at Rosenzweig Museum in Durham

The Kanof Exhibit of Israeli Commemorative Medals will be dedicated at a Public Reception at the Rosenzweig Museum, Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, NC, on Sunday, November 13, 1994 at 3 p.m. Dr. Abraham Kanof, the noted expert in Judaic art and the creator and curator of the Judaica Room at the North Carolina Museum of Art, generously donated 50 silver and bronze Israeli medals to the Rosenzweig Museum. These will go on display in six groupings: Peace medals, Holocaust memorials, Israeli history, culture, people, and Israeli cities.

The North Carolina Humanities Council has awarded the Rosenzweig Museum a grant of over \$1,000 to assist in planning and presenting this exciting event. The program will start in the Sanctuary and will feature Dr. Kanof as the principal speaker, with introductory remarks by Rabbi Emeritus Efraim Rosenzweig and Dr. Lenora Ucko,

the Rosenzweig Museum curator. A tour of the Museum will follow. Dr. Kanof and others will be available for informal discussions about the Israeli medals and the Museum's varied displays.

Our holdings have expanded greatly this year. New additions include the Israeli medals, a miniature gold filigree Torah Ark, a lead crystal artistic dreidel, a 19th century German silver wedding belt, four Gustave Dore engravings of biblical scenes, and an early 20th century Jewish bride's embroidered apron and kerchief from eastern Czechoslovakia.

Please mark your calendar! Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served! Sunday, November 13, 1994 at 3 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Museum, Judea Reform Congregation, 2115 Cornwallis Road, Durham, NC 27705.

For further information, phone 919-489-7062.

A Chanukah Happening On Wednesday, November 30!

"The place to be on Wednesday, November 30 is at the Greensboro Jewish Federation's annual "Chanukah Happening!" according to Renee Feldman, chairperson. "There will be songs, games, arts and crafts, and lots of fun for children and adults. Everyone will have the chance to play the centuries old game of 'spin the Dreidel'."

The event will take place in the Social Hall of Beth David Synagogue from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their own Chanukahs and candles to participate in a community candle lighting ceremony. Sufganiyot (doughnuts), latkes and beverages will be served.

In keeping with the giving spirit of Chanukah, we ask that you bring a new unwrapped toy or make a contribution to the Jewish Family Services Chanukah Fund. Some toys will be distributed by Jewish Family Service to several families in need and the remaining toys to a homeless shelter.

For reservations or more information, please contact the Greensboro Jewish Federation at 272-3189.



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At the Fair, Mr. Evans will be available to sign his books which will be for sale before the November 13th date at the Greensboro Jewish Federation office and at the Fair.

This festival is made possible by the sponsorship of Beth David Religious School, B'nai Shalom Day School, Hadassah, and Temple Emanuel Religious School. *For more information, please contact the Federation office at 272-3189.*

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Charlotte Hadassah News

by Suzanne Cannon

Annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

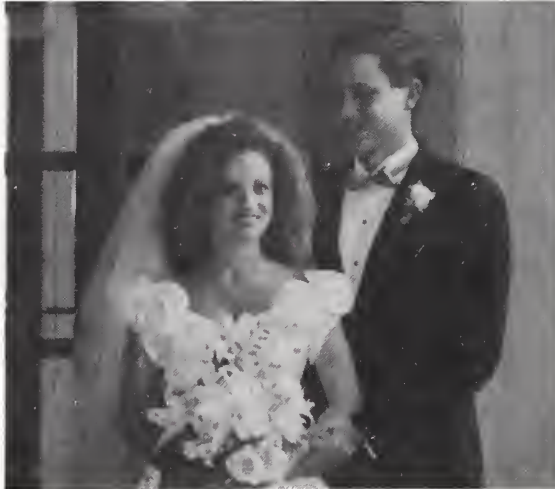
The Charlotte chapter of Hadassah kicked off the year 5755 with its annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon at La Bibliotheque Restaurant on August 31. The guest of honor was Dovie Melnick, past president of Hadassah's Southern Seaboard Region, who presented an excellent overview of the timeliness and importance of Hadassah's projects in Israel and elsewhere. Following a delicious lunch and dessert, members were also treated to the soulful jazz of singer/songwriter Daryle Ryce.

The luncheon served as an opportunity for the chapter to introduce and congratulate new members. In total, Charlotte

Hadassah welcomed 34 new members. New annual members are Judy August, Amy Bennett, Geneva Boxer, Licia Brandt, Bernice Bramson, Debbie Britton, Susan Brown, Andrea Feldman, Gloria Grifenhagen, Kim Komisar, Brenda Locker, Shirley Reider, Dianne Ross, Daryle Rice, Ginny Shumaker, Ellen Siegman, Sue Ann Slavin, Susan Sweet, Gabriella Warat, and Ronnie Zevon. New life members are Leslie Berro, Suzanne Cannon, Shira Cooper, Randy DeFilipp, Sheri Leonard, Alli Shafranek, Haley Shafranek, and Ruth Warat. Transfer life members are Janice Bernstein, Barbara Ezring, Fayne Fischer, Anita Grey, Marilyn Norwood, and Jean Patton.

Personals

Goodman- Lerner Wedding



Alison Rachel Goodman and Mark Stuart Lerner both of Charlotte were married at Temple Beth El Saturday night August 20, followed by a dinner dance at the Temple's Social Hall. Rabbi James Bennett officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Goodman of Charlotte, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goodman of the Fair Oaks, Blumenthal Jewish Home and the late Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Youman of Brooklyn NY.

The new Mrs. Lerner is Benefits Specialist with First Data Corporation in Charlotte.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edelstein and the late Mr. Sam Lerner of Charlotte. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Rosenberger of Charlotte, the great-grandson of Mrs. Heddy Friedman of New York and Palm Beach, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs.

David Lerner of Lincolnton NC.

Mr. Lerner is associated with Lerner and Company Real Estate.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was the groom's sister Ms. Julie Lerner of Denver CO. Bridesmaids were Amy Fishman of Plantation FL.; Ellen Hurwitz of Cherry Hill NJ; Kim Seabrook of Charlotte NC and Janis Black of Charleston SC.

Best man was the groom's brother Gary Lerner. Groomsmen were Eric Lerner, Joshua Goodman, Todd Gorelick and Byron Speizman all of Charlotte NC. Ushers were Rex Welton of Winston-Salem NC and Peter Justice of Charlotte NC.

The couple honeymooned on the islands of Nevis and St. Maarten and will reside in Charlotte NC.



Berkowitz & Fleishman Wed

Wendy Berkowitz and Adam Elfmon Fleishman were married on May 29 at the Standard Club in Chicago, in a ceremony officiated by Rabbi Fred Schwartz, followed by a dinner reception.

The bride is the daughter of Steven Berkowitz and Susan Berkowitz of Chicago. She is the granddaughter of Selma Berkowitz of Chicago and the late Alfred Berkowitz, formerly of Chicago, and Dr. and Mrs. Armand Gordon of Washington DC.

She was graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College and earned a law degree with honors from the University of Chicago. She is a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge John A. Nordberg.

The bridegroom is the son of Linda and Joel Fleishman of Greensboro NC. He is the grandson of Lillian Elfmon Kent and Paul Kent of Boca Raton FL, the late Dr. Samuel Elfmon, and the late Dora and Edward Fleishman, all formerly of

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Fayetteville NC. His great-grandparents are Fred and Anna Lema of Atlanta.

The groom is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He is a financial investor for Tradelink Corporation in Chicago.

Following a honeymoon trip to Lake Como, Italy, and a Mediterranean cruise to the Greek Islands, the couple reside in Chicago.

Reprinted from the Atlanta Jewish Times

Mendel & Speizman to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mendel of Charlotte announce the engagement of their daughter Jodi, granddaughter of Mrs. Salvatore DiMaio, of Falconer NY to Bryan Speizman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speizman and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Kantor of Charlotte. Bryan is a graduate of Ohio University, and is with Speizman Ind. Jodi is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is employed by Doggett Advertising. A March 25 wedding is planned.



Jean S. Anoff Elected National Secretary of the National Association of Women's Commission.

Delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Women's Commissions elected JEAN S. ANOFF as their National Secretary during a meeting in Topeka, Kansas. The national association represents more than 265 state, county and city commissions throughout the continental U.S. and Hawaii.

Jean is currently in her fourth year on the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission Advisory Board and is the immediate Past-Chairperson, having served in that capacity for two years.

A Chicago native, Jean has lived in Charlotte with her husband, Philip, for more than 30 years. Although a very active person throughout her married life, she managed to find time to raise three children, Carol, Donald and Cathy, and is the proud grandmother of two grandsons.

Jean Anoff is President/Owner of Sesco, Inc., a 19-year old company, and has won highest honors for professionalism and achievement in her industry of promotional products.

She is Past President of B'nai B'rith Women, and is active in many charitable and civic efforts on behalf of handicapped and disabled children, the homeless, substance abuse and treatment, spousal abuse and the law, prenatal care, and women in the workplace.

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until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Makes 18 muffins.

Approximate Nutrient Analysis Per Serving (1 muffin):

Calories: 133

Fat: 1 gm

% calories from fat: 7

Cholesterol: 31 mg

Sodium: 248 mg

Fiber: 2 gm

Wheatena Breakfast Cookie

Proprietor-Chef Edward Safdie
Norwich Inn and Spa
Norwich, Connecticut

More than a snack or dessert treat, cookies can be a wonderful way to add fun to breakfast.

1 cup flour

3 tablespoons dark brown sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 cup golden raisins

1 cup cooked Wheatena Toasted Wheat Cereal, cooled

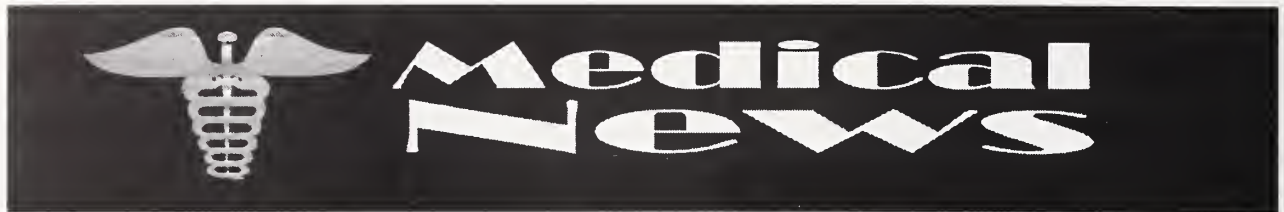
PAM No Stick Cooking Spray

3 tablespoons lowfat cream cheese

3 tablespoons favorite flavor Polaner All Fruit Spreadable Fruit

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and raisins. Add Wheatena; combine. Divide dough into eight sections; shape each section into a ball and place on a cookie sheet which has been sprayed with PAM. Flatten each into a 3-1/2 inch circle with a greased spatula. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden, flipping once during cooking. Cool 5 minutes on a wire rack. Spread half the cookies with 2 teaspoons cream cheese and 2 teaspoons All Fruit; top with another cookie. Serve

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Medical News



Four members of the Hadassah Nurses Council returned from war-torn Sarajevo where they assessed the medical needs of the population. Left to right: Deborah Kaplan, Hadassah National President; and registered nurses Elsie Roth, St. Louis; Charlotte Franklin, Santa Barbara; Kathryn Bauschard, St. Louis; and Deanna Pearlmuter, Boston..

Sarajevo Hospitals Under Siege and Critically Need Medical Supplies and Equipment

Report American Nurses Returning From Bosnian Warfront

Hadassah Sends First Civilian Group Sponsored by Bosnian Government

New York, NY-Four American nurses returned today from war-torn Sarajevo with a report on the horrific conditions of the cities' two largest hospitals. Running water less than two hours each day, medical equipment without the parts to operate, severe shortages of even the most basic medical supplies are just a few of the debilitating conditions that the nurses observed on their week-long mission to Bosnia.

At the request of the Bosnian Government and under the banner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., sponsored registered nurses Elsie Roth of St. Louis, Kathryn Bauschard of St. Louis, Deanna Pearlmuter of Boston and Charlotte Franklin of Santa Barbara to assess the medical needs of this population

that is in the midst of war and to develop a plan to facilitate the delivery of much needed medical supplies and equipment.

“Conditions in Sarajevo are much, much worse than what is depicted in news coverage and it remains a city under siege,” said Elsie Roth, a member of the Hadassah Nurses Council who initiated this humanitarian mission. “The two hospitals that we visited, Kosevo and The State Hospital of Sarajevo have both been bombed and shelled, and anti-aircraft weaponry are currently pointed directly at the hospitals. Although the hospitals have a generator, electricity is very limited and there is running water for only two hours each day.”

The nurses met with hospital administrators, doctors, nurses and other personnel while observing procedures in operating rooms, pediatric wards, and pharmacy supply centers. They also examined medical equipment and compiled lists of needed supplies.

“The hospitals’ equipment is highly under-serviced; there are no parts or technicians to repair or maintain these machines,” said Roth. “Of course, all types of pharmaceuticals and basic supplies such as I.V. solution and soy formula for newborns are badly needed.

“The medical and nursing staff at these hospitals are performing miracles under these conditions. While the doctors are highly educated, many of the nurses are recent graduates of technical programs. Although conditions have improved since the period of

heavy shelling when they performed surgery by candle light, they live under the fear that the shelling could begin any moment. All hospital staff work for free and are themselves under severe physical and mental strain.”

The American nurses worked closely with La Benevolencija, the Jewish Community Center in Sarajevo. “La Benevolencija is a primary facilitator for humanitarian aid for everyone in Sarajevo, regardless of religious or ethnic background,” said Roth. “They feed more than 150 people daily, care for the elderly, dispense pharmaceuticals, serve as the postal service and much more.”

The nurses arrived in Zagreb on Monday, Aug. 22. The following morning they were transported to Sarajevo on a U.N. cargo plane, and from the airport to town by armored car. La Benevolencija arranged for the nurses to stay as guests of the Catholic church at the seminary in Sarajevo.

While in Sarajevo and Zagreb, the nurses gathered information and developed a plan for delivering medical supplies into the country. Roth explained, “Supplies must get into Sarajevo or these people will not survive. In addition to medical supplies, they need food and clothing, especially as winter is fast approaching.”

Deborah Kaplan, Hadassah national president said, “Hadassah has a long-standing commitment to providing humanitarian aid throughout the world. We are proud to sponsor these four courageous women and through the Hadassah

Nurses Councils will work to facilitate aid to Bosnia as identified through this mission.”

Sponsored by Hadassah, the Hadassah Nurses Councils meet the special educational, social and professional concerns of Jewish and Zionist nurses in the U.S. and Israel.

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immediately. Makes 4 cookies:
Approximate Nutrient Analysis Per Serving (1 cookie):

Calories: 272

Fat: 3 gm

% calories from fat: 11

Cholesterol: 8 mg

Sodium: 384 mg

Fiber: 3 gm

Wheatena Cocoa Fruit Loaf

Chef Joseph LaGeder

La Costa Resort & Spa

Carlsbad, California

A great way to start the day. Try this wonderful breakfast treat with some fresh fruit or fruit juice.

PAM No Stick Cooking Spray

2 bananas, quartered

2 eggs

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

1-1/2 cup flour

1 cup Wheatena Toasted Wheat Cereal

1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced

2 tablespoons cocoa powder

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup apple juice

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-1/2 x 4-1/2-inch standard loaf pan with PAM. Place bananas, eggs and vanilla in a blender and blend well. In a medium bowl, combine flour, Wheatena, apple, cocoa powder,

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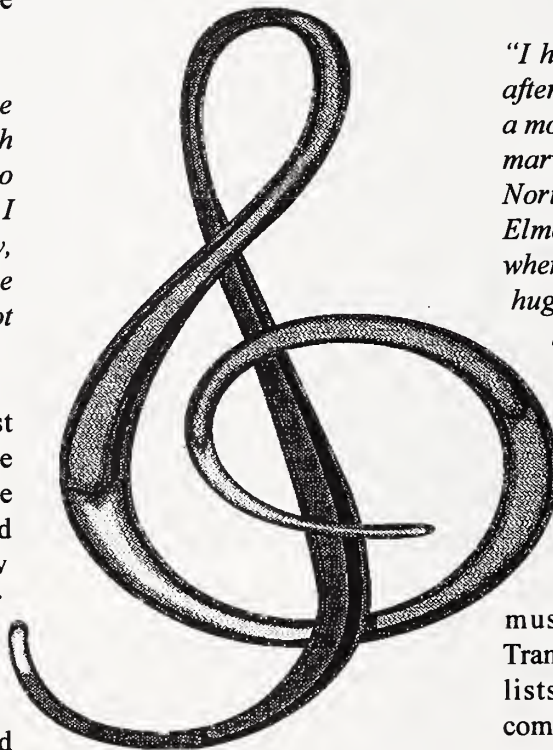
AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL ISAACSON CREATOR OF THE ISRAEL POPS

This question began Dr. Isaacson's personal musical odyssey which took him to Hebrew University in Jerusalem and graduate studies with Professor Samuel Adler at The Eastman School.

"I found myself in a strange predicament; While I loved Jewish music I didn't have the voice to become the kind of Hazzan that I respected. How was I, as a Jew, going to contribute to the advancement of Jewish music if not as a cantor?"

He tackled the problem by first becoming the music director of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, and the youngest regularly published composer and conductor of new synagogue music in America. For over twenty years Dr. Isaacson has travelled throughout the U.S. and Canada presenting his works and talking to congregational and university audiences about Jewish music.

"Like clockwork, at a given point in my presentation, someone would inevitably ask: 'But what makes the music Jewish?' and I would wrestle for a clearer way of communicating what is really quite a complex answer. I decided my mission ultimately was to define and develop an appreciation for Jewish music by presenting the widest spectrum of it to the greatest audience"



Newly married and eager to develop his career as a composer, he and his bride Susan moved to Los Angeles in 1976 where Isaacson pursued a career in television and film scoring. His advancement was rapid. Beginning as an orchestrator for Alex North, he was soon composing and conducting musical scores for the first of the mini-series "Rich Man,

Poor Man, Book II", and later "Bionic Woman," "Hawaii 5-0" and several other episodic television shows.

"I had come full circle from the afternoons I sat with my father in a motion picture projection booth marveling at the scores of Alex North, Leonard Rosenman, and Elmer Bernstein to the moment when I faced an orchestra under a huge screen on a major studio sound stage conducting original scores of my own; it was an exhilarating experience!"

Throughout these filmscoring years, Isaacson did not forget the synagogue music of his people. Transcontinental Music Publishers lists a catalog of over 150 compositions by Isaacson which are heard throughout North America & Israel every Sabbath and on holidays throughout the year.

In 1984, Cantor Nathan Lam of Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles invited Dr. Isaacson to compose and conduct a recording of contemporary Jewish music for cantor and symphony orchestra entitled "LEGACY" which he then recorded in Tel Aviv with The Israel Philharmonic. This

productive and stimulating association with Israel's leading orchestral ensemble led to several subsequent recordings and the mutual desire between Dr. Isaacson and the orchestra to work together again often.

"The Israel Philharmonic musicians record like Talmudist I knew from my childhood. First they argue with you about every aspect of a musical issue, and then, when they're confident that you and they have confirmed a musical truth, they perform the music with a beauty and conviction which is unique and theirs alone."

Three years later in 1987, Dr. Isaacson, keenly analyzing symphonic programming trends throughout America and Europe, saw a need for a full evening's Pops program which would elegantly present to the world the beauty of Israel's folk and popular music and entertainingly reflect the cultural and historic diversity of an ancient, yet modern, land as well.

In Tel Aviv, in the latter part of September 1988, members of Israel's premiere orchestral community were personally selected to create an exciting new symphonic recording entitled:

"Opening Night - Michael Isaacson & The Israel Pops"

"In retrospect, the creation of The Israel Pops was an inevitability in my life. It responded to my student inquiries about Jewish music for the concert hall, it responded to all those who asked 'What makes music Jewish?' and it gave me an arena in which I, not as a cantor, but as a

composer and a conductor, could articulate my own musical sensibilities and pride as a Jew."

Today, as Founding Artistic Director of The Milken Family Archive of 20th Century American Jewish Music for which he conducted & produced 12 CDs of American Jewish music, and as a free lance conductor & composer, Dr. Isaacson is widely recognized as a creative scholar and a premiere recording producer in the field of Jewish Music.

"I now devote my time off the podium to researching and recording the finest examples of our people's musical efforts. I'm convinced that music needs to be digitally recorded under the optimum acoustic and artistic conditions to survive into the 21st and succeeding generations. When we are not concertizing, The Israel Pops is my recording orchestra."

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sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Add banana mixture and apple juice; stir to combine. Pour into loaf pan. Bake 45 minutes, or until knife inserted into center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool on a wire rack. Makes 12 servings.

Approximate Nutrient Analysis
 Per Serving: (1 slice)
 Calories: 139
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Religious Pluralism at the Western Wall

Faxes will be flying, as proponents of religious pluralism in Israel enter what many hope is the final phase of a six-year legal battle for the right of Jewish women to pray aloud collectively, with Torah and *tallit*, at the Western Wall (the Kotel).

The goal of the eleventh-hour fax phalanx is to persuade members of a specially appointed Israel government commission to find a way to accommodate the women while respecting the sensibilities of worshipers who object to their practice.

As noted by Vanessa L. Ochs, CLAL fellow and a director of the International Committee for Women at the Kotel, Jewish women are free to approach the Wall strumming "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" on guitars, to appear dressed as nuns, or even to approach with copies of the Koran or the New Testament. But if they appear wearing *tallit* and carrying a Torah scroll, or using their own voices to sing *Shema Yisrael*, they will be considered in contempt of the Israel Supreme Court and may well be heckled or even assaulted.

An international group of women, including adherents of Orthodoxy as well as most other movements, first conducted a relatively undisturbed prayer service in the women's section at the Wall in December 1988. But when prayer groups returned on

several occasions in 1989, they experienced harassment and even violence, as well as the refusal of attendants and police to intervene. When the police later intervened with tear gas directed at the victims as well as their attackers, prayer-group members submitted a petition to the High Court of Justice asking for orders against obstruction and for protection from violence.

Legal delays and more violence from ultra-Orthodox men and women followed, until the Court issued a temporary injunction ordering a continuation of the "custom of the place"--no women's prayer with Torah and *tallit*--until its decision was rendered. The protection promised the women in return for compliance was not forthcoming; in fact, more violence and harassment soon came their way at the hands of female guards hired by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Urgent requests that the deadline for the Court's decision be moved up were met with a reiteration of the temporary injunction, including the gratuitous addition of the State's *halakhic* position that "a woman's voice is lewd" and must therefore not be heard aloud. (Ironically, as U.S. attorney and legal liaison Miriam Benson reports, it was the duty of a young female lawyer who heads the High Court of Justice Department in the State Attorney General's Office to stand up

in the Supreme Court of Israel and declare this official position.)

In January 1994, after three years of deliberation and the imposition of new restrictive regulations and threats from the Ministry of Religion and the Jerusalem Rabbinate, the Israel Supreme Court announced its decision. While the prayer groups' requests were denied 2 to 1, the presiding judge, Justice Meir Shamgar, recognized that the requests lay within the bounds of Jewish law (*halakha*) and recommended that a government commission be established to propose ways in which different religious sensibilities can all be accommodated at the Wall.

The six-member commission appointed in May did not include even one woman, nor were any of the activists groups consulted about its composition or deliberations. Under pressure, the government belatedly named Ms. Navah Arad, the prime minister's advisor on the status of women, as a nonvoting observer. At the same time, the request for an appeal of the original decision was denied.

Hundreds of supportive letters and faxes urging the commission to reach a fair solution have come not only from American Jewish women's organizations, distinguished authors and scholars, and lay leaders, but also from most non-Orthodox rabbinical bodies and seminaries.

Ironically, support from the women's movement in Israel has been spotty, probably because of attempts to marginalize the issue of labeling it "Reform" or "feminist" in origin.

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Some observers see this as yet another case in which issues of religious pluralism, core concerns to Diaspora Jewry, fail to evoke a similar response among Israelis.

Letters

November 30, 1994

Dear Mrs. Robinson,

As a person, who like you, was born and reared in New York City, I certainly enjoyed reading your article, "A Time Revisited" in the Times Outlook.

I, too, have revisited the houses and streets, several times, where I lived from 1915-25, my last such visit being in 1991.

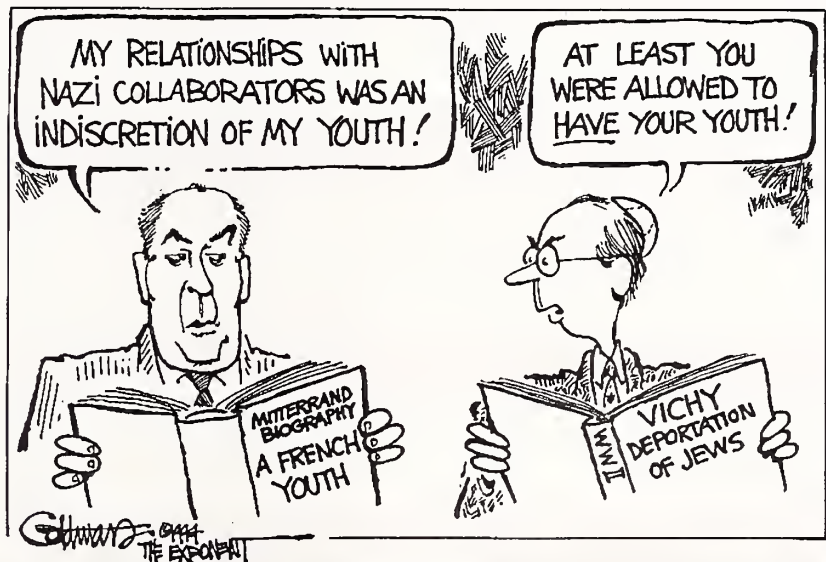
The descriptions of your old Borough Park area including the neighborhood where you lived as a child were thought provoking, and I am sure that many of your readers reacted as I did.

Certainly, times have changed so much since those bygone days, and writings such as yours and mine are the only bridge left for subsequent generations to realize the changes that have occurred.

I hope that you, in the meantime, are in good health, and that you write some more in the future.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours sincerely,
Abe L. Feuer, M.D.

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A Tu B'Shevat Message

Tu B'Shevat--the New Year of Trees--marks the awakening of spring in the land of Israel. It is a holiday which commands our attention now more than ever. Concerned citizens of the world recognize with increasing alarm that the neglect and abuse of the environment has reached alarming proportions. Planting trees, the central act of the Tu B'Shevat celebration, is a powerful symbolic act which demonstrates Israel's desire to reverse the earth's destruction.

Trees improve the environment. They cool the atmosphere, help slow global warming, and reduce noise and air pollution. They help create arable land; by grasping shifting sands, they halt the destructive encroachment of spreading desert wastes.

Trees improve the quality of life of those fortunate enough to enjoy wooded areas in and near their neighborhoods and towns. They are a source of beauty and peace for residents of our often hectic modern society. Trees restore the balance of nature, providing habitats for wildlife and a productive use of marginal lands.

The Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for the preservation, reclamation and beautification of the land of Israel, has been celebrating Tu B'Shevat for decades, by enabling thousands of Israel's children to participate in this act of redeeming their land.

From the beginning, JNF leaders realized that, as David Ben-Gurion put

it, "Ownership is but a precondition for the actual possession of the land. The real redemption is in its development and blossoming." In this spirit, during the earliest years of Jewish settlement in this century, JNF began restoring the lands it purchased. Tree planting, of course, was a key element in this vast program of land revitalization.

The practice of planting trees in Israel on Tu B'Shevat--whether directly or through the Jewish National Fund--has become a cherished tradition of the Jewish people. The 200 million trees planted by JNF in Israel represent the love of Zion and the dedication to the dream of a reborn Jewish nation. The act of settling roots in the soil is both a symbol of each Jew's personal connection with the land of Israel, and a very effective means of insuring the well-being of that land.

The implicit message of Tu B'Shevat is one of hope; to heal the planet is to anticipate our children's inheriting a better world than the one into which we were born. Planting trees in Israel on Tu B'Shevat aids that healing, not only for the sake of the Israelis who are today building their lives in the Jewish state, but for the generations to come.

In so doing, we fulfill the trust that G-d has placed in us as trustees of this planet. Planting trees is an expression of hope that G-d will continue to bless our world with renewal as we fulfill the mitzvah of caring for His precious gifts.





Anniversary of the Birth of Sisterhoods Shines Spotlight on Movement's Historic Impact

Back in 1844, when women worshippers at Reform Congregation Shearith Israel in Charleston, South Carolina met to form a "Society for the Instruction of Jewish Doctrine," they could not have dreamt of its historic impact on the future of American Jewish life.

The creation of the society marked the birth of the sisterhood movement, which is 150 years old this year. Today, more than 600 Reform temples in the United States and Canada have sisterhoods, with memberships totaling 100,000, according to Judith O. Rosenkranz, president of Women of Reform Judaism, The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (WRJ), central body of Reform sisterhoods. Of these, 57 are more than a century old, having

been organized before 1894.

Although these and other early groups of Reform Jewish women (later to organize as the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods) were the first sisterhoods on record, by the early 1900's the sisterhood movement had spread beyond Reform. Many Conservative and some Orthodox congregations, recognizing the value of a formally affiliated women's group, took a page from the Reform book and organized their own sisterhoods.

While the nature of many sisterhood programs has changed with the times, says Ellen Y. Rosenberg, executive director of WRJ, sisterhoods continue to meet the basic need of Jewish women for "closeness and belonging through religious, social and political involvement."

Actually, the founding of Congregation Shearith Israel's Society for the Instruction of Jewish Doctrine in 1844 had its roots in a development six years earlier, when Sally Lopez, a worshipper at the other Reform congregation in Charleston, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, petitioned her synagogue to set up a school to teach congregants' children about Judaism and Jewish heritage. The petition was granted by the male trustees. The Beth Elohim school, staffed by Ms. Lopez and other women volunteers, became the second Jewish Sunday school in America.

The First Sisterhood

Subsequently, a number of congregants, including the Lopez



Reform sisterhood members take part in a demonstration for women's suffrage, circa 1910.

family, “seceded” from Beth Elohim and joined Shearith Israel. Several women among the new members had been involved in the religious school at Beth Elohim and decided to go their former congregation one better--by creating a formal women’s group that would not only provide a Jewish education for their children but participate more directly in congregational activities, promote Reform Judaism and perform other useful communal work. Named the Society for the Instruction of Hebrew

Doctrine--later renamed the Hebrew Ladies Sewing Circle--it became the first organized sisterhood in history.

Ironically, in 1866--22 years after the creation of its sisterhood--Shearith Israel merged with Kahal Beth Elohim. The pioneer Shearith Israel women’s group now became the women’s organization of the newly-consolidated synagogue, which retained the Beth Elohim name, notes Anita Moise Rosenberg, a past president of the Beth Elohim Sisterhood, who has researched

its history. Ms. Rosenberg’s family has been associated with the congregation for more than a century and a half. Her great aunt, Penina Moise--a noted poet of the period--was one of the founding mothers of the Beth Elohim sisterhood.

By the end of the 19th century, there were 74 Reform sisterhoods in existence. The movement reflected the desire of Jewish women to seek “greater opportunities for spiritual self-expression through expanded

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participation within the synagogue itself," according to Ellen M. Umansky, co-author with Dianne Ashton of an exhaustive sourcebook titled "Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality" (Beacon Press).

"Their voices became stronger as they grew more confident of their own capabilities and of the particular contribution that they needed to make to the Jewish community and to the spiritual treasure of the world," the authors write. The development of sisterhoods thus paralleled the growing political voice of the secular women's movement as it sought to win the vote for women and obtain other political, social and economic rights that had been denied them.

Sisterhoods and Women's Rights

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many Jewish women were among the leading exponents of the general emancipation of women, creating their own two-way street through which advocacy of a stronger women's voice in the synagogue was echoed in secular women's groups, while the strength and intensity of the broader women's rights movement were reflected within Jewish congregational life.

Sisterhood women were, on the whole, well educated, middle-class and mostly second- and third-generation descendants of German Jewish immigrants. Much of their early efforts were concerned with religious education, fundraising for sisterhood-sponsored scholarship programs for rabbinic students, participation in women's suffrage activities, establishing temple libraries, holding cultural events and

seeking a greater leadership role for women in congregational life. For the most part, however, sisterhoods were usually run under the close supervision of the rabbi.

In 1913, the impact of the women's groups was enhanced virtually overnight with the organization of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) as the central body of Reform sisterhoods. (In 1933 the organization was renamed the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). The local women's societies now had a national and international voice with burgeoning power and influence, enabling them to project a Reform viewpoint in the larger world.

For the next 80 years, NFTS played an activist role in a variety of causes, including support of anti-lynching legislation and anti-child labor laws in the 30's and a variety of other social inequities before, during and after the Great Depression. In embracing social justice and humanitarian concerns such as women's rights, desegregation and liberalized abortion and divorce laws, NFTS actually antedated policies later adopted by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and the Reform Jewish movement as a whole.

In the 30's, NFTS called attention to rising anti-Semitism in Europe and set up programs for refugees. The organization also founded the Jewish Braille Institute and a Reform youth program that evolved into the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

Locally, Reform sisterhoods continued their historical role of conducting key fund-raising

campaigns for congregational programs, founding religious schools and temple libraries, initiating adult education programs and encouraging worship in the home as well as the synagogue.

Is Sisterhood an Anachronism?

Today, cautions Ellen Rosenberg, sisterhoods must be increasingly sensitive to the diversity of a changing congregational population. "A growing number of sisterhood women do not have a Jewish background," she points out. "Through family education and study of Jewish history and traditions, we are able to create for them a sense of belonging, plus practical instruction on how to create a Jewish home and celebrate our religious customs. We must also recognize and address the needs of single women and older adults, who comprise an increasing proportion of the population."

To those who argue that the notion of sisterhood may be an anachronism because today's women are too busy with home, family and jobs to give time to traditional activities within the congregation, Ms. Rosenberg has a ready answer: "Sisterhoods are more crucial today than ever before, because our world has become so complex and impersonal. Sisterhood satisfies the need for a vibrant, necessary, rewarding and stimulating experience."



Attitudes Toward Israel

Most American Jews maintain strong positive feelings toward Israel, despite the fact that only a minority have been there or consider themselves Zionists.

These findings appear in *The Israeli Peace Initiative and the Israel-PLO Accord*, a new survey of American Jewish opinion undertaken in August 1994 by the American Jewish Committee, a follow-up to a September 1993 survey. Asked also about their attachment to the Jewish State, 76% of those surveyed agreed that "caring about Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew," and 67% agreed that "if Israel were destroyed, I would feel as if I had suffered one of the greatest personal tragedies in my life."

How close are they? Sixty-six percent reported feeling either "very

close" (25%) or "fairly close" (41%) to Israel, and 80 percent reported following news about Israel "very closely" (26%) or "somewhat closely" (54%). This in spite of the fact that only about a third of all American Jews have been to Israel, and only 22% say that they consider themselves "Zionists." And in spite of the close attention paid to the news, fully 62% of the respondents were "not sure" if Shimon Peres and Benyamin Netanyahu belonged to the same political party or not. (Twenty-eight percent correctly answered no.)

The 66% reporting feeling close to Israel represents somewhat of a decline from a high in September 1993, when 75% reported such feelings (compared to 72% in 1991 and 62% in both 1989 and 1986). Similarly, the 22% who call themselves Zionists is down from

29% in 1993, as is the proportion of those who follow the news about Israel "very closely" (39% in 1993). Analysts point out that the 1993 survey took place at a time when Israel dominated the news, and excitement and euphoria were high.

Closeness is more likely to be expressed by those who are Orthodox or Conservative, are older, belong to synagogues, are married to Jews, and have visited Israel.

Who visits Israel? Seventy-two percent of Orthodox Jews have visited once or more, compared to 42% of Conservative Jews, 29% of Reform, and 26% of "just Jewish." Eighty-one percent of intermarried Jews have never visited, compared to only 56% of those with Jewish spouses. "Visitors" are more likely to follow

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the news about Israel very closely, to consider themselves Zionists, to say that caring about Israel is important to their Jewishness and that its destruction would be a personal tragedy.

What do American Jews think about the peace initiative? A substantial majority (77%) support the Rabin government's handling of the negotiations. While still high, this has declined from the levels immediately following the signing of the accord (84%).

There is significant distrust of the Arabs generally and deep distrust of the PLO specifically, and these levels have increased since 1993. Fifty-one percent currently agree that "the goal of the Arabs. . . is the destruction of Israel" (up from 42%), and 65% answered no to "Can the PLO be relied upon to honor its agreements and refrain from terrorist activity?" (up from 42%). A majority (68%) believe that the Jordanians "are interested" in a "true and lasting peace with Israel," but only a slight plurality (44%) maintain the same about the Palestinians. A near majority (47%) believe that the Syrians are "not interested" in such a peace.

Relatively less enthusiasm for the peace initiative is shown by those with less education, lower incomes, and those who feel "very close" to Israel. A majority of Orthodox Jews (54%) oppose it (compared to 9% of Conservative Jews and 6% of Reform and "just Jewish" respondents).

Both surveys consisted of telephone interviews conducted with demographically representative national sample of 1,000 self-identified Jewish respondents.

Have you ever been to Israel?

| | 1993 | 1994 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| No | 67 | 65 |
| Yes-once | 21 | 21 |
| Yes-more than once | 12 | 14 |

Do you consider yourself a Zionist?

| | 1993 | 1994 |
|----------|------|------|
| Yes | 29 | 22 |
| No | 69 | 74 |
| Not Sure | 3 | 4 |

How close do you feel to Israel?

| | 1993 | 1994 |
|----------------|------|------|
| Very close | 27 | 25 |
| Fairly close | 48 | 41 |
| Fairly distant | 20 | 25 |
| Very distant | 4 | 7 |
| Not sure | 1 | 1 |

Overall, do you support or oppose the Israeli government's current handling of the peace negotiations with the Arabs?

| | 1993 | 1994 |
|----------|------|------|
| Support | 84 | 77 |
| Oppose | 9 | 10 |
| Not sure | 8 | 14 |

Can the PLO be relied upon to honor its agreements and refrain from terrorists activity against Israel?

| | 1993 | 1994 |
|----------|------|------|
| Yes | 34 | 18 |
| No | 42 | 65 |
| Not sure | 25 | 17 |

Book and Author Evening

by *Amalia Warshenbrot—Librarian*
Speizman Jewish Library

On December 11, 1994, the community-at-large was invited to the eighth annual Book and Author Evening with noted author and essayist Julius Lester.

In the past eight years, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, Speizman Jewish Library and the Jewish Community Center has offered the community an opportunity to meet unique authors such as Sarah Blacker Cohen, Stephen Birmingham, Dennis Prager, Penina Schram, Judith Magyar Isaacson, Eli Evans and Susan Weidman Schneider. The topics varied from interfaith marriage to Southern and American Jewry and from humor to storytelling.

The attendance grows each year. The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah concentrates on fundraising for the event. The Jewish Community Center helps with the administrative work and Speizman Jewish Library makes the arrangement with the author.

Chairperson of the event was Rosalind Taranto. Many thanks to members of Hadassah who served as committee members. Hadassah hosted the Patrons reception, sold tickets and served meals to our guest speaker.

This year's lecture by Dr. Julius Lester was most interesting and informative. When we called previous areas where Dr. Lester had appeared, we were told that he was charming, insightful and thought provoking. We found his

autobiographical account titled "Lovesong" fascinating. "It's certainly one of the most wonderful things I've done for myself—becoming a Jew," reflects Julius Lester the celebrated novelist, poet, singer, folklorist and since the death of Sammy Davis Jr., arguably the nation's most famous African American Jew by choice.

Dr. Lester is a professor at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He has been awarded all three of the Universities most prestigious faculty awards. The distinguished teacher's award 1983/84, The Faculty Fellowship for Distinguished Research and Scholarship (1985), Distinguished

Faculty Lecturer and recipient 4 of the Chancellors Medal, The University's highest honor (1986-87).

In 1986 the council for advancement and support of education selected him as the Massachusetts state professor of the year. Dr. Lester's biography has appeared in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the East* since 1970.

The book "Lovesong--Becoming a Jew" is available for \$18.00 at the Speizman Jewish Library and was for sale on the evening of the event. A Patron's reception followed. We thank all our patrons and the Hadassah Committee for making it possible to offer the community this educational and inspiring program.





Roaming the Past

with David Schulman

The Murder of Mary Phagan *The Lynching of Leo Frank*

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.

I feel sure we have all heard all we want about one of the most sensational murders of the century, the O.J. Simpson case. Few of my generation have heard of another of the causes celebres of this century. The murder of Mary Phagan, a thirteen year old white girl, on Confederate Memorial Day in 1913, and the subsequent trial and conviction of Leo Frank caused mass hysteria. Phagan was an employee of the National Pencil Factory in Atlanta, Georgia. Frank was superintendent of the factory. Newspapers across the South and the nation exploited the crime for all the commercial value it had. Frank was Jewish in a Southern city that was being led into industrialization mostly by hated Northerners. Phagan was described by William Randolph Hearst's Atlanta Georgian newspaper as "the sweetest and purest thing on earth--a young girl." Mary Phagan became a symbol of the young women of the day that left small towns across the South to work in urban factories, a practice that went against the grain of most Southern values. The murder with all its emotional factors turned this tragedy into a milestone in

American true crime history.

The mayor of Atlanta was quoted as saying to his police, "Find this murder fast or be fired!" Atlanta's spectacular growth had increased the city's crime to the point where it was overwhelming the police authorities. Over eighteen murders in a two year period, mostly of Negro women, remained unsolved. A coroner's jury began an inquest into the Phagan murder during which Leo Frank testified to his innocence. There were many former employees of the pencil factory who testified to Frank's "familiarities with women in his employ." An Atlanta rooming house owner testified that Frank had telephoned her several times the day of the murder to secure a room for himself and a young girl. This was later denied by an employee of the rooming house who said the phone had not rung all day. Though two almost illegible notes of yellow paper were found near the body indicating that Jim Conley, a Black custodian at the plant, saw another black man commit the murder, the police actually discarded the notes as unimportant. Conley would later testify for the prosecution that Frank

had made him write the notes.

Rumors of all kinds flew over Georgia like birds of prey looking for any fresh blood to swoop down upon. One popular rumor was that the tenets of the Jewish religion forbade the violation of Jewish, but not Gentile, women. Atlanta's prosecutor, Hugh Dorsey, had failed on two of the recent murder trials to attain convictions. The public demanded quick justice. The Pinkerton Detective Agency had originally been hired by Frank to obtain evidence to free him, but the head of Pinkerton was quoted as telling one of his detectives that if they did not find a Jew guilty, the agency might have to leave Atlanta. Leo Frank was not only a Jew but a "Yankee Jew" as Mary Phagan's pastor was quoted as saying. On an unspoken psychological level, the word Jew correlated to urban which meant alien to much of the agrarian South.

Leo Frank was born in Paris, Texas, on April 17, 1884, but his parents had moved to Brooklyn shortly after his birth. He graduated Cornell University with a degree in

Mechanical Engineering. He helped start the pencil factory in Atlanta with his uncle, Moses Frank. In 1910 Frank married Lucille Selig, daughter of a wealthy and established Jewish family. In 1912 Frank had been elected President of the Atlanta B'nai B'rith but had little other notoriety.

In what the Atlanta Constitution called the "greatest legal battle in the history of Dixie," Luther Z. Rosser and Reuben Arnold defended Frank with Hugh Dorsey and Frank Hooper as prosecution. When Rosser and Arnold cross-examined Jim Conley for three days and over sixteen hours without shaking his testimony, a court reporter was quoted as saying that if only five per cent of what Conley testified to was true, conviction was inevitable. The fact that the two best attorneys in Georgia could not rattle an illiterate black on the stand was proof positive of Frank's guilt, many believed. Though Frank's defense presented over two hundred character witnesses, it seemed the insinuations of Frank lascivious behavior had made its impact. When a jury convicted Frank, a mob of thousands outside the Fulton County Courthouse went wild hoisting Solicitor Dorsey on their shoulders and passing him over the heads of the crowd across the street to his office. Leo Frank was headed to the gallows. If Frank had been acquitted, a mob most likely would have lynched him anyway.

The conviction of Frank obviously caused much anxiety among Atlanta and all Southern Jewish people. The New York Times staged a long campaign for a new Frank trial, but generally outside influences did little

but further inflame the situation. Tom Watson, a publisher and politician who had run on the 1896 Populist Presidential ticket with William Jennings Bryan, found his Northern interference fodder for more anti-Semitic attacks. When William J. Burns was later hired by Frank's counsel to prove him innocent, Burns' constant assertions that he knew who really killed Mary Phagan without saying the murderer's name further blundered the Frank case causing even more disdain for Frank. Frank's efforts for several new trials were denied.

In October of 1914, William Smith, Jim Conley's lawyer, announced that his own client had murdered Mary Phagan. Though this seemed highly unethical, Smith said he felt obliged to save an innocent man's life. Tom Watson said Smith had been bribed. Former Governor of Georgia, Joseph Brown inquired, "Are we to understand that anybody except a Jew can be punished for a crime?" Yet there were literally tens of thousands of Georgia non-Jews who did petition the state in defense of Frank including Thomas Hardwick, one of Georgia's Senators.

Georgia Governor John M. Slaton, elected in 1912, was one of Georgia's most popular governors. Frank's hanging was to have been carried out June 22, 1915, just four days before Nathaniel Harris was to have replaced Slaton as Governor. In one of the most courageous political acts of the century, Slaton jeopardized his political future and his own life by deciding to commute Frank's death sentence. When he told his wife, she was said to have kissed her husband and said, "I

would rather be the widow of a brave and honorable man than the wife of a coward."

Reaction was violent. Canton, Georgia citizens threatened vengeance to all Jews who did not leave by midnight. A Marietta vigilance committee distributed handbills to Jewish merchants ordering them out of town and demanding gentiles to boycott their shops. Frank had been successfully whisked out of an Atlanta prison before Slaton's commutation to a prison farm in Milledgeville. Just two months later a band of twenty-five men stormed the prison and took Frank to Phagan's hometown of Marietta and lynched him from an old oak tree. The lynching party included two former Superior Court justices and an ex-sheriff and was described as having no "riffraff." Frank's last wish was that his wedding ring be delivered to his wife, and it was. When news leaked out, the body hung from a tree for over two hours as throngs came to view with some clipping parts of his clothes or the rope as souvenirs. Everyone knew that Frank's lynchers would never be tried even though some gave interviews.

The South would never be the same. Four weeks after Frank's trial had ended the Anti-Defamation League was founded to fight prejudice and anti-Semitism. Governor Slaton eventually had to leave Georgia for many years and was never elected to public office again. Jim Conley died in 1962 after years of criminal activity. Solicitor Dorsey became Governor of Georgia. Tom Watson was elected to the Senate. When he died, he received an eight foot high

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Back to One's Roots

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Gene Rintels with his father Victor Rintels.

by Rita Mond

This article actually had its beginnings several months ago when a telephone call was made to my husband Irving from Gene Rintels of Chicago. He was interested in the Hebrew Cemetery of Charlotte where he believed his great-grandfather was buried. Gene and his father, Victor Rintels, 85, a former resident of Brookline, MA, now residing in Orlando, FL, were extremely anxious to visit the gravesite.

After numerous phone calls, the two men came to Charlotte and Irving and I brought them to the cemetery and also spent the day with them showing them the Queen city.

The Rintels' plot is quite unique in that it contains the two oldest graves in the entire cemetery, those of Zev (Willie),

age 4 years 10 months, and Rachel, 2 years and 10 months, the son and daughter of Jacob and Bessie Rintels, Victor's grandparents. The children died within one week of each other in June, 1870, of what was called the "summer illness" (probably a form of the flu or diphtheria).

Victor was very surprised to learn about them, as he was told that there were 6 siblings (3 boys and 3 girls), his father being one of them. In actuality there were 8. He was also amazed to find out that his grandmother was buried next to her husband. It had been thought that she was buried somewhere in the Boston area, having died in Brookline, MA, in 1903. It was unusual to ship bodies in those days.

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The entire plot is the only one in the cemetery surrounded by an ornate black wrought iron fence. The beautiful massive monument has withstood the test of time and weather. On one side it reads: "Jacob Rintels, born April 13, 1836 in Bloomberg Lippe-Detmond, died June 20, 1876, Charlotte, N.C. A man blessed unto the Lord for righteousness, he wrought. The praise of his virtue abideth. Eternal be his reward," The other side reads: "Bessie Wallace, Relict [Relict -an archaic word for widow] of Jacob Rintels. Born in Neukirchen, Germany, June 15, 1839. Died in Brookline, Mass. Sept. 13, 1903. A valorous woman, girded with strength and honor teaching the law of kindness, speaking the work of wisdom. Her children arise and name her blessed!"

The two children's stones are almost unreadable; a plaque has been placed near them which denotes their history (copy of which appears with this article).

The Rintels family, who were merchants, was one of the earliest Jewish families in Charlotte. Records have it that as of 1850 they were one of nine Jewish families in all of Mecklenburg County, most if not all, were of German background. In 1867 the Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded (it received its charter in 1870) with the purchase of 11 acres on McCall Street where it remains today at The Hebrew Cemetery.

Victor's mother, Bessie, was a member of the Wallace family of Statesville, NC. Isaac Wallace came to Statesville in 1859 and his brother David followed in 1860. They were engaged in purchasing and processing

herbs which were gathered in the surrounding area and sold to the drug industry. They also operated a dry goods store.

The Rintels family was having a family reunion in Massachusetts the following week and both Gene and Victor were really looking forward to it, especially since they could let everyone know about their visit to Charlotte, discovering their "roots." The Rintels family (and the Wallace family) have made their mark in all facets of society. . . science, medicine, law, engineering, the movie industry,

etc. Even Mike Wallace, of TV fame ("60 Minutes") is related. Victor promised that he would work on the family tree so that it could be included in the archives of CAJE. I am looking forward to seeing it.

Another famous family, the Heinemans, who date back to the early 1870s, had a burial in their family plot last month. James Heineman, who was not a Charlottean, had his remains shipped from Florida. . . his bequest was to go back "to his roots." But that is another story.!

HEBREW CEMETERY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Hebrew Cemetery Association has begun a \$100,000 capital campaign fund to help pay for the following:

- *Construct a new entrance from Statesville Ave.
- *Extend the current storage building
- *Beautify the Memorial Park area within the cemetery with trees, shrubs, fountains, etc.
- *Connect drainage, including the restroom, to the city sewer system
- *Install additional lighting
- *Reconstruct the chapel in front of the cemetery
- *Acquire property on the corner of Statesville Ave.
- Repair and repaint the cemetery fence

Hebrew Cemetery has served the Charlotte Jewish community and surrounding areas. Now it's our turn to recognize its valuable service and support it in a most meaningful way. Contributions may be sent to Hebrew Cemetery, Rebuilding Fund, 4229 Peggy Lane, Charlotte, NC 28212.

If you are interested in obtaining a video on the Cemetery, it is available through CAJE, (704) 366-5007. Cost is \$18.



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Audrey Madans Elected President



Audrey Madans at the Annual Meeting

Audrey Madans of Charlotte NC was installed as President of the Home's Board of Trustees at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Home on Sunday October 30, 1994. Audrey Madans has been an active member of the Board for many years and has served on the Executive Board as a Vice President since 1988. She co-chaired the Dedication Ceremony for the new Fair Oaks wing in 1988 and served as chairperson for the Home's 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1990. Audrey Madans is a woman of positive vision, enthusiasm and commitment to Jewish causes. Actively involved in the Charlotte Jewish Community for many years, Audrey is a past president of the Charlotte chapter of Haddassah, of the NC Association of Jewish Women, of Temple Israel in Salisbury and of Temple Israel's Sisterhood in Charlotte. She is presently on the executive board of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men and the Board of Temple Israel in Charlotte. Audrey Madans brings to the position of President of the Home's Board of Trustees proven leadership and a dedication to maintaining the mission of the Home and to ensuring its future growth.

Audrey accepted the honor of being the first woman to serve as President of the Home's Board of Trustees with a message of hope and dedication and thanks to all those who serve and support the Home. She spoke of visiting the communities and bringing the expertise of the Home to those it serves and she urged everyone to make a commitment to the Blumenthal Jewish Home and "to invest in the things we care for." "I've been president of many organizations," said Audrey "but I believe this is truly the most challenging and rewarding. Why did I choose to become involved so deeply here? The reputation of this Home is known all over the country for the care it gives its residents. Yet more important than any choice I might make is the decision to live for an ideal and to take responsibility for the welfare of others. That is why I decided to become truly involved."

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home was attended by hundreds of individuals from across the Carolinas. A chartered bus arrived from Charlotte bearing devoted supporters and friends of Audreys who came to share with her, her installation as President of the Home's Board of

Trustees. A delicious gourmet Brunch preceded the business meeting, which was conducted by outgoing president Lewis Eisenstadt of Greenville SC. At the meeting Irving Brenner president of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men presented a check to the Home from the Remembrance Fund of the CAJWM and Elizabeth Small presented a check for funds raised by the Home Store in Charlotte. The CAJWM Annual Fundraising Drawing was held at the conclusion of the meeting and the proceeds from the drawing were presented as a gift to the Home.

Entertainment at the meeting was a delightful musical program presented by Ms Daryle Ryce of Charlotte.

Blumenthal Jewish Home Holds Annual Meeting

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Anchor Club Hosts Halloween Party



Above: Fair Oaks resident Syd Kastel enjoys the company of an anchor club "farmer" at the Halloween party.

Below: Fair Oaks resident Bernie Goodman shows no fear of this dramatic witch.

The Anchor Club presents a fun filled program for residents on Halloween

The West Forsth High School Anchor Club kicked off its sixth year of volunteering at BJH with the annual halloween party for the residents on October 31st. The entire club participated with approximately 40 students modeling the very latest in fashions for fun. Flappers, a princess and lady bugs rivaled the traditional scary ghosts, witches and black cats. New this year were games for residents to participate in and the chance to have one's hand painted with ghosts and pumpkins, all in the name of fun. There was ample time for students and residents to chat, renew old friendships and meet new members and new residents. The Anchor club will continue with monthly programs at the Home throughout the school year. This successful intergenerational program provides opportunity for the students to gain awareness of the elderly and to increase their understanding of this population. It also provides the residents with the opportunity to share experiences with these young women. Volunteers of all ages are important at BJH for they make a difference in our residents' lives.





A lovely "lady bug" with the Anchor Club chats with residents at the party.

Fair Oaks resident Robert Morrison is happily surrounded by costumed members of the Anchor Club.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

George Carp
 Clair Cass
 Mary Cohen
 Margaret Davis
 Ann Defilipp
 Sara Feen
 Virginia Furtell
 Barnet Goldberg
 Bernice Goldfinger
 Khaya Groysler
 Ira Gutman
 Moe Mandel
 Ruth Menins
 Dorothy Poliakoff
 Ida Robinowitz
 Anna Slomovitz
 Thelma Vose

January

Dora Bierman
 Helen Bloch
 Mary Ellen Capper
 Ethel Dickson
 Rae Glickman
 Solomon Greenberg
 Hannah Hockfield
 Henry Maienthau
 Dorothy Rodriguez
 Geraldine Summerfield
 Pearl Yachnin

WELCOME

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

Fred Cooley

W. Palm Beach, Florida

Sara Feen

High Point

Dorothy Kellett

Dobbs Ferry, New York

David Linial

Pembroke Pines, Florida

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Pembroke Pines, Florida

Alfred Roseman

Winston-Salem

Creativity Blossoms at BJH



NATURE IS NURTURING and the beauty of flowers is always a healing tonic guaranteed to brighten the day. BJH was blessed by a truly bountiful harvest of magnificent flowers, donated to the Home, following the wedding of Jennifer Eisenberg, daughter of Lynn and Barry Eisenberg of Winston-Salem. Magnificent grand arrangements became the source with which residents were able to create individual flower arrangements for their own rooms. More than thirty residents joined the flower arranging class on a Monday morning in October. Inspired by the glorious selection of flowers, the residents eagerly went to work creating their bouquets. Volunteer Cathy Tindall assisted the residents with flower arranging advice and provided some necessary materials from her garden. Our thanks go to Cathy Tindall for her kind assistance and to the Eisenbergs for their thoughtful donation. The residents are becoming very proficient at flower arranging and welcome these gifts of nature; beautiful flowers inspire creativity and truly nurture the spirit.

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Above left: Rose Nove and Syd Kastel are among the many flower lovers at BJH who enjoy making flower arrangements for their room

Above: Fair Oaks resident Goldie Sandler with prize winning items made by her in the craft shop. Goldie Sandler received a 1st place ribbon for a hand sewn vest.

BJH RESIDENTS EARNED 21 PRIZE RIBBONS at the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem in October. Thirteen residents entered thirty-four projects in the Senior Citizens Crafts exhibit at the Fair this year and came away with twenty-one ribbons and seven cash prizes. Entries, which were created in the BJH craft shop under the supervision of Instructors Catherine Smith and Lena Wall, and in the ceramics class conducted by activity therapist Sally Terreni included oil painting, ceramics, and a variety of needlework: knitting, crocheting, and sewing. The recreation department hosted an awards reception at the Home to honor those residents who had entries and received prizes at the Fair. All entries were on display and cash prizes were awarded. Congratulations go to all of our talented and hard working residents who exhibited their beautiful and creative efforts. Special mention goes to our 1st place blue ribbon winners: Goldie Sandler for a vest in the clothing division and Shirley Shane for a hand crafted ceramic dish and to the 2nd place red ribbon winners: Therese Schwartz, for a baby sweater & bootie set, Irene Mendelson for a fabric rabbit doll and Beatrice Goodman for an oil painting.



Rae Glickman



Sylvia Margolis



Therese Schwartz



Eva Kaplan with Afreida Roach
Activity director



Sue Michielutte



Beatrice Goodman



Shirley Shane

Talent is
flowering
at BJH!

Residents display work
at BJH reception



Susie White



STAFF NOTES

Congratulations to Susie White on her 80th birthday!



Lorena Durham (rgt.) seen with A wing nurse, Peggy Peed, celebrates 25 years with BJH and her upcoming retirement from fulltime employment at a reception in her honor.

Susie White celebrated her 80th birthday on October 20, 1994, and looks forward to her 14th anniversary as a BJH employee on December 14. Susie, as she is fondly known at BJH, has worked as an accounting assistant in the accounts payable department of the business office since she came to work at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. A dedicated employee, Susie drives ninety miles roundtrip to work each day from her home in Dobson NC near Mt. Airy. Not even thinking of retirement, Susie says "I wouldn't drive that much each day if I didn't like coming to work. I enjoy my work and the people I work with and I am thankful for good health and for being able to work." "According to

Susie, she has always enjoyed staying busy and has worked full time for 59 years. Until an injury of a broken hip slowed her down, Susie said she enjoyed doing volunteer work. More than thirty years of volunteer work included giving her time to Forsyth and Baptist hospitals, Hospice in Mt. Airy, the youth organization at her church and teaching a Sunday school class at the church. Susie enjoys spending her leisure time with her family, a daughter and a son, three grandsons and two great granddaughters.

BJH congratulates a devoted employee who is eighty years young. Happy Birthday Susie White!

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Juanita D. Brown
Ben Bruck
James Gallins
Minerva Levin
Bertha Lippman
Lucy Miller
Edythe Schwartz
Lena Zimmerman

**May their cherished memories
bring comfort to their loved
ones.**

Happy Anniversary

*Congratulations to the following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries of employment in
December and January*

- Basya Yudelevich
18 Years
Carolyn Bright, Nursing Assistant, B-1
17 Years
Bonnie Ayers, Director of Personnel
Betty Gentry, RN, B-2
16 Years
Sue Pierce, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks
15 Years
Martha Shinault, LPN, B-1
14 Years
Susie White, Administration
7 Years
Doris Stroud, Administration
Dr. William Sugg, Medical Director
Karen Wyatt, Medical Records
6 Years
Gail Ruthfield, Recreation
Debbie Szewczyk, RN, B-1
Larry Williams, Nursing Assistant, B-2
5 Years
Betty Stevenson, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks
4 Years
Phyllis Lennox, Nursing Assistant, A-Wing
Glenna Oney, Dietary
Donna Sims, RN, A-Wing
Mike Smith, Dietary
Donna Stillie, Nursing Assistant, B-2
3 Years
Peggy Bridges, RN, Staff Development
Larry Gattison, Housekeeping
Vicky Lennox, Dietary
Betty Tucker, LPN, B-1
2 Years
Terri Cardwell, Pharmacist
Robert Haggins, Housekeeping
Linda Johnston, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks
Jennifer Long, LPN, B-1
Joyce McBride, LPN, B-1
Millie Pierce, RN, B-2
Jeff Tinsley, Dietary (Chef)
1 Year
Audrey Hardy, Nursing Assistant, A-Wing
Joyce Kellyman, Nursing Assistant, B-2
Jean de la Serna, RN, A-Wing
Wayne Wood, Dietary (Kitchen Manager)



Monthly shopping trips to Hanes Mall in Winston Salem, eagerly looked forward to by residents, are made possible by volunteers. Above: Lorna Beck escorts Bessie Schwartz. Below: Lydia Thabet assists Eunice Stephens.



Calendar Highlights December ~ January

December

- 2 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room.
- 4 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium.
- 6 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium.
- 8 Leave for Winston-Salem Holiday Festival, Sponsored by the Winston-Salem Park and Recreation Dept., 11:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Schmoozing with Seth, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons.
- 11 Leave for Winston-Salem Holiday Concert, 2:00 p.m., South Fork Recreation Center.
- 12 Leave for Winston-Salem, Sci Works-Planetarium Show and Environmental Park, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 13 Leave for Senior Citizen Luncheon, VFW Hall in Clemmons, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Brenner Concert, "Plank Road Bluegrass Band", Commons Auditorium.
- 19 Anchor Club - West Forsyth High School, 2:30 p.m., Friendship Room.
- 21 Resident Holiday Party, 2:30 p.m., Music by Jan Sawyer, Friendship Room.

January

- 1 New Years Day Party, Music by Society Swing Band, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium.
- 3 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium.
- 5 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, Synagogue 2:00 p.m.
- 6 Catholic Mass, Holy Family Church, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room.
- 8 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons.
- 10 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen Luncheon, VFW Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room.
- 12 Schmoozing with Seth, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons.
- 16 Tu B' Shevat - "Planting Trees in memory of Family and Friends", 10:30 a.m., Upper Commons.
- 19 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping Trip, 9:30 a.m.
- 29 Charlotte's Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies Visit, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg

Director of Development

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- . In honor of our daughters.
- . In honor of my loving wife.
- . "Daddy"your loving daughter.
- . In honor of the 100th birthday.
- . In honor of my best friend.

Honor the life, the memory, the friendship, the love.....inscribe a leaf on the Tree of Life.

*Send your contribution of \$100 with a brief inscription to Blumenthal Jewish Home, Development Department,
7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012.*



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Janie Douthit, gift shop volunteer, invites you to browse at BLUMIES and see the unique selection of gifts for you and yours. Proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit the Home. Give a Gift of Time to BJH. Call Sue Clein to volunteer. 910- 766-6401.

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1994 Annual Drawing

Carolinas
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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: Nat Roberts, Charlotte, NC; Evelyn Osborne, Gastonia, NC; Nat Kolms, Hickory, NC; Leslie Pensler, Raleigh, NC; Eric and Alan Guyes, Roanoke, VA.

Thanks again for your help!

Sincerely,

Arthur Frank, Chairman

Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men

Our Projects Include:

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The Book of Intimate Grammar

by David Grossman

Farrar, Strauss and Giroux 343 pp.
\$22.00

The leading Israeli novelist of his generation, David Grossman has fashioned a powerful, emotionally devastating novel that chronicles a young boy's fears, anguish and breakdown.

Aron Kleinfeld is 11-1/2 when we meet him and his ill-bred parents in a seedy Jerusalem housing project. Sensitive and imaginative, he is a great dreamer and ringleader of escapades among his circle of friends, though they are beginning to scorn his childish fantasies. Other signs of stress soon appear: his parents' anxious references to Aron's slow growth and his own observation of the signs of puberty in his pals, make Aron self-conscious and arouse feelings of humiliation and self-hatred.

The reader's sympathy for this naive, gauche nebbish grows in proportion to Aron's suffering, as Grossman brilliantly creates Aron's agonized stream of consciousness.

Publisher's Weekly deems "Grossman's portrait of Aron will stand as a classic study of adolescent turmoil set against the muted backdrop of his country's imminent, violent and comprised coming of age in the Six-Day War of 1967."

David Grossman, born in 1954, received a BA degree in Philosophy and Theater from Hebrew University in 1979. He works as a journalist with



Israeli radio and television. He has published *The Yellow Wind*, an inquiry into the plight of Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza, and *Sleeping on a Wire: Conversations with Palestinians in Israel*. He has also published two novels, a collection of short stories and three books for children. He lives in Jerusalem.

The Empty Chair: Finding Hope and Joy

by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

Jewish Lights Publishing 114 pp. \$9.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In 1979, the Breslov Research Institute was founded in Jerusalem. Its purpose was to engage a team of scholars to publish translations, commentaries and other works of and about Rebbe Nachman. He lived his short life of 38 years in the town of Breslov in the Ukraine, leaving a wealth of wisdom. He was the great-grandson of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Hasidic movement.

His teachings were both practical and spiritual, inspiring readers since his death in 1810. Today, with many people searching for the spiritual

meanings of life, he sheds light with his keen insight. Rebbe Nachman is perhaps the most quoted of all Hasidic rabbis.

The Empty Chair offers guidance for the spiritual journey. It is full of optimism and positive thinking. This little book (just over 4" x 6") is beautiful, as are all publications of *Jewish Lights*, and belongs on the nightstand of every thinking person, Jewish or not.

Some quotes:

Everything in the world--whatever is and whatever happens--is a test, designed to give you freedom of choice. Choose wisely.

Be forewarned: Man and money cannot remain together forever. Either the money is taken from the man, or the man is taken from the money.

The most direct means for attaching ourselves to God from this material world is through music and song. Even if you can't sing well, sing. Sing to yourself. Sing in the privacy of your own home. But sing.

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Avoid depression at all cost. It is the root of all illness and dis-ease.

The Empty Chair refers to the alienated, empty life led by many who hurry about, engrossed in unimportant occupations. It may help to sort out your priorities.

The Vulnerable Self: Confronting the Ultimate Questions

by Avery D. Weisman

Insight Books, Plenum Press 253 pp. \$26.95

Reviewed by Pearl B. Rohde

Dr. Avery Weisman, an eminent psychiatrist (Professor Emeritus of Harvard Medical School and Senior Psychiatrist at Massachusetts General) has written a serious perspective on the role of the Psychotherapist, the purpose of seeking their assistance, and the characteristics of a good therapist. He presents his own philosophical viewpoint regarding the search for purpose and the meaning in life.

He believes that after creature comforts are met, civilized people require a sense of purpose and values—a belief in mortality. In choosing to specialize in the field of psychiatry, he had to give up some of the prestige and respectability that accompanied becoming a physician, because psychiatry dealt with soft data. Consequently, the psychiatrist, the patient and the subject were not taken seriously. Also, in Psychoanalysis he found that there tended to be a kind of arrogance based on the revelation of secret messages that only the analytic method and the Psychoanalyst could reveal. (Dr.

Weisman is both a Neurologist and a Psychoanalyst.)

Furthermore, there is still a punitive attitude toward the patient—as though sickness and misfortune were willfully self-inflicted, e.g. “Alcoholics need to stop drinking. Depressed people should be more optimistic. Phobic people need to be determined to face down their fears.”

Someone else’s suffering or problems always seem far less significant. My mother had a Yiddish expression: “Es iz nor och fardem vos iz in loch!” It is only dark for the person who is in the hole.

Suffering in psychiatric patients is very hard to understand because it is a state of being that is primarily characterized by loss of meaning and vastly diminished self-esteem.

Depression used to be highly contagious because it affected everyone. (Today, with psychotropic drugs, it has become less contagious.) The effects of depression are evident in the patient, the patient’s family and the patient’s co-workers as well. He has observed that there is a disrespect not only for the depressed individual but for those treating the depression, including the hospital, because of the

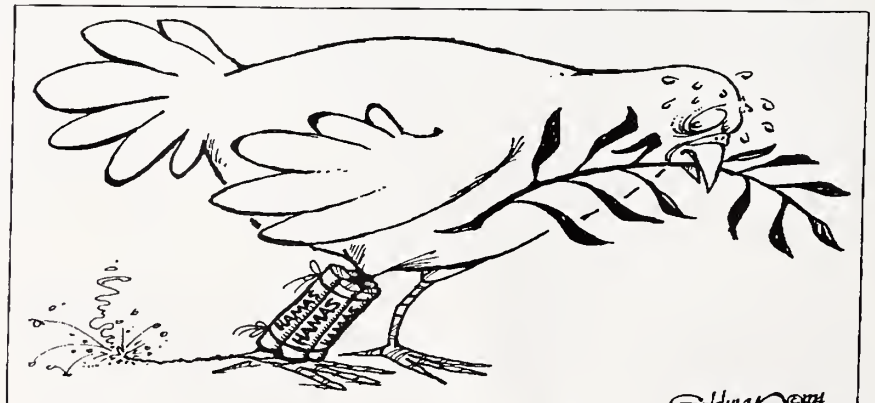
recurrence of depression.

Dr. Weisman believes that Psychoanalytic psychotherapy has fallen in its preeminence of 20 to 30 years ago. Nowadays, Peer Groups, Psychopharmacology and Social Engineering have scraped away much of the authority and glamour once attached to insight-oriented therapy, though it has remained an adjunct to any number of procedures intended to relieve stress and sustain the perplexed.

He believes that therapists are not friends with clients. They may be friendly and receive confidential information but they are not confidants.

The Vulnerable Self is a very small book, relatively speaking. However, Dr. Weisman poses some very cogent, thought provoking issues for the psychotherapist. Today there are as many psychotherapists as there are methods of psychotherapy. Being a psychotherapist requires careful self-examination and calls for authentic responses. This little book is more than a book on Psychology, it is a soul searching struggle to understand the meaning of life.

Pearl B. Rohde, M.S. is a practicing Clinical Psychologist in Charlotte NC.





**Jewish Life In Tsarist Russia: A World Rediscovered From the Collections of the State Ethnographic Museum, St. Petersburg Opens At The Jewish Museum
New York
On Sunday, October 9**

American audiences will see their first glimpse of a legendary assemblage of objects and lore related to Russian Jewish life prior to World War I, collected by Shlomo An-sky, the renowned ethnographer, revolutionary and writer, in *Jewish Life in Tsarist Russia: A World Rediscovered. From the Collections of the State Ethnographic Museum, St. Petersburg*. The exhibition opens at The Jewish Museum on Sunday, October 9, 1994, and remains on review through March 5, 1995.

Concerned about the loss of Jewish folk traditions and customs, An-sky led an expedition in the Pale of Settlement—the territory between the Black Sea and Vilnius, and from Minsk to Warsaw—from 1911 to 1914. There he collected the remains of the

folk life and material culture of what had been the largest and most concentrated Jewish population in the world.

Over 300 objects—festive, everyday and ritual costumes; household items; ceremonial objects; textiles; papercuts; illustrated books; colorful folk prints; musical instruments and games—as well as 46 photographs, will be on display at The Jewish Museum. Photographs documenting a way of life that once thrived but no longer exists will be included as well as Hanukkah lamps decorated with elements from Russian folklore, musical instruments from klezmer bands, amulets to ward off sickness and the evil eye, fur hats worn by Hasidic men on the Sabbath and festivals, women's bodice ornaments made of costly fabrics and metallic embroidery, special baking utensils for Jewish festivals, and a Torah ark valance embroidered with the Tsarist crown. The complex culture these objects represent will be seen to encompass a rich variety of religious, social and geographic subgroups, representing both a positive and

negative interchange with Russian culture and populations.

The works in the exhibition have been drawn from the collections of the State Ethnographic Museum in St. Petersburg. Long hidden, partially destroyed by a bomb while in storage, assumed by scholars to have been lost forever, and never before seen in the United States, many difficult circumstances have befallen the An-sky collection. Only a portion of what was originally collected has survived intact at the State Ethnographic Museum in St. Petersburg and will comprise about 40 percent of the exhibition. The rest of the exhibition consists of items collected by Jewish and non-Jewish ethnographers and curators, primarily between 1907 and 1948, and housed in the Ashkenazi collection of the State Ethnographic Museum.

The exhibition was organized by the State Ethnographic Museum in St. Petersburg and the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam. The exhibition and catalogue are supported by major grants from The Joe and Emily Lowe Foundation and the Foundation for the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam, Inc., New York. Additional funding is provided by Lufthansa Cultural Affairs, The Gloria and Sidney Danziger Foundation, The Joseph Alexander Foundation, Leonard and Evelyn Lauder, and Michael Jesselson. The publication of the exhibition catalogue was made possible by the Schussheim Foundation, Haifa, Israel.



Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro NC
by Sam Moffitt

Beth David's programs continue to reach out to all facets of our congregation and extended community. During the Thanksgiving weekend, we offered a College Homecoming Service for Jewish students attending area colleges and universities. Many students participated in this service and spoke about their experience in being Jewish on their various college campuses.

Several Family Education Programs are planned or have already taken place this year. These include Yom Shirah, a day devoted to learning Hebrew Songs; "How to Put Your Kids to Bed Jewishly," tips for incorporating Jewish fun and learning when telling your children good-night; and "Everybody Needs A Hebrew Name," a study of Jewish and Yiddish name origins.

Our Beit Midrash, Adult Education Academy, has experienced a wonderful fall semester. Over one hundred twenty-five people registered for seven classes. The excitement in the hallways on Tuesday nights is inspiring, as people pass each other between sessions on their way to the next class. We look forward with

growing anticipation to next semester's classes!

Beth David continues to recognize the importance of the efforts of all our many volunteers; and so we hosted a Congregational

Party to honor them on December 11. This enjoyable event, filled with Israeli dancing and singing, was our way of saying "thank you" to all our members who have chipped in and helped out running programs, writing the bulletin, working bingo, volunteering in the office, leading services. . . And the list goes on!

Finally, we are proud of the dedication and accomplishments in Hebrew and Judaica of our many young adults who are studying or have completed their studies for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. During the months of November and December we celebrated the B'nai Mitzvah of David Tuchman, Jordan Davidowitz and Nancy Burns.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Lepow

THE MEANING OF TZEDAKAH

On Thursday, October 27, Temple Beth El became the first synagogue in the Carolinas to build a Habitat for Humanity Home. Over 150 Temple members worked very hard, generously donating their time, money and expertise and doing everything from hammering nails to bringing bagels.

Over 200 Temple members raised the \$40,000 needed to finance the project through pledges and various

fundraisers as part of Habitat's "Adopt-A-Home" program, which entails not only building the house, but raising the construction costs as well.

The owner of this home, single mother Ms. Roberta Thompson, visited with Temple Beth El members at Shabbat evening services on October 28. She also hosted the official dedication of her home on Sunday, November 13, 1994.

"We are very proud to be part of the important work for Habitat," said Rabbi James Bennett. "Answering the call to help those in need is a tremendous part of Jewish tradition. We are very excited about motivating our Temple to have performed this real and tangible mitzvah."

ISRAEL ANYONE?

Rabbi Bennett is currently exploring the possibility of leading a congregational trip to Israel in the summer of 1995. The trip will be for adults and families and will be planned based on the number of interested participants, so be sure to call Cherie at 366-1948 if you would like to be put on the information hot line!

COLLEGE CONNECTION

The College Connection student gathering was held on December 23 and was a great success for all. Please call the Temple office if you would like to work with the Parent Committee on future programs.

The College Connection would like to thank Plej's Textile for their generous donation of Chanukah towels that will be sent to our college students in their Chanukah package.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

SISTERHOOD, now officially named The Women of Reform Judaism, was busy in November with all sorts of entertaining and worthwhile endeavors. Among them, on Sunday the 6th, was a reception at the Temple for the neighbors, who were offered a tour of the facility, a taste of Jewish food, some Jewish music and a description of it by Temple music director David Cohen, and a chance to give their views on the possible creation of a neighborhood park on part of the Temple grounds.

The effort was eloquently endorsed by Rabbi Ratner, who said in the Temple Bulletin, " 'Do not separate yourself from the community!' the Talmud instructs us. . .Our Sisterhood has taken on a significant community involvement project which moves us a step closer to fulfilling the Talmud's bidding. . ."

Shirley Berdie, chair of the Social Action Committee, headed plans for the occasion; co-chairs were Ed Schell and Marjorie Schachter. Shirley Berdie, Sylvia Meyer, Rose Rose, Marjorie Schachter and Ruth Weber helped with the refreshments. Then, on the morning of Monday, November 13, Shirley Cohen amused everyone with her gleanings from Leo Rosten's *The Joys of Yiddish*.

BROTHERHOOD president Harris Livingstain said in the November Temple bulletin, "The Brotherhood

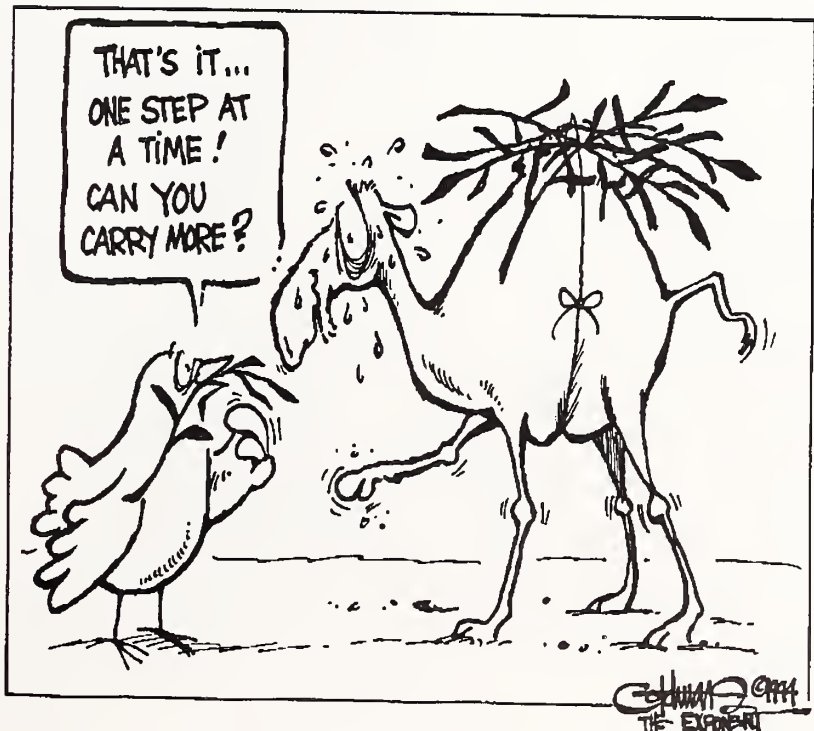
extends its congratulations to the Ratner family on the Bar Mitzva of their son, Micah." A gesture heartily seconded by everyone.

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met on November 12 and discussed the topic "What is the Value of Storytelling?" from the October 14 issue of *SH'MA*.

A NEW MEMBER SERVICE was held on October 21. Abby Robertson, chair of the Membership Committee, said in the November Temple Bulletin. ". . .we had a wonderful turnout. . .The families honored were Marlene Breger-Joyce, Jack and Nicki Benetan, Philip and Carol Cohen, Jeffrey and Juli Dave, David and Elizabeth Davis, Michael and Anne Felt, Basil and Irma Goldman, Abraham and Dorothy Golf, Steve and Terry Haney, Martin and Julie Lee, Ronald and Naomi Levine, Vita Marks, Edward and Dianne Moan, Irving and Marjorie Ratoff, Michael

and Mary Rauchwarg, Brad and Susan Raybuck, Marvin and Jean Schild, Steven and Pearl Scull, Sonja Shulimson, Ned and Eileen Simon, Arthur and Florence Sweid, Donald and Lee Wilson, and Wallace and Irene Wolf. . .all. . .have joined our Congregational family since January. We are happy to have them with us."

ADULT EDUCATION classes met on three Sunday mornings in November. There was one class in Hebrew, and two listed as "Introduction to Judaism." Rabbi Ratner explained that "the Intermediate Hebrew class is intended for students who can already read the Hebrew letters but want to become familiar with the Hebrew language in greater depth. Our Jewish History class explores the great ideas and events of our history." The class is reading from Chaim Potok's *Wanderings*.



LUNCH WITH THE RABBI on Monday, November 21, focused on the significance of the recent elections; reactions varied. Rabbi Ratner guided the discussion with his usual skill.

THE SHABBAT SEDER on November 18 was a semi-potluck affair, with the entrees provided and salads and desserts contributed by the guests. Great attendance, great food, great company.

THE YOUTH FUND was recently established to support the Temple Youth Group, a new entity formed by the congregation's young people. It is hoped that they will be able, to quote Rabbi Ratner, "to put together exciting events for themselves and for our Temple. . ."

OUTREACH, the intermarried group, met on November 19th at the home of Jim and Jane Webb.

Beth Shalom

Cary, NC

by Cindi Freeman

Beth Shalom celebrated many events this year including a new student rabbi, a land purchase for our future synagogue, and a growing enrollment in our religious school.

George Gittleman, a fourth year rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, began this fall as Beth Shalom's student rabbi for the year. Gittleman travels from Cincinnati to Cary twice each month to lead religious services, teach adult religious education classes, work with youth groups and Sunday school classes, as well as participate in ceremonial functions.

George Gittleman is a native of Louisville where his grandfather was a rabbi for over fifty years. After graduating from the University of Vermont at Burlington with a B.A. in American history, Gittleman moved to San Francisco where he worked as salesman in the computer industry. He recalls that his decision to become a rabbi was the culmination of a long process which started with a longing for more than just a job.

In late August Beth Shalom purchased approximately 7 acres of land in southern Wake County with intentions to build a sanctuary, social hall and religious school complex. The recent land purchase and future building of a synagogue represent the dramatically growing Jewish community in southern Wake county. The purchase of land is due in part to successful fundraising within the Beth

Shalom congregation and the leadership efforts of Sheldon Welstein. Fund-raising continues with a wider search of support from the Jewish community. The building committee is now interviewing architectural firms to design the Beth Shalom religious complex.

The Beth Shalom religious school is a growing part of our congregation. We currently have 73 children enrolled in our Sunday school (ages 3 through middle school) and 19 students enrolled in our three mid-week Hebrew classes. Our students learn from books, videos, music, games, cooking, field trips and more.

Beth Shalom of Cary was formed in 1983 and is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We currently have 78 member families.



Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Adult Education Program

The second B'nai Mitzvah Group is in the planning stages. The first B'nai Mitzvah Group encourages others to work for, laugh, take pride and joy in the experience.

Our Rabbi: An Update

Rabbi Birnham: 1. gave the invocation to well over fifteen hundred mayors, city managers, and councilpeople at the Grove Park Inn's annual gathering of the North Carolina League of Municipalities; 2. taught about Biblical and Rabbinic Ethics at Mars Hill College; 3. was one of four clergy speaking about children's needs at the Inauguration of the Billy Graham Center for Children at Memorial Mission Hospital; 4. taught about Judaism and Homosexuality at All Souls Church; 5. taught about Jewish Family Values at a Center for Jewish Studies brown bag lunch on November 17; 6. has been asked to be on the Board of Planned Parenthood, the Memorial Mission Hospital Ethics Committee, and a new clergy committee at Memorial Mission Hospital as he continues to work on the Children's First Committee at United Way, the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, as well as on the Family Abuse Committee at the Billy Graham Children's Center.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, November 20. This year

again focused on the needs of children.

Book Party

On December 10, Professor Rick Chess read poems from his first, hot-off-the-press book, *TEKLAH*. On that Saturday night, Dr. Chess, Assistant Professor of English at UNCA, read his moving, challenging, and sometimes even shocking, poems. He was then available for book signing. Refreshments were served to round out a delightful evening.

Thank You

Thank you to Debi Miles for organizing the cleaning and teaching about the symbols on the Torah ornaments.

The New Jewish Community Center

A beautiful building, dedicated staff, and the joy of seeing the children in the popular Shalom School, Rabbi and Sara's son, David Shalom, is one of many students there. The ongoing community traffic at the Center and super agenda fills us all with pride. We are indeed fortunate to be involved in this special "dream come true!"

Co-Housing Slide Show

On Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m., Westwood Co-Housing Community presented a slide show and discussion at the Jewish Community Center. Co-Housing communities have been highly successful in Denmark for over twenty years and are now, spreading quickly across the United States. Westwood will, when complete, offer privately owned homes, clustered around a central building for optional shared suppers and many other services and activities for children and adult of all ages. The remaining open space with woods, field, gardens, and creek will

be all for residents to share. Several members of the community were there to answer questions of all interested parties.

Sisterhood Project

Heirlooms to pass from generation to generation--members of Sisterhood are working on tablecloths and/or Challah covers on Monday evenings.

Synagogue News

Thank you to Jeanne Fowler, Susan Hedgepeth, and Susie Laibson, for their help in keeping the building clean while Dale Houghtaling was recuperating from his surgery. Also, we thank you for your cards, phone calls, and get well wishes for Dale following his appendectomy. Kay and Dale Houghtaling." Another note received: "Thank you to everyone for the many cards and calls to Julia, both while she was in the hospital and when she returned home. Your messages of concern and support were daily reminders of how important friends are during challenging times. We've continued to treasure all your thoughts and prayers. We feel very privileged to be part of such a caring congregation--Caren Kessler and Julia Kessler Hollar."

Chai-lights On Our New Members

Adrian and Shirley Sandler are originally from Johannesburg, South Africa, although they met each other while attending Cambridge University in England. Adrian is a pediatric physician at Asheville Pediatrics and Shirley is an exercise physiologist for Duke University. Adrian and Shirley have two sons, Nick, twelve, who attends Reynolds Middle School, and Dylan, eight, who attends Haw Creek Elementary.

Robert Moog is the inventor and

originator of "The Moog." "The Moog" is a musical synthesizer that is very widely used in the music industry. Bob originally hails from Flushing, New York, and moved with his company to Asheville in 1978. He has four grown children: Laura, who lives in Greensboro and is married, Renee, a photo journalist in Atlanta, Michelle, who operates a rock quarry in Thies, West Africa, and Matthew, who works for Micro Soft in Chicago.

Jennifer and John Williams moved from Florida to Asheville to be closer to family. John is a social worker at Blue Ridge Center. Jennifer is a writer-poet and works with her family (Gary and Natalie Kramer) at Downtown Asheville's Enviro Depot. Jennifer also volunteers her time with the Community's Teen Group-- "Woven Youth."

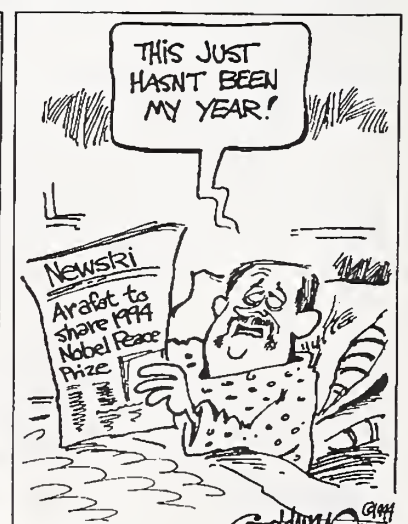
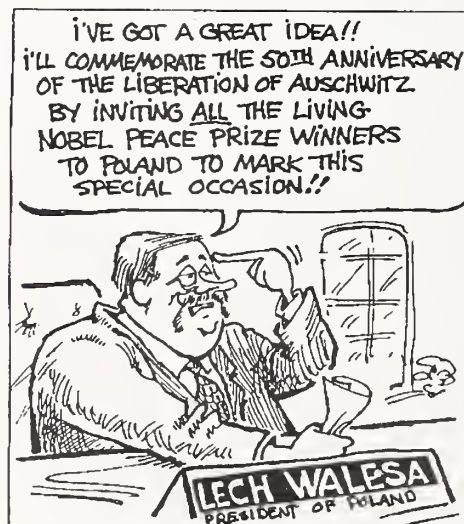
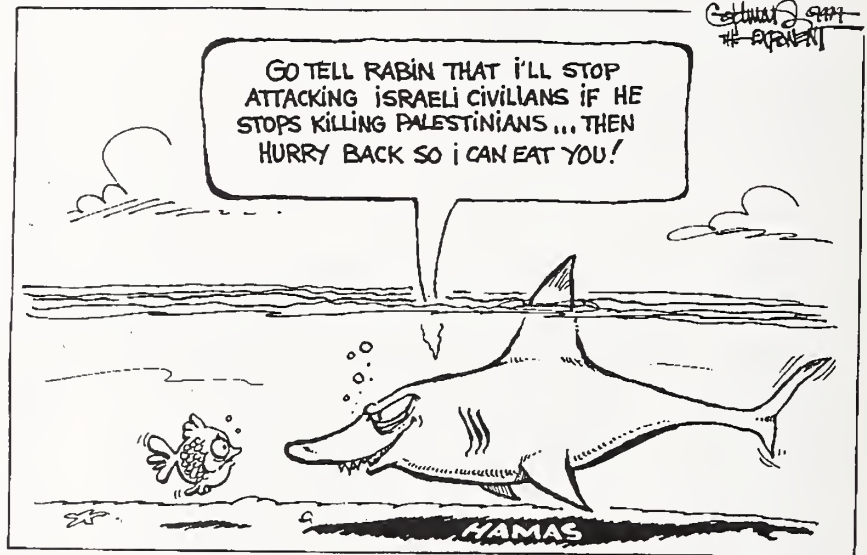
After closing her law practice in Miami, Laurie Reiz spent a year in Israel. After hearing about our wonderful Jewish community, she decided to make a home for herself here in our mountains. She plans to take the North Carolina bar exam in February and is currently working for Investment Management and Research, Inc. Still the Florida migration continues with Laurie's sister, Sherry Reiz. Sherry is currently teaching here in Asheville and doing extra tutoring in her home. When asked why she moved to Asheville, she replied, "I wanted to find an active Jewish Community in a small town, and I have."

Letter of Praise

We received this letter soon after the High Holy Days, from Jewish Community Center Director, Marlene Breger-Joyce's father. "Dear Rabbi Birnham, My wife and I had the

pleasure of visiting our daughter, Marlene, and our grandchildren, Amy and Annie, during Rosh Hashana. We were privileged to attend services at Beth Israel. We found the services most enjoyable. Your teaching of the ninety-fifth Psalm the first day and your sermon on the Akeda the second day was especially meaningful. The lesson that God is revealed as Creator of the Universe, Protector of Israel, and a loving Father to all His children is invaluable. Also, the idea that each of us is on a spiritual journey, is very powerful. Our responsibility to see the world and ourselves in this light is undeniable. . .

As a father and grandfather, I have always been concerned for the spiritual sustenance of my children and grandchildren. To be sure, in this generation, I am not alone in this regard. However, my experience in Asheville has done much to assure me that Marlene, Amy, and Annie will be well-nourished spiritually and will thrive in their Judaism. Sincerely, G. E. Breger.



ORGANIZATIONS

Charlotte, NC

The Female A-Gender is for You!

by Linda B. Hindel

The 3rd annual Jewish Women's Retreat is being held at Southpark Suites Hotel on January 21-22. This is a day (and a night!) designed with you in mind. So close your eyes--take a deep breath--say the words "I'll do it!" out loud and come have a spectacular experience with other Jewish women of Charlotte! Take some time out just for you--time to enjoy, learn, relax, and laugh. The focus is on you!

The program begins on Saturday January 21 at 6 pm. We'll have a "picnic" dinner followed by a Women's Havdalah service. Then the fun begins: an Image Update Workshop with Tessa Dunn and BeautiControl Cosmetics. Tessa and her associates will be there to make sure every woman has her own personal a-gender!

On Sunday morning we will breakfast together, and then it's on to Jewish Ethics with Rabbi Ezring of Temple Israel, followed by a Stretch! Yourself presentation.

During our vegetarian pasta luncheon, Sara Schreibman, the 1995 Chairperson of the Greater Charlotte Jewish Federation Campaign, will speak on Jewish Woman and Power.

After lunch we will be treated to a tour of Year Round Color in Your Garden with Pat Rodgers, one of Charlotte's most popular landscape experts. Then our day wraps-up with 'Communication+Empowerment!' by Dutch Stamey, nationally known President of Success Speakers.

Make your reservation now! The entire retreat is being held at the gorgeous Southpark Suites (formerly Guest Quarters) adjacent to Southpark Mall. Double-occupancy room (only two women to a suite!), dinner, breakfast, lunch and all programs and speakers is \$65 per person. For anyone unable to join us for Saturday night's activities we have a special offer: all the Sunday programs and lunch for \$22. Reservation deadline is January 1, 1995.

Send your checks payable to Crown City Chapter, WAORT, to: Heidi Rotberg, 5323 Gorham Drive, Charlotte 28226. For more info call Heidi at 365-3859 or Lorrie Klemons at 846-6790.

The Crown City Chapter or ORT presents this Retreat as a gift to the Jewish Women of Charlotte. Come and join us!

Charlotte Hadassah Highlights

On Wednesday, October 19, Charlotte Hadassah held its annual Donor Luncheon and Fashion Show at Temple Beth El. Food was provided by L'Spiedo Restaurant, and fashions, modeled by Hadassah members, were coordinated by Montaldo's. Rita Smart of Montaldo's hosted the fashion program, assisted by models Tonda Rifkin, Randy DeFilipp, Paula Gentile, Gabriela Warat, Gloria Peper, Norma Pepper, Fran Lyons, Lottie Goldman, Pam Segal, Fran Rosenberg, and Chelsea Herkart. Special guest of the afternoon was Nancy Nicholson of Charlotte's Shelter for Battered Women, who was presented with table centerpieces to take back to the shelter.

Proceeds will fund various Hadassah projects in Israel, although the primary project to benefit from this year's Donor is the Maternity Pavilion at Hadassah Hospital, scheduled to be dedicated during Hadassah's National Convention in Jerusalem in August, 1995. Over \$41,000 was raised this year, surpassing last year's amount, due in part to the generosity of Anita Blumenthal, whose substantial donation made her the first Founder in the Charlotte chapter's history. Many thanks also go to the Donor Luncheon's Fundraising Committee and Fundraising Vice Presidents Anne Brandt and Marsha Smith, for their superb effort in making this event a major success.

Behind the scenes, Reservations chair Mary Gordan and Luncheon chairpersons Terri Kane and Berta Kaplan succeeded in providing members and guests with a beautiful

and well-coordinated afternoon.

On Thursday evening, October 27, Gabriela Warat hosted the Hadassah "Young Leaders" program at her home. Ellen Hershkin, Hadassah's Young Leaders National Chairperson, spent the evening discussing the topic "New Directions for Hadassah:"

**For Ourselves, For Our Children,
For Israel, Forever. . .**
Federation/UJA Shabbat

On December 9-10, 1994, was this year's Federation/UJA Shabbat, with guest Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar. Temple Beth El hosted Shabbat Services.

Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar immigrated to Israel in 1948. He served in the Air Force Intelligence and Paratrooper units. Dr. Bar-Zohar has a B.A. in Political Science from the Hebrew University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Paris, France. A past journalist for several Israeli newspapers, Dr. Bar-Zohar has written several books, including the *Suez Top Secret, Brothers* and is the official biographer of David Ben-Gurion.

Beginning over fifty years ago, the UJA joined with world Jewry to support Jewish needs in Palestine and around the world. Following the Holocaust, Jews realized that desperate social service needs were not being met. With the establishment of the State of Israel and the subsequent "in-gathering of the exiles," the needs became even more acute.

At the same time, the American Jewish community evolved, with its

own social service agencies and the needs for funds. Its institutions labored under the task of educating a new generation of American Jews. In order to more efficiently raise and allocate funds both here and abroad, Jewish agencies began "federating" to conduct one annual fund drive. There are now over two hundred Federations conducting appeals in cities throughout North America.

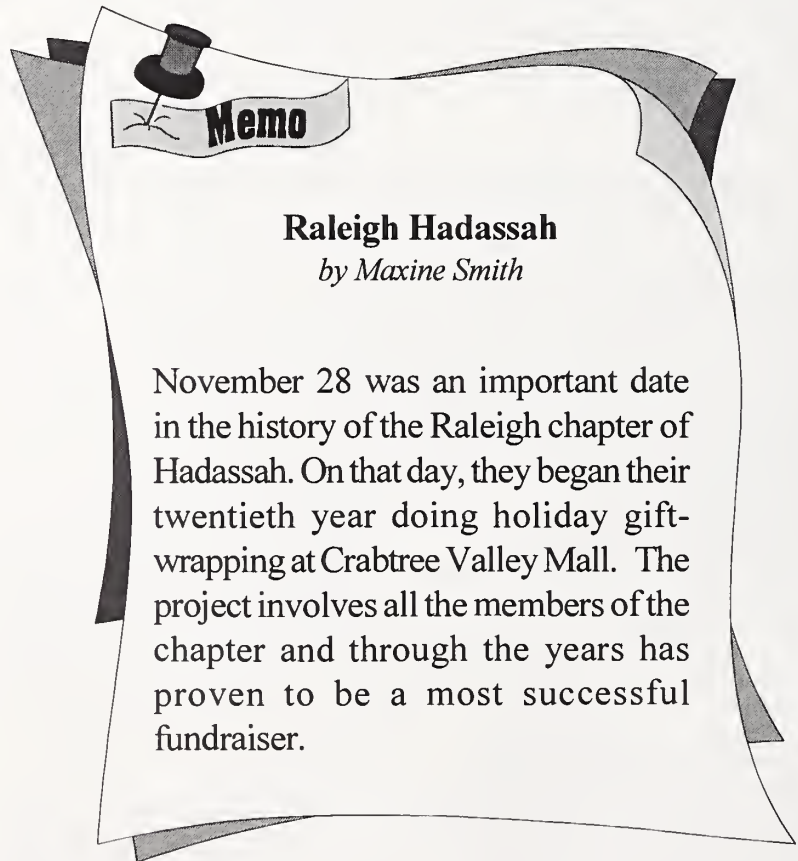
In Charlotte, the needs for social services and education are tremendous. The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte supports services through our local agencies, such as Jewish education for all ages, community development, senior services, outreach to newcomers, community relations, vocational

counseling and services to the needy.

The Charlotte Jewish community can be proud of its members who have taken leadership roles in current and past campaigns.

Soaring into the Future. Young Leaders is a group within Hadassah that intends to focus on local women's issues such as breast cancer awareness and the impact of domestic violence. Young Leaders is comprised of Hadassah members aged 45 and younger.

For more information on Young Leaders, contact Lynda White, Charlotte Hadassah president, at 541-8317.



Soccer Comes to Greensboro's B'nai Shalom



The 1994 B'nai Shalom Soccer Team

Kneeling left-right: Brent Simmons, Adam Lazovik, Kendra Miller, Zachary Kaplan, Whitney Kraus, Julia Davidowitz, Mark Spielman. Standing left-right: Dina Ackermann, David Malino, Laura Mezer, Jill Spielman, Emiliya Poplavsky, Anne Lazovik, Abbi Harris, Jordan Davidowitz, Anna Cone, Moriah Cohen, Coach Scott Duff

College Students: The Next Generation

by **Darin Diner,**
NC Hillel Program Director

My phone rang early one morning with a concerned parent of a high school senior on the other end. "I know college students don't take their Judaism seriously," he boldly said. "When I was in college no one went to Hillel, and I am sure that hasn't changed, right?" I was not exactly sure if he was expecting an answer or just stating what he thought was fact. What he didn't know is the facts are not the same as they used to be. "Hillel has changed, and what's more exciting is that North Carolina Hillel is changing each day," I answered as he eagerly listened. "The days of boiled Shabbos chickens and a handful of students at Friday night services are over. NC Hillel is truly a center for campus Jewish life."

So what does that mean? What does a center for campus Jewish life do?

As the days grow shorter and falling leaves fill the air, Thursday afternoons find the newly formed B'nai Shalom soccer team engaged in vigorous competition with other independent Greensboro schools. B'nai Shalom has joined the Canterbury School, Guilford Day School, the Montessori School, Ballinger Academy, and the New Garden Friends School in developing an intramural sports program for their 5th grade and Middle School programs. Looking very professional in their blue jerseys,

What can my children get out of it? How will their college experience make them better members of the Jewish community when they graduate? These were all important questions we spoke about for the next half hour.

the B'nai Shalom team Haas impressed everyone with decisive wins in 3 out of 4 of their initial games.

The purpose of the intramural program is to broaden the social community of the students involved as well as to teach athletic skills, encourage teamwork, and develop sportsmanship and respect for others. In addition to soccer, basketball and volleyball competition, students will share in non-competitive social events throughout the year.

I proceeded to explain how North Carolina Hillel is run by the students. Of course there is a community board of directors who oversees a full-time staff, but our real leaders are as young as 17 and 18 years old. It's a student board of directors that decides our ambitious programming calendar. It's

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The Charlotte Jewish Community Center honors 2 of its own 1995 JCC Gala to Honor Bill Gorelick and Harry Swimmer Sponsored by NationsBank



*"The Heart Of The J Beats On. . .
.From Generation To Generation."*

The Jewish Community Center will pay special tribute to two of our most visionary and dedicated community leaders, Bill Gorelick and Harry Swimmer, at the annual Gala to be held on February 4, 1995, at The Adams Mark Hotel.

Spearheaded by event cochairpersons Jill Newman and Lori Wojnowich, the Gala Committee's plans are in high gear. "Ticket buyers will be supporting the JCC and will be treated to a fantastic evening," Newman promises, "We're elevating the event to a new level this year. It will be a truly memorable evening." Gala attendees will enjoy tastefully prepared food and an elegant night out while being entertained by the popular band Northtower. Everyone can expect a few fun filled surprises, too."

Funds from the 1995 Gala will help support the social and educational services provided by the Jewish Community Center. This includes programs such as the Kosher nutrition program for older adults, day camp

scholarships, transportation services for the elderly, programs for children with special needs, Jewish identity building and enrichment experiences, infant day care and after school care. Wojnowich warns, "we are in jeopardy of losing some of these important services. We are lacking the appropriate funding to provide what is already in existence and to plan needed new services. It is our responsibility to insure the Jewish Community Center's future for our children and the coming generations!

Newman recounts that the notion of honoring Gorelick and Swimmer was warmly and unanimously endorsed because "It was Harry and Bill's foresight, commitment and energy that provided the leadership needed to turn our community's dream into a tangible reality. Without them the Jewish Community Center building could not have been built."

A veteran and vibrant leader, Gorelick has made his mark on both the Jewish and greater Charlotte communities. One of the original members of the Foundation of the Jewish Community of Charlotte, Gorelick also provided visionary leadership for Temple Israel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte as well as his strong commitment to the Jewish Community Center.

As chairman of the JCC Building Committee, Gorelick dedicated himself, unselfishly, to on site supervision of the design and construction phases of the project. He



continues to play an active role as primary consultant on building maintenance and facility upgrades. Wojnowich reiterates, "We are quite fortunate to be the recipients of Bill's steadfast commitment to the community."

Bill's devotion to the entire Charlotte community is evident by his support for and participation in a variety of civic causes, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mint Museum. Bill's immediate family includes wife Patty and children Marchelle, Rael, Todd and his wife Stacey.

Swimmer's involvement on both a local and national level has earned him widespread respect. When the Charlotte Jewish community set its sights on building a new Jewish Community Center building, Swimmer accepted the mantle of fundraising leadership. Swimmer's unwavering determination was the driving force behind the more than \$6,000,000 raised. By raising the necessary funds "up front", Swimmer

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assured that the project would be fully paid for and that the community would not be saddled with an enormous debt.

Swimmer, founder of the Swimmer Insurance Agency, is widely acknowledged as a pacesetter in the insurance industry. His international leadership as a member of the executive committee of the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel and his efforts on behalf of Temple Israel have helped Harry touch the lives of thousands.

Harry and his wife Marilyn live in Misty Meadows in Waxhaw, where raising horses is more than a hobby--it's a passion! Their children include Jody; Scott, his wife Carola and their children Toby and Mason; David, his wife Kirstin and their daughter Natalie.

The Gala Committee has structured the affair to accomplish two goals--raise funds for the Jewish Community Center and provide an attractive occasion for celebration that allows an opportunity for everyone to participate.

For more information about Gala tickets, and how to ensure that you are where the action is on February 4, please contact Roni Fishkin at the Jewish Community Center at 366-5007.



B'nai B'rith Women

Charlotte, NC

Judaism Institute: An Open House of Jewish Customs

by Wendy Rosen, Event Chairwoman

On Sunday, October 30, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., HaLailah Chapter and Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women sponsored the Judaism Institute: An Open House of Jewish Customs. This exciting event was held in the social halls at Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, and in Gorelick Hall, Jewish Community Center. The main goal of this event was to give a better awareness and understanding of Judaism to the Christian Community through displays of Jewish holidays, customs, traditions, and practices. Invitations were sent to local Churches, organizations, public and private schools, area colleges, city and county officials, as well as articles in different publications around Charlotte.

Members of B'nai B'rith Women, Hadassah, Ort, Temple Israel Sisterhood, Temple Beth El Sisterhood, the JCC, and the Zayin Class (7th grade) from Temple Israel Religious School set up displays explaining the Jewish Holidays and Shabbat. While other BBW members, the Charlotte Jewish Pre-school, Lubavitch, the Gimmel (3rd grade) and the Hay (5th grade) classes from Temple Israel Religious School explained Jewish Life Cycle Events, Kashrut, the Jewish Home, and Tzedakah and Mitzvot. All of these displays featured ritual items, books, music, video, and food. The organizations also set up displays about their organization along with the Religious School from Temple Israel

and Temple Beth El, the Consolidated Hebrew School, Jewish Day School of Charlotte, B'nai B'rith, BBYO, and Temple Israel Youth.

Our guests were invited to leisurely walk through our three beautiful buildings that make up Shalom Park. In the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El, our guests were given explanations, able to ask questions, and shown the Holy Ark and a Torah. While at Temple Israel, they were also given explanations, had questions answered, and shown the Stain Glass Window that surrounds the Ark.

At the Jewish Community Center, Yom Hashoah was exhibited through posters, books and video. Our guests were asked to color sheets containing 50 little figures that will be used in a BBW program, "Let the Children Remember," to be held in the spring for Yom Hashoah.

As our more than 300 guests of all ages, many of them in church or school groups, toured each facility, comments and reactions were positive. Many of them thanked our exhibitors for sponsoring this wonderful event. It can be said that our guests came, saw, asked, learned, and then left with a better understanding of what it means to be Jewish.

For those who worked on this event, their comments and reaction were just as positive. There was an excitement

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Personals

Fabricant & Sutker to Wed

Ms. Lisa Michelle Fabricant of Tampa FL and Dr. Benjamin David Sutker of Charlotte NC will wed on March 4, 1995 in Ashville NC. The couple will reside in Chapel Hill NC.

Ms. Fabricant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Corwin of Matthews NC and Mr. Neil Fabricant of Tampa FL, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Mollie Fabricant of New Jersey and the late Murray Fabricant, and Mrs. and Mrs. Syd Biespel of FL.

Dr. Sutker is the son of Judy and Stephen Sutker of Charlotte, NC and the grandson of Mrs. Minnie Sutker of Charlotte, and the late Nathan Sutker, and Mr. J.B. Frazier of Laurel Fork, VA and the late Mrs. Vadie Frazier.

Ms. Fabricant is a graduate of Emory and will graduate from Chapel Hill Law School in May. Dr. Sutker, a Morehead Scholar from Charlotte Country Day, is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Benjamin is presently doing an orthopedic residency at North Carolina Medical School.

CAJE

A "Jewish Film Festival" At Your House

The CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park is your local Judaic version of a *Blockbuster Video* store. With more than 300 videotapes with Jewish themes in the collection, CAJE is the one-stop for the best of Jewish films on video for family viewing. Basic family membership in CAJE begins at just \$18 a school year--and is your key to borrowing privileges in the Resource Center--and a whole lot more! Videos for children and families about the Jewish holidays, life cycle, history, Israel, classic Jewish storytelling, travel, and even how to learn Hebrew or to chant the Torah are available on loan from the Resource Center to CAJE members. Have a "Jewish film festival" at your house! And if you like Jewish music, CAJE has that too, with the largest Judaic audio cassette collection in the southeast featuring the hottest American Jewish performers in today's music scene.

Become a CAJE member and check out a movie tonight. The Resource Center is located in the Education Annex building right outside the JCC main entrance.

The list of feature length films for adult audiences includes the following titles:

Feature Length Films for Adult Audiences

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.)
Dark Lullabies (82 min.)
Diary of Anne Frank (180 min.)
Europa, Europa (115 min.)
Exodus (210 min.)
Fiddler on the Roof (180 min.)
Frisco Kid (119 min.)
Golden Age of Second Avenue (70 min.)
Golem (silent film) (105 min.)
Heartbreak Kid (106 min.)
Heritage: Civilization & the Jews (9 hours)
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.)
Israel: A Nation Is Born (5 hours)
Jazz Singer-with Al Jolson (89 min.)
Lucky Star (95 min.)
Noa at 17 (Israeli) (86 min.)
Raoul Wallenberg: A Hero's Story (240 min.)
Sallah (Israeli) (105 min.)
Schindler's List (3 hrs. 17 min.)
Secret Space (80 min.)
Shoah (10 1/4 hours)
The Wall (150 min.)
The Way We Were (118 min.)
Yentl (135 min.)

For additional information about CAJE contact Lenora Stein, Executive Director at (704) 366-5007

The Jewish Day School of Charlotte The Jewish Preschool on Sardis

Fall Fundraisers
by Lauren Stark

Fall may mean a colorful landscape to you, but to the students and parents at The Jewish Day School of Charlotte and The Jewish Preschool on Sardis, Fall means Fundraising!

On October 23, 1994, a dedicated group of parents conducted a yard sale which brought in toys, a refrigerator and over \$800 in cash for the schools. Thank you to all those who donated items. And a special thanks to all the volunteers who collected, organized, and sold goods on Sunday, including Janice Cantor, Dale Glick, Marci Goldberg, Dana Gorelick, Lisa Kaufman, Tanya Musler, and Rena Schneider. Plans are already underway for a March yard sale.

For a different twist, the school is participating in a fundraiser that won't cost anyone a penny! The school will be collecting General Mills UPC symbols until June, 1995. For every symbol collected, the school will receive 25 cents. As an added incentive, for every 1,000 symbols we collect, an additional \$100 will be awarded. Our goal is to collect 6,000 UPC symbols which translates into over \$2,000 for the school.

Please join us in our effort to raise funds; clip your UPC Codes and send them to the school. Our address is The Jewish Day School of Charlotte, 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270.

Dr. Leonard Fox, guest speaker, addressed a group of Day School parents on October 18. Dr. Fox, a

licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in child and family relationships, led a lively discussion called "Choosing Your Battles." Susan Rabinovich chaired the program which was sponsored by the PTO.

"Raise the Roof Update"

Only one month into Phase I of our Parents' building campaign, "Raise the Roof," we are pleased to report that as of October 24, 1994, \$169,850 in pledges have been received. This represents 34% of the families in the school. Many thanks to those who have pledged thus far: Bernie & Teri Ackerman, Craig & Jill Balick, Dr. Kenneth Bergmann & Gale Osborne, David & Janice Cantor, Dr. Stuart & Jodi Cohen, Mansour & Melissa Dabestani, Jeffrey & Donna Ehrlich, Jeffrey & Adriana Epstein, Jay & Robin Garbus, Mark & Linda Goldsmith, Dr. Peter & Jeanie Katz, Harold & Lisa Kaufman, Hormoz & Phyllis Kerendian, Dr. Robert & Nancy Kipnis, Binyamin & Ilana Levin, Miles & Nicki Levine, Dr. Mark & Roberta Malton, Alan & Pearl Mann, Jacob & Lari Massachi, Dr. Jeffrey & Tanya Musler, Henry & Susan Rabinovich, David & Karen Ransenberg, Michael & Simone Raus, Dr. Michael & Dr. Heidi Rotberg, Harold & Lyba Rousso, Dr. Joshua & Gail Sarett, Barbara Schoen, David & Jaynie Segal, Eric & Lori Sklut, Evan & Joan Solomon, Philip & Lauren Stark, Scott & Renee Sutker, Marcel & Beth Van Amerongen and Richard & Marci Willenzik.

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shared by everyone as the entire Jewish Community worked together for one goal. As the afternoon came to a close, talk turned to "the next time," which we certainly plan to do.

There are numerous people to thank for the success of the "JI". Donations of various kinds were made by different businesses and people in Charlotte and in the Jewish Community. Of course thank you goes to the members of the organizing committee who have worked countless hours since April to make this event possible and successful. Thanks also go to all those who participated, as well as to Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, and the Jewish Community Center for the use of the buildings.

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a student board of directors that plans socials, and community services projects; they plan religious observances, conduct fundraising campaigns and even cook delicious meals every Friday evening. If there is something that a student wants that we may not offer, it's the students who make the idea a reality. Most importantly, it's students who express their love for their Jewish community and share it with others.

"We put the power, the leadership and the creative ball in their hands," I continued, "and they run like their is no tomorrow." Even those students who are not the leaders walk away with a gleam in their eye and a smile on their face about their Jewish community. If you see that, you know there is a bright tomorrow for next Jewish generation.

"So what happened to the boiled chicken?" this father inquired with a slight giggle. "The chicken is still there," I answered. "We've just spiced it up a little and now the students are cooking to make the tastiest dish they know how." That's the new Hillel, a Hillel to fit everyone's taste. Try it, I'm sure you'll come back for seconds.

cross of flowers from the Ku Klux Klan. Mary Phagan's and Leo Frank's deaths had set a chain of events into play that had gripped the attention of Americans for many months with daily rumors and constant accusations of the lack of a fair trial. Sound familiar?

Information for this article was gathered from, "The Leo Frank Case," by Leonard Dinnerstein, published by the University of Georgia Press in Athens GA.



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Follow up story:

Reform Judaism Presents an Award to the Citizens of Billings, MT for Standing Up to Bigotry and Hate

Billings, MT--Billings is Montana's largest city, with a population of 81,000, including a tiny Jewish community of 48 families. But in Dec. 1993, during the observance of Hanukkah, windows in thousands of non-Jewish homes displayed menorahs--Hanukkah candelabras--and pictures of menorahs.

It was a show of interfaith solidarity and defiance against racist and anti-Semitic acts committed by skinheads and neo-Nazis who had invaded the area.

In recognition of their unified stand against bigotry and intolerance, the people of Billings were collectively honored this week (Dec. 17) by the movement of Reform Judaism, which presented them with a tree and plaque bearing the inscription: "To the People of Billings, in Recognition of Their Decency and Caring." The tree will be planted and displayed with the plaque in a public place to be designated.

The award was accepted on behalf of the citizens of Billings by their mayor, Richard Larsen, in the chambers of the City Council. It was presented by Kenneth Keenan, chancellor of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhood/Jewish Chautauqua Society, representing the movement of Reform Judaism. Present at the

moving ceremony were some 50 Billings officials, leaders of local communal and religious organizations and a delegation of Reform Jewish leaders, who flew in for the event.

"You, the City of Billings, have exemplified the best of the human spirit," Mr. Keenan told the group as he made the presentation.

In accepting the award, Mayor Larsen expressed his gratitude to the people of Billings for their collective action against bigots. "It is through the acts of citizens of this community that you have honored us," he told the Reform Judaism leaders. "And it is through the acts of this community that we have shown the true nature of man."

Among those attending were Rabbi Daniel Syme, senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), representing 860 Reform Jewish synagogues throughout the United States and Canada; Evely Laser Shlensky of Santa Barbara, Cal., chair of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism; Judith Meisel of Santa Barbara, a Holocaust survivor and organizer of numerous Reform Jewish humanitarian and educational projects, and Rabbi Norman Kahan, director of the UAHC's Committee on Small Congregations.

Standing Up to Bigotry

Speaking as a senior official of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Syme praised the Jewish and Christian communities for banding together in a display of defiance against the neo-Nazis. He addressed the group while holding 3-year-old Rachel Schnitzer, whose family was a victim of anti-Semitic acts here last year. Thanking the people of Billings on behalf of little Rachel, he said: "I'm here not only to thank you for what you've done here, but to thank you for what you have done for America."

The story of Billings' resistance to bigotry began a year ago when hate leaflets started appearing in mailboxes attacking Jews, Blacks, Hispanics, Indians, Homosexuals and Welfare Recipients. Swastikas and racial slurs were spray-painted on homes and on the doors of the Beth Aaron Synagogue. Tombstones were toppled in the local Jewish cemetery. Skinheads invaded an African-Methodist church and intimidated the worshipers. Beer bottles and a cinder block were hurled through the window of homes, shots were fired at the local Catholic high school and windows of churches displaying menorahs were smashed.

Billings residents were outraged. They organized a whole range of interfaith activities. The local daily newspaper, the *Billings Gazette*, published articles and editorially called on its readers to demonstrate solidarity with the small Jewish community. It printed a full-page picture of a menorah for residents to cut out and place in their windows.

Thousands of Billings families took up the challenge. In addition to displaying menorahs, residents

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cleaned up the graffiti and repaired vandalized areas. Ecumenical meetings were held and an interfaith council was created by the local churches and synagogue. Joint educational and social activities have been organized.

The result was a sharp downward spiral in hate activities. Vandalism ceased and the incidence of hate literature and hate crimes, including threatening telephone calls by members of hate groups, plummeted.

In addition to the ceremony at the City Council offices, there were interfaith meetings at Billings' First Congregational Church and at Reform Jewish Congregation Beth Aaron. In a talk at Shabbat eve services in the temple, Ms. Meisel, who, as a 12-year-old survivor of concentration camps was taken in by a Danish family, drew a parallel between the collective action of the Danish people, who rescued virtually their entire Jewish population from the Nazis by smuggling them to Sweden, and that of the citizens of Billings.

"We journeyed to Billings to say thank you, citizens of Billings, for declaring 'Not in our town,' just as the citizens of Denmark declared 50 years ago, 'Not in our country.'" Ms. Meisel said: "You have helped remind us all that if any citizen's home is not safe, then none of our homes are secure. You have demonstrated to the world that a concerted effort by people like you and men can extinguish the small flames of hatred and bigotry well before they become an inferno of war and terror."

Ms. Shlensky, who also spoke to a mixed audience at the temple services,

characterized the collective actions of the Billings citizenry as an example of "the contagion of goodness."

She added: "Perhaps what occurred

here will promote this spirit of goodness as other towns and cities become aware of responses that are possible when people are truly determined not to stand idly by."



Billings, Mont.--Richard Larsen, mayor of Billings--Montana's largest city--holds 3-year-old Rachel Schnitzer as he receives a tree presented to the people of Billings "in recognition of their decency and caring" by the movement for Reform Judaism. At right is Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism representing 860 Reform Jewish synagogues in the United States and Canada. Last year, the residents of Billings joined in a collective city-wide campaign to resist racist and anti-Semitic bigotry and acts of violence by neo-Nazis and other hate groups that had invaded the area. Little Rachel's family was among the victims of anti-Semitic attacks against the tiny Jewish community. During Hanukkah 1993, thousands of non-Jewish families displayed menorahs or pictures of menorahs in their windows to show solidarity with the 48 Jewish families targeted by the bigots. The sapling will be planted at a public site in Billings together with a plaque marking the community's effort to combat prejudice and violence.

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Auschwitz Liberation Anniversary

by Estelle Hoffman

50 years ago...

*So, from the Holocaust, we learn:
when we deny humanity to others,
we destroy humanity within
ourselves.*

*When we reject the human, and the
holy,*

*in any neighbor's soul,
then we unleash the beast, and the
barbaric,*

in our own heart.

*And, since the Holocaust, we pray:
if the time has not yet dawned
when we can all proclaim our faith
in God,*

*then let us say at least
that we admit we are not gods
ourselves.*

*If we cannot yet see the face of God
in others,*

*then let us see, at least,
a face as human as our own.*

*So long ago
the Bible taught that life might be
a blessing or a curse:*

the choice is in our hands.

Today we vow:

the curse will be remembered.

But our prayer must also be:

to fight despair,

to find the strength, the courage,

and the faith,

to keep alive that dream

*that--through us and through our
children--*

*the blessing might still be.**

*From the benediction delivered by Chaplain
Arnold E. Resnicoff, U.S. Navy, at 1987 National
Civic Commemoration of the Days of
Remembrance in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, as
cited in *Days of Remembrance*, a Department of
Defense Guide, Second Edition.

Soviet troops liberated the survivors in Auschwitz and nearby Birkenau, most notorious of Nazi death camps.

ARBEIT MACHT FREI were the German words above the entry gate--"Work Makes Free," a loathsome attempt at deception. This, the biggest and most efficient Nazi extermination operation, operated from 1939 to 1945. During that period, 1,500,000 people were killed there, 90% of whom were Jews.

The Nazis frantically tried to obliterate evidence as Allied troops approached, when it had to be admitted the "game was up"; the final solution failed. The liberators found only about 8,000 survivors, but 58,000 had been hastily forced to flee in a march toward Germany. It is estimated that about 9,000 of those victims died en route. Abundant evidence remained, and attendants at the memorial ceremony at Auschwitz were overwhelmed by the memories evoked on this anniversary.

The Holocaust did not end with the finish of Auschwitz. Other camps were subsequently invaded by Allied troops, who found the remnants of the inmate populations, mostly sick, some beyond help, and benumbed by the realization of their freedom.

Auschwitz was established in Poland

by the German Nazis to imprison Poles who were resisting German occupation. Subsequently, 90% of the victims were Jews, half of them Polish Jews. German officials counted on traditional Polish anti-Semitism to assist the plan to exterminate Jews.

Along with dissident political and intellectual Poles assigned to the Auschwitz camp, there were Gypsies and undesirables of any and all kinds. Estimates vary from 8,000 to 9,000 put to death daily there, with the boastful claim that unwanted consumers were converted into useful products for consumers. Such products are displayed in Holocaust museums.

There is significant controversy now between Jews and Poles, because Poles regarded Auschwitz as a Polish tragedy, since 6 million Poles died during World War II. Half of them were Jews, it is estimated. Percentages and total figures notwithstanding, it would seem that there remains more than enough grief and mourning to be shared. How can they be measured? The division which occurred in the memorial ceremony of the anniversary of the liberation is lamentable.

The Vatican issued orders in recent years to the Roman Catholic Church in Poland for all priests to condemn

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anti-Semitism. The Polish Church sent a delegation of priests to a month-long study session at Spertus College of Judaism in Chicago with American Catholic clergy and Jewish leaders and scholars, including most notably, Dr. John Pawlikowski of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He devotes all of his time to combating anti-Semitism. He believes the Polish priests had some language difficulties and is uncertain of the effects of the program in Poland.

The message was to be that hatred is out of bounds, and persecution is forbidden. Still, animosity continues. There has been the incident of the convent erected on Auschwitz's grounds, later removed because of outcry, and now a huge cross stands there to commemorate Christians who died in the camp. Will it ever end?

Live Jews are not necessary for anti-Semitism. As an example, Japan has about 1,000 Jews, mostly students, journalists and business people. Most Japanese have never met a Jew and could not distinguish one from another western alien, yet there is much anti-Semitism in journalism, theatre and attitudes. In a country that is monophyletic, it is usual for its people to be suspicious of strangers, whose presence is considered contamination of the natives. Diversity is not a desirable characteristic of their society. Poland has few Jews today, but anti-Semitism is evident, although it may be less than in other parts of eastern Europe. It began with the arrival of Jews in Poland in the early 16th century.

In reviewing the Holocaust, blame has been cast on American Jews, on the United States Government, on the world that stood by apathetically.

Nothing good is achieved thereby.

It is gratifying to see in our news media good coverage of the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, with much documentation which indisputably refutes the deniers of the Holocaust. Countless photos of the sights that shocked the liberators exist. Written accounts by officers and soldiers of what they saw are testimony to the atrocities committed.

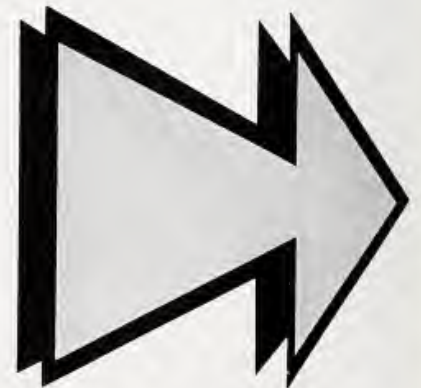
This anniversary is a reminder of the importance of the State of Israel. Equally important is the awareness that the history must be preserved. There are great endeavors in this cause.

Stephen Spielberg, director and producer of the movie, "Schindler's List," has started a project with 3 million dollars of his money to record on video the personal recollections of Holocaust survivors.

Kenneth Stern, program specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism for the American Jewish Committee, has written in his book, *Holocaust Denial*, the following, in his preface: "Whenever I asked friends what they thought of those who claim the Holocaust was a hoax, they'd laugh. 'Who believes these nut cases?' they'd ask. 'There's so much evidence about the Holocaust, why worry?' " But, he continues, lies that promote hatred turned into effective propaganda. He describes the exercise of anti-Semitic propaganda in 27 countries, besides the Arab states, with use of Holocaust denial.

Paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln's words, the world will little know or long remember what is spoken on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, but it must never forget what was done there.

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January 1945

1. Pasadena: Southern Cal. Trojans blank Tennessee Volunteers 25-0 in Rose Bowl.
- . Hitler breaks 5-month silence to tell German people the war will not end until Reich victory.
1. France signs U.N. foundation declaration .
1. Greek conflict halted by truce after 40-day battle .
4. Belgium: Last German offensive in Bastogne fails .
6. Pacific: B-29's strike new blows on Tokyo, Nanking.
7. Pacific: U.S. air ace Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr. killed in battle.
7. Hollywood: RKO radio signs Boris Karloff for parts in three horror shows.
8. Chicago: Teamsters Union asks repeal of Wagner Act and end of NLRB.
9. Pacific: U.S. troops land on Luzon, 107 miles from Manila.
12. U.S. Pacific fleet carrier planes sink 25 Japanese ships off Indochina coast.
13. Red army opens offensive in south Poland, crashing 25 miles through German lines .
15. American First Army enters Houffalize in heart of Belgian Bulge.
17. Poland: Red army occupies Warsaw.
19. Poland: Red army captures Lodz, Krakow and Tarnow.
20. Washington: FDR inaugurated for fourth term .
20. Moscow: Allies sign truce with Hungarians.
21. Red army invades Germany in East and West
24. China: U.S. Mars Task Force traps Japanese along Burma Road south of Wanting.
25. Grand Rapids, Michigan, becomes first U.S. community to fluoridate water.
28. China: Chiang Kai-shek renames Ledo-Burma Road Stilwell Road, in honor of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.
30. Germany: U.S. launches drive on Siegfried line.

February 1945

1. Luzon: U.S. Rangers and Filipino guerrillas rescue 513 American survivors of Bataan "death march" .
2. Ecuador declares war on Germany .
2. Pacific: American B-29's sink Singapore dock in biggest attack on naval base .
2. Germany: Red army sweeps 15 miles closer to Berlin, taking Stettin.
2. Germany: 1,200 RAF planes blast Wiesbaden and Karlsruhe.
3. Germany: Allies drop 3,000 tons of bombs on Berlin.
4. Germans complete evacuation of Belgium.
4. Yalta: Big Three meets in Soviet territory to discuss war aims.
6. Pacific: MacArthur reports fall of Manila, liberation of 5,000 prisoners.
10. Pacific: B-29's hit Tokyo area.
13. Balkans: Red army completes conquest of Budapest, ending 50-day siege with over 159,000 killed.
17. Pacific: MacArthur troops land on Corregidor in the Philippines.
18. Pacific: U.S. Marines storm ashore in Iwo Jima.
20. Washington: WLB orders minimum wage of 55 cents an hour for textile workers
23. France: First American boats arrive with food for French civilians.
23. Germany: Eisenhower opens wide offensive in Rhineland.
23. Turkey declares war on Germany and Japan.
24. Egyptian Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha killed in Parliament after reading decree declaring war on Axis .
26. Midnight curfew begins throughout U.S..
26. Syria declares war on Japan and Germany
28. Germany: U.S. tanks break natural defense line west of Rhine, cross Ert River (3/6).

March 1945

2. Rumanian govt. falls under Soviet pressure; Communists appointed by King Michael.
 2. Detroit: Ten Chrysler and Briggs plants closed by strikes .
 2. U.S.: Raymond Massey opens in "Hotel Berlin."
 2. Pacific: MacArthur raises U.S. flag on Corregidor in the Philippines.
 3. Finland declares war on Axis.
 4. Germany: U.S. military government confines 30,000 Germans to homes in Neuss.
 6. Germany: Cologne falls to Gen. Hodges' First Army.
 8. Germany: U.S. First Army crosses Rhine between Cologne and Coblenz.
 10. Indochina: Tran Kim proclaims independence under Japanese.
 10. Japan: 300 B29's rain fire on Tokyo, killing 100,000.
 11. Pacific: U.S. Marines land on Mindanao in Philippines.
 16. Germany: Saar battle won by Patton's forces; Nazis in flight to Rhine.
 17. Helsinki: Communists win Finnish elections.
 18. Japan closes schools, orders all over six to war service.
 19. U.S.: OPA freezes price of clothing.
 19. Germany: Hilter orders scorched-earth policy.
 20. Pacific: U.S. carriers bomb Japanese fleet in lair; USS Franklin hit, killing 832.
 24. France promises Indochina financial autonomy within French Empire.
 27. Argentina declares war on Axis.
 30. Poland: Russian forces take Danzig, invade Austria.
 31. U.S., Britain bar Soviet supported provisional regime in Warsaw from U.S. parley in San Francisco.
- DEATH
26. David Lloyd George, British Liberal Party leader

Kibbutz Gesher Haziv
Helps Addicts

Beat Drug Abuse

by Ruth Lacey

(WZPS) Si and Nati have very little in common except an inclination towards addiction. Si belonged to an American youth movement, made aliya to Kibbutz Gesher Haziv in the 1960s, and got into drugs and alcohol. Nati, an Israeli from Jaffa, is almost a generation younger. The second youngest of ten children, he was a battered child, left home at nine and began using heroin at 13.

Israel's drug problem, though not high on the government's agenda, has nevertheless touched the lives of 5.2% (about 100,000) of Israel's 18-40 year olds in the past year alone, according to figures released by the government's Authority for the War Against Drugs. *(This includes soft-drug use).*

In 1987, the country began to confront this problem by setting up its first residential treatment program. The establishment of five additional programs since then has provided addicts with 350 beds in all. Sixty-four beds are available for addicts going through physical withdrawal, and 15 non-residential rehabilitation programs now exist throughout the country.

In July 1992, 16 years after his last drink, Si Greenfield began putting the 12th commandment of Alcoholics Anonymous into practice: help other addicts. Claiming an 80% success rate after a one-year follow-up program (a claim mirrored by government-run centers), "Haderech" (The Way) creates a unique mixture of AA, gestalt and kibbutz. Based on the philosophy of "Promis" in the United Kingdom-famous for treating stars like Elton John and Michael Jackson-it provides a six-month residential program in a quiet, grassy enclave.

Si, who holds a degree in sociology from the University of Maryland and studied addiction counseling at the Promis Recovery Center, felt that by creating a community within a community, it would be easier to encourage participants to take responsibility and develop a sense of self worth. The program began as a small-scale experiment involving eight addicts and was approved within a few short months by the Kibbutz general assembly. By the end of 1992 it was taking in up to 24 people at a time. Nati was one of them.

Run almost exclusively by trained, former addicts, as well as a residential

psychologists and social worker, the program is based around a work week crowded with group sessions which range from making collages to anger workshops. Here, addicts learn to admit that their life is unmanageable and needs turning around. "The program gave me the ability to know myself," says Nati, three months into the program. "Once we had to write down all our feelings. I wrote some positive things-like love, happiness, fulfillment-then I crossed them out. They existed, but I didn't feel them. Then I was given a project-to write down the positive things about myself. For a month they chased after me. But I couldn't do it. There was nothing good.

"Now I've begun to see that I've got good in me, despite everything. Here they've given me the opportunity to know who I am, and to learn how to deal with life, how to deal with what I feel."

For Nati, working on the kibbutz has been one of the most important aspects of the program. "I can learn anything, I know how to work," I told them when I got there. 'Just don't put me washing dishes.' But they did, on purpose, and I got the hang of it. I even understood why it was important work and I did my best. After a while I got bored, though. Then one day I was sitting with two kibbutzniks and they said, 'In 30 years, no-one's worked on the dishwashing machine like you. The place has never been so clean.' Then I started to understand that the small, everyday things that you do, and the way that you do them, means something.

"I've got relations with the people I work with that I never had with

anyone. Not even my family. I think it's because I've changed. I've worked with kibbutzniks before but I could never get with them. I couldn't accept them unless they met me on my territory."

Outside work, there's essentially not much interaction with members-the result of a deliberate policy on the part of Haderech staff-unless participants develop a special relationship with a particular family.

Socializing with kibbutz volunteers is also discouraged. "It's not good for them," says Si. "They often talk about being empty and not knowing what to do with it. The easiest thing would be to light up a joint or talk some heroin. There are a lot of volunteers looking for a little action."

So far, says Si Haderech's success rate has been quite impressive. Almost 95% of participants have stayed clean for more than a year, although most swap their addiction for coffee, sugar or cigarettes.

"There are those who'd rather us not be here," says Si. "But a lot of kibbutzniks are very proud of what's going on. Obviously they're in the majority, because we're here."

If Haderech's declared success rate is anything to go by, they have good reason to be proud. Part of that success can be attributed to their aftercare, which includes regular contact with over 120 former residents, who attend regular weekly sessions. "Just stopping isn't enough," says Nati. "Here I've started to understand that."

(WZPS) Between November 21 1984 and January 5, 1995, some 8,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in the legendary "Operation Moses". The Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency, the Ministry of Absorption, the Israel Defense Forces, and various security forces, were all partner to this complex, covert human mission. ☯ The need for Operation Moses arose from the arrival of thousands of Ethiopian Jews in Sudan during the early 1980's and the dire situation in the refugee camps where they were interned: epidemics, hunger and a high mortality rate. ☯ Late one November night, an Israeli airplane arrived in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, where it took on 220 soon-to-be new Israeli immigrants. The airlift continued over a period of 45 days with the Israeli plane making 28 night flights with its human cargo, landing each time at an airport in central Israel. ☯ Preparations in Israel quietly reached full swing. Volunteers, social workers and translators from all over Israel were recruited to welcome the new arrivals and reunite them with their families. Doctors were on hand at the airport day and night in makeshift infirmaries, a constant supply of food and drink was available, transportation was arranged to and from hospital for the sick and to bring representatives of each of institution involved in the operation to the airport to welcome each flight. ☯ The operation came to the attention of the Sudan government as a result of untimely press coverage. The Arab countries, furious over the airlift, pressured Sudan and Ethiopia to prevent any more Jews from leaving for Israel. The 5,000 Jews remaining in the refugee camps were thus forced to wait several more agonizing months until they were finally allowed to leave and join their families in Israel. ☯ On March 28, an additional airlift, arranged with assistance from the United States government and using American cargo planes, brought an additional 600 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The remainder arrived in stages over the next few months, and only as a result of intense negotiation with the Sudanese government. Operation Moses was finally over.

Operation Moses Ten Years On



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She Loved Them--To Teach Them
A Vignette of Miss May
by Min Klein

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Early in the 20th century a young school teacher in Oxford, NC stood before her small class of what was supposed to be a first grade, and determined that she would bring an education to a group of children of varied ages and backgrounds, primarily from farm families. Since she began teaching before public education came to our state, she had very little preparation for teaching, as her own opportunities for learning were limited, and certainly there were no set rules to follow.

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But she had a God-given gift of love for her fellowman and a heart full of compassion. She improvised and used to best advantage the simple training in reading, writing and arithmetic which she had received in the small church oriented school, presided over by two aristocratic ladies of the town, who were motivated to bring some sort of education to this small tobacco town of 2,000 or 3,000 people. Her parents gave her the ingredients for building character and for instilling the love of learning in others.

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What was unique about Miss May White's situation was that, in spite of her years of teaching, and eventually becoming a part of the North Carolina public school system, she was not prepared for a group of students, the like of which no other teacher in Oxford had ever had the experience of confronting.

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Miss May had thrust upon her first grade five immigrant Russian Jewish children, aged from six to twelve years, recently arrived in North Carolina. Nothing had prepared her for this because these five were the first of this "breed" to enter the school, and no one could communicate with them. They spoke no English, did not understand any of the American customs or the rules in a classroom. They could only sit and watch what the other children were doing and pick up a word or two. How then, get across to these strange newcomers what they were supposed to do?

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But these foreigners were deeply impressed with this lovely, blonde lady, who smiled and made motions in an effort to make them understand words so familiar to their families. Charming, stately and kind, appearing taller than her barely always dressed in a long white or blue or pink dress with a high collar, which was the style in those days, from which hung a

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Continued from page 12 - Miss May chain with an Elgin watch pinned to her shoulder with a fleur-de-lis pin, she commanded the attention of the children.

This was long before the words “child psychology” had been introduced, but Miss May had that innate knowledge of and deep feeling for people. She projected an aura of love of teaching and a warmth for humanity, which gradually reached her students and communicated itself to these newcomers. They listened, watched, and eventually, learned. We came along several years after she had begun her teaching career, which was to last for a lifetime, in and out of the classroom.

I was the youngest and last to arrive in the town, and thus, the last to start school. My cousins, who comprised the group of four, came during the summer and were able to start school at the proper time. By then, the oldest ones, who had had some studying in Russia, were already promoted to classes more in keeping with their ages.

By virtue of their early arrival by two months, and because of their number, I looked up to them as seasoned Americans. When my father brought me to the office of the superintendent to register in November (there was no principal, since this was the only school in the city), I was too frightened to go into the class and refused to let go of my father’s sturdy and supporting hand. I had an extra day of grace, so that when we returned on the following day I was put into the only first grade that existed at the time, where my younger cousins near my age, had already been placed. Thus, I was also the lucky one exposed to the wonders of Miss May.

I sat frozen to my desk, my hands primly folded, as was the custom with students in those years, afraid to move a muscle, but watching all that was happening around me, until my cousin Dora, a bit older than I and was already a veteran of two months in the American educational world, trying to make me feel more comfortable, spoke to me in Yiddish. Since we had not yet learned that there were rules to follow, we got up from our desks when we wanted to, walked over to the other side of the room to look at some strange (to us) things, or walked out into the hall. Dora achieved great stature in my eyes when she escorted me around the building. One of the great wonders which we did not know in Russia was the first objective of the tour. . .the gleaming white bathroom with water toilets which flushed water when we pulled a handle. We must have used up gallons of Oxford’s water supply with this novelty. This was America!

Miss May’s patience with us was indescribable. She somehow led us through the mystery of the English word through pictures, songs and various motions. Gradually we learned enough words to communicate, and when we began to read *The Sunbonnet Babies*, we were off and going. Dora learned more quickly, so she was promoted to the second grade. Nathan and I remained, going the regular route to eventual graduation. The two older cousins, Sarah and Mose, had already reached the fourth grade, all within that one year! It must have been a feeling of great relief to Miss May to be left with only the two youngest who were finally reading--possibly not yet understanding everything--but reading, nevertheless, and loving the sound of those new words. *The*

Sunbonnet Babies was the first book in English that I learned to read and the thrill and excitement I received from those adorable blue and yellow illustrated pages will never come again, regardless of the millions of words I must have read by now.

As we grew older and learned the language more thoroughly we began to understand the miracle that Miss May had wrought with these strange newcomers and we began to more fully appreciate the patience that she had to exhibit in teaching us. This was not New York or Boston or Chicago where thousands of immigrants were arriving daily, settled into primarily Jewish neighborhoods, and where provisions were made to teach them and other immigrants-and to help them become Americanized more quickly through interested groups and experienced teachers. Here was a woman with little education, by today’s standards, and even less experience, who saw children eager to learn, and she reached out to them in her own natural and loving way.

Through the years, while some of the five immigrant Americans have left Oxford, because of marriage or business or other careers, we have all continued our contacts with Miss May. For some of my cousins it is a ritual to call on Miss May when in the vicinity of Oxford; the rest of us correspond with her and take great joy in knowing that she wants to keep in touch with us and that she is still carrying on a busy life.

She eventually married one of Oxford’s most eligible bachelors and retired from teaching, but keeps her hands busy and her mind open to all that goes on around her. Her love of

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teaching never diminished, and she continues to give of her time and energy to all who want to learn. We were the only "odd" ones, but through her many years of teaching Miss May influenced generations of first graders. She never had children of her own but one can be sure that scattered throughout the country, and possibly many foreign countries, are men and women in every profession or business who learned their first lesson in the written word, interlaced with wisdom, from Miss May's patient, smiling, warm personality.

I grew up with a strong love for words. Reading and writing have been almost a passion with me, and I know that it was in great measure because of Miss May's dedication to teaching us the English language and the correct use of words which led me to the appreciation of the world which can be mine by exploring the endless variety of books.

I had the good fortune to receive an invitation to visit with Miss May on one occasion when she came to spend the holidays with her nephew in Greensboro. The family loved her and admired her and would always travel miles to bring her from Oxford to visit with them in Greensboro. I was amazed that she remembered me by my married name, when she called me on the telephone and invited me over. The visit turned into an interview and to me this was a revelation of what a human being can make of life, even having had so little to start with, but who is motivated to give of herself to others. At 92, Miss May's mind was clear, her memory outstanding and although she had gone through two operations and was walking with a quad cane, her feeling of

independence was as strong as ever and it seemed that she would go on and on for many years. Her smiling eyes looked clearly into mine and she recalled incidents about school and the community which, I'm sure, most of us have forgotten. Hers was a life of accomplishment.

We talked for two hours, we shared lunch and memories and I felt as if I had gone back more than 60 years in time. I had listened to an oracle whose wisdom did not know the restriction of years, but had come along side by side with the changes which life brings.


When I asked: Miss May, how in the world did you know how to put across Greensboro, NC
September, 1986

your thoughts to us when we did not know a word of this new language; to make us understand what you wanted us to know-


her answer was very simple: "When the other teachers in the school asked me how to teach these new children, I simply said 'Love them and teach them and they will learn and enjoy it.'"

Since my visit with Miss May, I learned that she passed away on May 29, 1985, at the age of 96. Certainly she left a legacy that has affected many people scattered far and wide, and which has made a difference in their lives.

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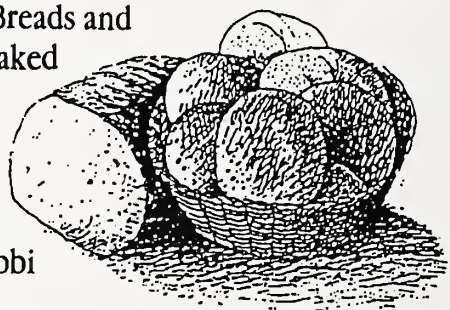


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National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations

by Estelle Hoffman

This biennial Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations was held in Tulsa OK November 6-9. Previous events in this dialogue which we have attended have been reported with enthusiasm by me, and participation in this year's Workshop was equally exciting.

I like to call such conventions, "Only in America" occasions, but did learn that an attempt to hold such conventions has spread to Europe under the aegis of an international committee, to gain in successful encounters, it is hoped.

At each National Workshop the attendance numbers nearly 1,000. Those who come include foremost theologians, clergy of numerous denominations and interest, teachers and active lay people. In Tulsa, 120 seminarians came, from divinity schools as diverse as Hebrew Union College and Oral Roberts University.

Richard Roberts, Oral's son, now president of that University, addressed the opening banquet in friendly and democratic terms. The choir of ORU graciously sang as the meal was ending, with such harmony and fervor that the banquet hall fell silent, and one could feel the esteem of the assemblage mount.

Greetings were offered by the Mayor of Tulsa, The Honorable Susan

Savage; by Bishop Edward J. Slattery of the Catholic Diocese of Tulsa and by The Honorable Avi Granot, of the Israel Embassy.

Following the Banquet, the opening Plenary session set the theme with Rabbi Irving Greenberg and Professor Paul van Buren speaking.

The list of eminent speakers during the following days numbers almost 100, and seems impressive enough to temper the strongest bigot. From both coasts of the USA they came, and also from the Vatican, Jerusalem, Heppenheim in Germany, Maggiore in Italy, Bishop Krister Stendahl. Bishop Emeritus of Stockholm, Sweden, now in Cambridge MA.

Participants in this 14th Workshop came from even a wider geographical range, and from numerous denominations. There were African Americans, but also students from Zimbabwe and other African nations, in greater number than have attended in the past. The Greek Orthodox Church was represented and even some Muslims, although the dialogue is bilateral.

We were shuttled to B'nai Emunah, one of Tulsa's Conservative Synagogues, which houses the Fenster Museum, a collection of fine and interesting Jewish articles, including some from Jewish communities in northern African countries where

modern ceremonial robes are unusual. Somehow, over fifty years, the Fenster family has acquired much of the exhibition, augmented by gifts from friends.

Two members of B'nai Emunah hosted a dinner one evening for all of the Jewish participants in the Workshop. It was held in the restaurant of a private club across the street from the hotel which held the Workshop.

We hadn't thought of it previously, but Oklahoma claims the second largest number of Native Americans. One of them came in full regalia of his tribe, and in perfect American English invited us to attend the Gilcrease Museum on Tuesday evening. We were collected and bussed to the site, and after a fine vegetarian dinner, we were entertained by a show of Indian fashion and native music, song and dance.

The Gilcrease Museum houses a large collection of early Western American paintings and what is claimed to be the largest exhibition of Remington and Russell bronzes.

Gilcrease money came from oil, his ancestry was part Indian and he was married to a Native American. A group of welcoming Native Americans from various tribes

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welcomed us and dined with us, and somehow I concealed my embarrassment at being the beneficiary of their suffering and the sins "of our fathers." Is there no way to form a nation without wresting it from somebody else?

Irving Greenberg, president and co-founder of CLAL, Center for Learning and Leadership in New York and noted author and speaker, reminded us that Christians and Jews are bound together by the Akedah, the Binding of Isaac. Because of different languages, our two communities have different interpretations of a single tradition, but the story of child sacrifice, common in the ancient world, pervaded both traditions.

In my copious notes are outlined all of the references throughout the Bible and the New Testament to the concept of child sacrifice in its many manifestations. But my notes are taken compulsively, and help me to remember, not to force their transcription on readers.

Interesting though they be, Biblical discussions are not the purpose of these Dialogues. We ask ourselves these questions: Is it possible to include everyone? How should we talk of our own religion? How do we acquire healing? How can we share in prayer, or is that possible? How should we proceed from where we have been.

Some answers are that we have to listen in order to understand. We need

to accept the challenges of pluralism and agree there is truth in all. We also need to understand what gives the other joy.

Ah, but this kind of group has a sense of humor. Yet, Christians cannot forget that two of three European Jews died, and the message must be given in the educational system. With or without Jews, A Roman Catholic Sister of Italian birth who has been living in Israel vouched that the Vatican is still trying to come to grips with the Shoah. She pleads for teaching the Jewishness of Jesus, for other ways for the Church to combat anti-Semitism.

Dozens of sessions were held. One person could attend only one at a time. If there is interest, more will be reported in future issues.

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Two Friends Share More Than Memories

Two friends whose lives followed very different paths have shared a lifelong friendship. Their paths have now joined as they share life together at BJH. Bessie Schwartz was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1902; Sara Herman Feen in Ohio in 1905. Their paths crossed for the first time in the 1920s when as young women they met in High Point, North Carolina.

When she was six years old Bessie's father moved his family south via Norfolk to settle in High Point. He felt this would be a perfect community in which to raise his family. High Point is home to Bessie Schwartz. She and her sister Edna and brother Milton have lived there most of their life.

Born in Ohio, Sara Herman's childhood, as her married life later proved to be, was filled with travel, and home was wherever her father moved his young family. Sara graduated valedictorian from her high school in Greenville, South Carolina and moved to High Point soon after.

In her new home Sara met Bessie Schwartz and her sister Edna. They became close friends. "More than friends" as described by both Sara



Sara Feen (Left) and Bessie Schwartz enjoy their reunion at Blumenthal Jewish Home.

and Bessie, "We were like sisters. Every week we had parties at different people's homes; we were carefree with no problems," said Bessie, describing their years as young women living in High Point. A memorable occasion for both women was a trip to Atlantic City in 1932 to visit Bessie's brother Milton. Vivid memories for both Bessie and Sara are walking the Atlantic City boardwalk and a visit to New York City where they had dates with young men who were visiting at Grossingers resort. During the early years of their friendship Bessie, who had attended Business School, worked as an auditor and bookkeeper for a furniture store, a career path she was to follow until she retired. Sara worked for a fashionable women's clothing store.

In 1939, the two friends were separated by distance though not in their feelings for each other. Sara had met and married Ben Feen, a physician and captain in the U.S. Navy. Married life for Sara meant moving sixteen times as she traveled with her husband to

wherever he was stationed, from the Pacific during the war to Philadelphia where he served as commanding officer of the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. December 7, 1942, holds vivid memories for Sara as she waited at home in Honolulu for Ben to return from duty at Pearl Harbor.

Following Ben's death in 1976, after 37 years of marriage, Sara Feen returned to High Point to be close to family who were living there. "I took up with Bessie and Edna just like we had always been," said Sara. Their paths had come together again and their friendship had remained strong. Bessie agreed "There's a closeness with old friends that you usually don't have with others," she said

In October 1992 Bessie Schwartz moved into the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Just two years later in November 1994, following an illness, Sara Feen was given the only available room in the B-wing; her roommate was to be Bessie Schwartz. "It's amazing, I couldn't have asked for a better roommate" Sara exclaimed. Bessie, pleased to have their paths cross again, added "I was so surprised and happy. We are just like family."

Just like family, Bessie Schwartz and Sara Feen share years of caring and memories of good times and difficult hours. They now share days filled with friendship and caring for each other.

Good friends Bess Schwartz,, on the left and Sara Feen, right, take a stroll on the Atlantic City Boardwalk, August 1932



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Calendar Highlights February

- 2 Rabbi's hour with Andrew Ettin, Synagogue, 2:00 pm
- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 am
- 5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 pm
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 pm
- 8 Calvary Day School Visit, Commons Auditorium, 10:00 am
- 9 Schmoozing with Seth, Upper Commons, 1:30 pm
- 10 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 am
- 13 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, Friendship Room, 2:30 pm
- 14 Leave for Senoir Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 am
- 14 Valentine's Day Party, Individual Units, 2:30 pm
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 am
- 21 Resident Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 pm
- 23 Music with Jan Sawyer, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 pm
- 24 Western Day Celebration, "A Tribute to Will Rogers", Commons Auditorium, 2:30 pm

**Plan to attend the Passover Seders at BJH
 Friday April 14th & Saturday April 15th**

BJH Bricks
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Mazel Tov to George Carp



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

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 Ida Feinberg
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 Hilda Gilbert
 Miriam Gingold
 Marguerite Hughes
 Eileen Jacobs
 Sadye Linial
 Josephine Miller
 Ralph Mitchell
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 Ila Poplin
 Saloman Sabbah



George Carp with some assistance from long time friend Leonard Guyes of Greensboro, reads the many birthday greetings he received on his 100th birthday

George Carp celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by friends at BJH. According to George his good health and longevity are attributed to smoking. Always ready with an answer, George says "I've always smoked, it used to be cigars but now I stick to a pipe." Since he moved to the Home in 1989 George Carp enjoys spending time reading, smoking, watching ball games and especially catching people off guard with his wit. George is well known for his dry sense of humor and his deadpan answers to any question.

Mr. Carp was born December 21, 1894 in Lowell, MA. He attended Columbia University where he was a member of the boxing, track, and baseball teams. He was in the retail clothing business and settled in Greensboro NC with his wife Janet in 1940.

Delighting in the good wishes of his many friends, George Carp had the last word at his party, "I don't see what the big deal is" he said "don't lots of people live to be 100?"

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

**Juanita Brown
 Ben Bruck
 James Gallins
 Alfred Roseman
 Sarah Sherry
 Lena Zimmerman**

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



George celebrates the happy occasion with his many friends at BJH.

Sue's News



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro entertain at the December birthday party.

As we enter the cold and icy days of February our hearts and often our hands are warmed by contact with our volunteers. I am often asked "What do volunteers do at the Home?" The volunteers at BJH perform many different functions but common to all our volunteers are certain facts: they care about what they are doing, they feel good about their work and they make a difference in the lives of the residents at the Home. From holding hands to singing songs to lending an ear, volunteers warm our residents hearts every day.

A sampling of those making a difference as '94 drew to a close were volunteers who brightened the Home for the holidays. Students and teachers from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro presented a delightful Chanukah program at the December birthday party while Bill Bronstein, Education Director of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem brought the 6th grade class to sing Chanukah songs and light the

menorahs in the dining rooms of the Home during the holiday. Additional candles were kindled and chanukah greetings were shared during the week of Chanukah by volunteers Andrew Ettin, Marcia Epstein and BBYO advisor Kathy Burton with Kacie Miller and Rebecca Levy of the Winston-Salem BBYO. A new volunteer although not new to BJH is Jan Sawyer who will be presenting monthly piano programs for the residents. Jan entertained for the Christmas party held in the Friendship room for our residents who celebrate this holiday.

The old year ended and we began '95 with our volunteer corps as always busy fulfilling the myriad of needs at BJH. New volunteers are always welcome and are surely needed. With February being a month to listen to your heart and BJH being the perfect place to warm your cold hands, we invite you to call and discover what you can do as a volunteer for the Blumenthal Jewish Home.



Volunteer Andrew Ettin chats with Fair Oaks' residents, Bessie Carabateas and Teddy Serxner during Dr. Ettin's visit to the Home for Chanukah.



Julia Kramer, student from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, gives Chanukah greetings to Fair Oaks resident Irene Mendelson.



Volunteer Jan Sawyer plays the Piano at the Christmas party in the Friendship room. Activity therapist Sally Terreni joins in the singing of holiday songs.



Winston-Salem BBYO members Rebecca Levy and Kacie Miller with advisor Kathy Burton light the Chanukah Menorah in Fair Oaks on the eighth night of the holiday.



Bill Bronstein, Education Director of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and the sixth grade class sing Chanukah songs after kindling the menorahs at BJH.



Santa Claus and "little claus" dropped in for a surprise visit at the BJH staff holiday party.



Fair Oaks resident Basya Yudelevich receives birthday greeting in Russian from students at B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro. Students emigrated from the Soviet Union.

What can you do as a volunteer in 95?
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
- **Once a Year** **Entertaining for a program or a birthday party**
 Assist at a special Event
- **As often as you like: be a friendly visitor**

Call Sue Clein for information: 910-766-6401

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



Audrey Hardy
October
Nursing Assistant-A wing

A quiet and soft-spoken person, Audrey Hardy's face lights up when she talks about her family, her work and her hobby, collecting dolls. Audrey Hardy celebrated both her first anniversary at BJH and her first year at her new career on Jan. 4, 1995. Audrey Hardy was born in Yadkin County and has lived on a farm most of her life. She graduated East Bend High School and worked at Hanes Hosiery Mill before her children were born. Married to Billy Hardy for 36 years, Audrey worked with her husband on their farm in Yadkin county while raising their three children. Following the sudden death of her husband in May 1993, Audrey was at a crossroads in her life.

With the encouragement of her family she attended Surry Community College, completed the Nursing Assistant course and began her new career at BJH.

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Pleased with her choice, Audrey Hardy says that she is happy with her work, likes being at BJH and is always busy. "I feel like I can accomplish more here... I like satisfying the residents' needs and I only wish I had more time to spend with each one. I try to treat them the way I would want to be treated."

Spending time with friends, her sister, her children and four grandchildren absorbs most of Audrey Hardy's leisure. Still living on the farm she enjoys gardening as well as her collection of thirty dolls begun by her daughter twenty years ago.

BJH congratulates Audrey Hardy, a conscientious employee whom we are proud to have on our staff.



Lynda Johnston
November
Nursing Assistant- Fair Oaks

Lynda Johnston celebrated her second anniversary as a nursing assistant at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in January. Beginning a new career path, Lynda had completed her CNA training six months before she came to BJH. An outgoing and friendly personality, Lynda worked in restaurants and in a textile plant before choosing her new field. "I wanted something more meaningful in my life" said Lynda "and I really love working here, Coming in (to work)

and knowing I'm doing something I enjoy and putting smiles on peoples faces means a lot to me."

Lynda Johnston grew up in Yadkinville NC the eldest of five girls in a family of nine children. Caring for younger siblings was a part of her growing up. She now lives in Yadkinville with her husband of twelve years, Roy Johnston and two daughters Emily and Amanda.

A positive and ambitious person, Lynda is interested in advancing in her field and in setting an example for her children. She has received certification in CPR and community first aid and recently completed a Medical Assistant program at Surry Community College. She attended Forbush High School and is working toward completing her GED. Lynda hopes her daughters will look at her and think "If mom can do it so can we."

In her free time Lynda volunteers at her children's school, helping with parties and in the classroom. According to Lynda, working first shift on the gold team allows her time to be with her children and to enjoy her work.

Lynda brought a bright smile, a cheerful personality and a caring manner with her when she came to BJH. Exclaiming her shock at being chosen employee of the month, Lynda said "I was so surprised, it's such a good feeling to be chosen." BJH also feels good about congratulating Lynda Johnston, she is an employee we are proud to have on our staff.



Izora Moore
December
Dietary

When Izora Moore began working at BJH in 1966 the Home had only been open for six months. There were nineteen residents and Izora knew each one. "It was very different then" said Izora, "the place was small and if you worked in the kitchen you did everything from waitress in the dining room to cook in the kitchen. " With the Home's growth Izora's responsibilities have also changed. She works the first shift from 6.00am to 2.30pm, cooking breakfast and lunch for 180 residents and twenty meals a day for the Meals on Wheels program. Although Izora says that she misses the contact she had with the residents, she enjoys her work because she loves to cook .

Even though she cooked for her large family of five daughters and three sons , Izora was still skeptical when former Executive Director Elbert Levy asked her to become the cook 24 years ago. She asked if her old job would be there if it didn't work out. Mr. Levy said he was sure it would work out. Work out it did and residents and staff have enjoyed Izora's cooking for many years. For 17 years she worked with Lilli Gabison and according to Izora they tried recipes until they thought the residents would like them. Her
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favorite meal was chicken and dumplings, and a noodle kugel is among the many dishes she now serves to her family at Christmas time.

Izora Moore was born in Anderson SC; she moved to Winston-Salem , attended Atkins High School and has lived in Winston-Salem for the past 50 years. She takes great pride in the eight children she raised, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and enjoys speaking of their successful careers. Izora also enjoys traveling to

visit family members as well as vacation spots. Favorite trips have been to Niagara Falls, Las Vegas and Hawaii. She is looking forward to seeing the Caribbean in June.

Pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month , Izora Moore thanks the Blumenthal Jewish Home for choosing her. BJH thanks Izora for her dedication to the Home and congratulates a deserving recipient of this honor.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

17 Years

Ruth Howell, Dietary

14 Years

Joan Lennon, RN, B-1

Catherine Smith, Recreation, Craft Shop

8 Years

June Ireland, Nursing Assistant, B-1

6 Years

Pam Kesler, RN, Unit Manager, A-wing

5 Years

Judy Morris, RN, B-1

3 Years

Faye Simmons, Housekeeping

1 Year

Betty Frost, LPN, A-wing

Seth Levy, Executive Vice President

Angela Styers, Nursing Assistant, B-2



What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg

Director of Development

PLANNED GIVING MADE SIMPLE

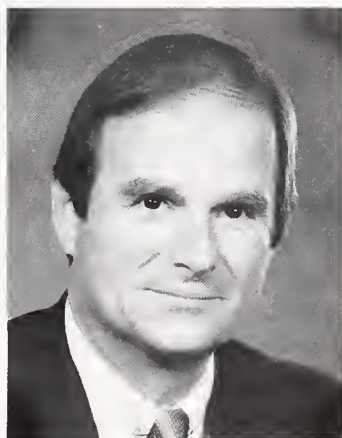
We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give!

When it comes to planned giving, many people believe that the nobler the gesture, the more complicated the procedure. With charitable vehicles sporting names such as remainder trusts, lead trusts and unitrusts, it is easy to see how many people become overwhelmed at the thought of giving. And while these sophisticated ways to give are not as intimidating as they first seem, provided you seek the aid of qualified professionals, there are other simple painless ways to give. Here are a few.

Your Will - A charitable gift to your favorite institution or cause can be as simple as an amendment to your will. Needs change with time. If you review your will and financial and estate plans every year or two, you realize that yesterday's needs might not apply today. Children become adults, retirement plans become reality and we often find that we are now in position to give back to organizations that have given so much to us. Amending your will is simple and inexpensive and does not require the entire document to be redrawn.

Life Insurance - The multi-purpose jewel of planned giving, life insurance can benefit both the donor and recipient. Changing the beneficiary designation to provide all or a portion

of the death benefit to a needy organization is the easiest step to take. Your cost in most cases: the price of a stamp.



Arthur A. Sohn

You can also buy a policy outright, in which you name the charity the policy's beneficiary. In this scenario, you do not realize the tax benefits. However, the dividends are yours and you retain control of the policy.

Another method in which life insurance can benefit everyone involved is called a charitable reverse split dollar. With this technique, you give the money to the charitable organization, which then pays the premium on your (or your spouse's) life insurance policy, with the charity as beneficiary. Your gift is tax deductible, and dividends on the policy can be transferred back to you, which can then supplement your retirement income.

Non-Cash Gifts - Years ago you purchased, let's say \$1,000 worth of stock that is now valued at \$10,000. Do you sell the stock and give the proceeds to charity, or do you donate the stock itself?

If you are looking to minimize the tax consequences and maximize the tax deductions, go with the latter. Capital gains tax on your stock sale can all but wipe out the tax benefits of your gift. The same holds true of other appreciated investments: bonds, art, antiques and even property.

Before donating non-cast gifts, however, it would be wise to consult with your financial advisors. Limits, particularly with real estate gifts, may apply. A financial professional can also guide you through the maze of limits and regulations that vary from state to state.

There are many more sophisticated ways to institute a program of planned giving, but these simple steps offer an easy entry to begin the process. Giving does not have to hurt, and when done properly your gift will leave a legacy long after you are gone.

This article was written by Arthur A. Sohn, C.L.U. who is Vice President of Smith/Broadhurst Inc., Benefit Planners and Consultants in Greensboro.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home Annual Report 1993-1994

President's Report by Lewis Eisenstadt

President Lewis Eisenstadt receives a gift of an Agam Mezuzah presented to him at the Annual Meeting in honor of his service to the Home.



I am pleased to submit the following report on the status of your Home at the conclusion of my two-year term as President.

We are fortunate to have selected Seth D. Levy as our new Executive Vice President. Seth started work in February and has already implemented a number of initiatives to improve our operating efficiency and to posture ourselves for the future. We look forward to many years of Seth's leadership.

Our authorized component of nursing home beds continues to operate at close to full utilization. However, the Fair Oaks component of personal care beds has declined due to a number of deaths and aging in place requiring transfer of residents to the nursing home. We have formed an ad hoc committee to evaluate various alternatives for Fair Oaks' marketing and mission in light of recent trends in demographics and health care policies.

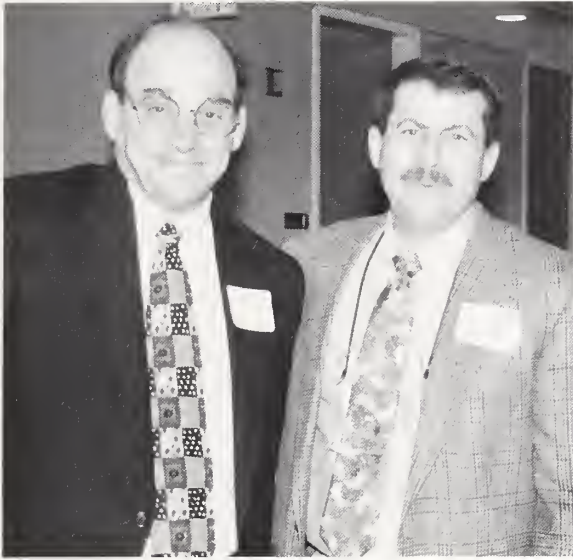
Subject to final audit, we have again completed our fiscal year, which

ended September 30, within our budgeted allocations. Your budget, finance, and executive committees have implemented a number of new policies to assure our continued fiscal health during the new fiscal year 94/95 without reducing the quality of our services to the aged.

We continue to receive near deficiency-free records in our annual review by the various state and federal regulatory agencies.

We have expanded our Dor L'Dor outreach programs to additional areas of our two-state service area and these programs enjoy active participation in these various communities.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our officers, board members, and staff for their assistance during my two-year term. We look forward to many exciting new activities during the next two years under Audrey Madans' leadership.



Executive Vice President, Seth Levy, welcomes Board of Trustees member, Hyman Muss to the Annual Meeting.

Executive Vice President's Report 1993-94

by Seth D. Levy

After having been at the Blumenthal Jewish Home for eight months, I am happy to tell you that I find my new job as Executive Vice President extremely exciting and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in the future. I feel I have settled in and understand most of the workings and operations of the facility. The Home's excellent reputation is well deserved as second-to-none care is always given to residents in a warm, Jewish, homelike environment.

I have had the opportunity to visit several major Jewish communities and federations in North and South Carolina and have begun to develop and strengthen the Home's relationship with them. The relationships we establish with surrounding Jewish communities are vital, and we appreciate and depend on their support. I hope we can find ways to work even more closely with them in the future.

The members of the Board of Trustees are an intelligent, committed group of individuals who have devoted countless hours, much energy and endless efforts on behalf of the Home.

I would like to personally thank Lewis Eisenstadt, the outgoing Board President, for his guidance and support over these past months. I look forward to working with Audrey Madans, the incoming President, and am sure the Home will experience two fruitful years under her leadership. The Board of Trustees understands the importance of its responsibility and has made a commitment to undertake a strategic planning process in the next few months.

I look forward to and am excited about working with the Board, employees and residents in the following areas: (a) The restructuring of Fair Oaks into an assisted living facility, possibly converting existing rooms into suites. (b) Creating a cognitive care unit for Alzheimer's patients and other residents with cognitive and behavioral problems. (c) Giving a face lift to the nursing home which is almost 30 years old. Renovation is to include resident rooms and common areas. (d) Overseeing preventive maintenance and repairs to barn, caretaker's cottage and other outbuildings on the estate.

I want to thank all the department heads and employees of the Home for their ongoing commitment. The good that you see and hear is due to their hard work and dedication. I would also like to give special thanks to Lynda Edmondson, Administrator, Lydia Sparrow, Chief Financial Officer and Arlene van de Rijn, Administrative Assistant, for their assistance in making the transition that comes with changing jobs an easy one. And, finally, I would like to thank the many individuals who volunteer their valuable time to the residents and the Home. Your mitzvahs do not go unnoticed, and there is no way we could ever duplicate what you do. You are truly a shining light to life.

Blumenthal Jewish Home Operating Report

The preliminary results of operations as compared to the prior year are summarized below.

| | BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OPERATING REPORT Estimated Fiscal Year 1993-1994 | BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OPERATING REPORT Fiscal Year 1992-1993 |
|---|---|---|
| Oper. Revenue | \$ 6,301,972 | \$ 6,212,985 |
| *Oper. Expenses | (6,439,872) | (6,191,466) |
| Bond Interest | (72,145) | (95,025) |
| Operating Deficit Before Depreciation | (210,045) | (73,506) |
| *Cap. Expenditures | (183,696) | (212,752) |
| Oper. Deficit Before Non-Oper. Revenue | (393,741) | (286,258) |
| Non-Operating Revenue: | | |
| Fed. Contributions | 197,469 | 175,460 |
| Annual Memberships | 40,132 | 37,090 |
| CAJWM & Sisterhood Donations | 19,349 | 19,250 |
| Gift Shop/Home Store | 9,000 | 15,630 |
| Other Donations | 14,186 | 30,740 |
| Other Non-Operating Revenue | 6,073 | 8,490 |
| Sloan Estate | 100,000 | -0- |
| Total Non-Oper Rev. | \$386,209 | \$286,660 |
| Excess Revenue Over Expense | | <u><u>\$ 402</u></u> |
| Excess Expense Over Revenue | <u><u>(7,532)</u></u> | |
| Depreciation | <u><u>\$415,855</u></u> | <u><u>\$405,294</u></u> |

Twenty-Ninth Annual Membership

Meeting of Blumenthal Jewish Home October 30, 1994

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 30, 1994.

Following an outstanding brunch, President Lewis Eisenstadt called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He extended a warm welcome to all and thanked members of the Dietary Department for providing such 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 everyone sitting at the head table, and he acknowledged Elbert Levy, the Home's first Executive Director. A booklet entitled "Twenty-Ninth 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 original minutes document maintained at the Home).

The invocation was given by Rabbi Yoseph Groner of Charlotte.

President Eisenstadt presented his annual report (refer to "Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting" booklet). He wished the incoming president, Audrey Madans, well and encouraged everyone to support her. In addition, he read a letter sent to Mrs. Madans from David S. Miller, president of Temple Israel in Charlotte, in which Mr. Miller congratulated Mrs. Madans in her new role as president of the Board of Trustees (attached to original minutes document maintained at the Home).

The minutes of the annual meeting held on October 31, 1993, were distributed in the "Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting" booklet and unanimously approved by the membership via motion by David Plyler and second by Ellis Berlin.

Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, paid tribute to Herman Blumenthal and thanked him for his efforts in helping to eliminate the Fair Oaks debt by the end of 1994. Mr. Schlosberg reminded everyone that we need to raise \$5,000,000 in our endowment for indigent care, and we need community leaders to help raise it. He ended by saying that fund raising involves people helping people, and we all must remember that a contribution to the Home is, very simply, an act of human kindness.

Seth Levy, Executive Vice President, presented his annual report (see attached booklet). In addition, he introduced all staff members present and thanked them for the wonderful job they do. He also thanked Elbert Levy for being so helpful since his arrival in North Carolina.

Irving Brenner, president of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, reported that CAJWM had over 1,300 members this year and recognized the association's continuing support of the Gertrude Weil Scholarship Fund, Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund and CAJE. He presented Mr. Eisenstadt with a check for \$7,500 which was raised through the association's annual membership dues. On behalf of CAJWM's Remembrance Fund, Mr. Brenner also presented Mr. Eisenstadt with a check for \$4,000

(in addition to the \$3,000 Remembrance Fund proceeds sent to the Home earlier in the year). Mr. Brenner announced that CAJWM had also donated cable television jacks and medication carts to the Home during the past year.

Sandra Deckelbaum, speaking on behalf of CAJWM, presented a \$6,500 check to President Eisenstadt representing the proceeds of the annual fund raiser.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store gift of \$7,000 to Mr. Eisenstadt. Ms. Small introduced Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirschmann who are planning to play a more active role in the Home Store's future.

Memorials were read by Sam Jacobson, Religious Director of the Home, in memory of the following people: Seymour Brown, Phil Datnoff, Herbert Brenner, Jerome Madans, and Fay Levy.

Retiring members of the Board of Trustees Dan Horvitz, Dallas Mackey, Walter Marx, Robert Merenbloom, and David Rosenblutt were thanked for their contributions to the Home. A "Resolution in Appreciation of Daniel G. Horvitz" (adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at its October, 1994, meeting) was read aloud by Lewis Eisenstadt.



Elizabeth Small presents the Home Store gift.

Ellis Berlin, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers to serve for 1994-95:

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| President | Audrey Madans | Charlotte, NC |
| President Elect | Al Herman | Greensboro, NC |
| 1st Vice Pres. | Eric Handler | Greensboro, NC |
| 2nd Vice Pres. | Ron Weiner | Charlotte, NC |
| Secretary | Michael Schifftan | Greensboro, NC |
| Treasurer | Albert Jacobson | Greensboro, NC |
| Immed. Past Pres. | Lewis Eisenstadt | Greenville, SC |
| The following were nominated for terms as members of the Board: | | |
| One-Year Term (1994-95) | | |
| Jerry Epstein | | Winston-Salem, NC |
| Al Herman | | Greensboro, NC |
| Albert Jacobson | | Greensboro, NC |
| Hyman Muss | | Winston-Salem, NC |
| Jerry Procton | | Greensboro, NC |
| Two-Year Term (1994-96) | | |
| Sandra Deckelbaum | | Raleigh, NC |
| Stanley Greenspon | | Charlotte, NC |
| Eric Handler | | Greensboro, NC |
| Bert Lynch | | Greensboro, NC |
| Howard Silverstein | | Greensboro, NC |
| Three-Year Term (1994-97) | | |
| Carl Hoffman | | High Point, NC |
| Audrey Madans | | Charlotte, NC |
| David Plyler | | Kernersville, NC |
| Michael Schifftan | | Greensboro, NC |
| Ron Weiner | | Charlotte, NC |

There being no nominations from the floor, the membership accepted the above nominees by acclamation.

Audrey Madans, newly elected President, presented her report. She announced that she is pleased to accept the presidency and looks forward to working with residents, staff, board members and all of the membership over the next two years. She thanked her many friends and her family for their steadfast support. She went on to say that she has been preparing for the office of president for many years

and is delighted to be the first female president of the Home. Her reason for becoming so involved with BJH was because of the wonderful caring and excellent care given to residents. Mrs. Madans said, "I made the decision to live for an ideal." During her term of office, some of her goals will include increasing the occupancy of Fair Oaks, making definite long-range plans for the use of the BJH property, and making arrangements for the facility to receive a facelift. Mrs. Madans asked everyone to be an ambassador for the Home by bringing the Home to

all the communities it serves and by committing financially to support this wonderful institution that gives its residents both a quality of life and a celebration of life. In closing, Mrs. Madans said, "I had hoped to share my presidency with my dear husband, Jerome. I am now, however, depending on each of you."

Mrs. Madans' many friends from Charlotte sang "Simun Tov & Mazel Tov" to her and threw candy in honor of her newest leadership role.

Incoming President Madans presented outgoing President Eisenstadt with an Agam mezuzah in honor of his service to the Home. She told him she hopes he uses it well, thinks of BJH often, and thinks of BJH with pleasure.

Ms. Daryle Ryce of Charlotte presented musical entertainment.

In the absence of the annual fund raiser chairpersons, Esther and Arthur Frank, Stanley Deckelbaum distributed door prizes and five checks to the winners.

Audrey Madans closed the meeting by encouraging everyone to start preparing now to celebrate the Home's 30th anniversary next year. She also recognized Mrs. Sylvia Margolis, one of the founders of CAJWM, now a Fair Oaks resident, who was present at today's meeting.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Murray Ezring of Charlotte.

The meeting was adjourned with the election by the Board of Trustees of officers and board members to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Schifitan, Secretary
(1994-95)

Seen at the 29th Annual Meeting



President Lewis Eisenstadt thanks retiring Board of Trustee member Dallas Mackey for his years of service to the Home.



Irving Brenner, President of the CAJWM, presents a check to the Home from the associations dues. Pictured left to right: Al Herman, Lewis Eisenstadt, Rabbi Yossi Groner, Mr. Brenner and Audrey Madans.



Rabbi Murray Ezring of Charlotte with incoming president Audrey Madans at the Annual Meeting.



Audrey Madans receives congratulations to the tune of "Simun Tov and Mazel Tov" from an auditorium paced with BJH supporters when she accepts the Presidency of the BJH Board of Trustees.





The Tree Of Life

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.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Name of Honoree: _____

Inscription _____

Send to: Blumenthal Jewish Home 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012



Gift Shop volunteers Ellen Berlin and Rose Clein at the Annual Meeting



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Books & the Arts Media Book Review

Upon The Doorposts of Thy House Jewish Life in East Central Europe, Yesterday and Today

by Ruth Ellen Gruber

Julius Wiley & Sons 320 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Traces of mezuzahs which once marked doorposts of Jewish homes in East-Central Europe are visible today, reminiscent of the commandment, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart. . . . And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house. . . ."

Nearly five million Jews lived before World War II in a portion of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, where Ruth Gruber sought remnants of those communities during repeated visits. She estimates that the number of Jews in those communities now may be fewer than 120,000. Many of those she was able to interview, and she learned from them their means of survival and how they lived before 1939, when the Nazi armies invaded Poland.

The idea of exploring such places is not new, yet *Upon The Doorposts of Thy House* differs from others I have read in that the author has drawn such detailed description of synagogues especially, but also other buildings and cemeteries, that we glimpse the scene behind the Jewish arena in those places over centuries.

We learn that Jews arrived in that part of Europe as early as the 15th century, probably after their eviction from Spain in 1492. Some prospered in many fields of endeavor; others were peasants and poor workers. The total Jewish population cannot be categorized in one depiction, because their lives wove an intricate tapestry of a civilization that has been eradicated.

Of great interest is Ruth Gruber's engaging Christian residents in conversation, the memory of those who are old enough to recall the Jews who were their neighbors, housewives, tradesmen, artisans. Some claim having had no hostility to Jews; others recall anti-Semitism. All told of Polish suffering at the hands of the Germans, even from Polish citizens of German origin, when the Nazis gained power.

The certainty is that the division between Jews and Christians was so great that there was no understanding, much less sympathy on the part of one group for the other. Catholicism in Poland hardly resembles that in America. There is a passion that seems all-consuming amongst the faithful Christians, and in truth, three million Christian Poles did die in the onslaught. Beyond that number, the overriding number of Jews who perished at Auschwitz did not and does not loom as great as it is felt by Jews.

The fact that others were victims is admitted, and they know that 20,000 Gypsies were among them, a great proportion of that people. But the fact that **most** of those slaughtered at Auschwitz were Jews is not the important statistic recited by Christians who aided Gruber's research.

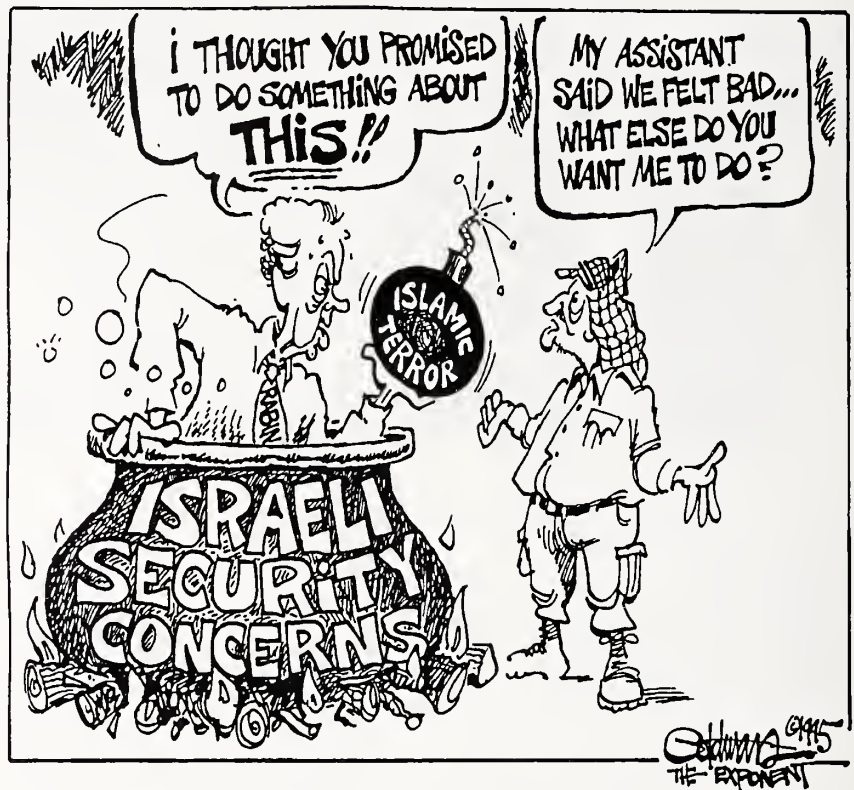
There is an ongoing attempt at reconciliation, conducted through combined efforts of American Jews and Catholics with the Polish church. At Auschwitz there is an interfaith center. Incidentally, Jews lived in Auschwitz (it was a city before it

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became known as a concentration camp), and some of them were rounded up, deported, and finally returned for extinction. Polish Bishops have condemned anti-Semitism, forbidden violence against Jews; yet the edicted has not been observed by all priests.

The purpose of this book is not to serve as a memorial to the dead. Rather it is to preserve thememory of the life that millions of Jews lived for centuries, sometimes thriving, sometimes under affliction. Some of the setting has been obliterated, some attempts at restoration are evident, but where remnants survive, it is possible to discern outlines of mezuzahs on the doorposts.



Temple news

Ba'alei Chayim"-Kindness to Animals. By observing these mitzvot, we are taught that animals may be used by human beings for our benefit in a variety of ways, but they must be treated kindly because they, too, are God's creations. All of our students experienced a visit

from volunteers at the Raptor Center, who brought a number of examples of birds of prey, some of them endangered species, that have been rescued and rehabilitated at their Center in Latta Plantation Park.

In Jewish tradition, the Torah has often been referred to as "Etz Chaim"--The Tree of Life. At Temple Beth El Religious School, Torah and Tu B'Shevat made a great combination!

Mazel Tov to our February B'nai Mitzvah:

Sam Beresford, son of Joe Beresford and Jackie Fishman

Melissa Stewart, daughter of Randall and Rebecca Stewart

Jason Roberts, son of Stewart and Julie Roberts

Josh Blumenthal, son of Sam and Valerie Blumenthal

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Members:

Bernice Cohen

Steve and Jill Jeffrey

Sam and Berta Kaplan

Bernard and Janice Patlock

James and Kathryn Safran

Bruce and Meredith Schwartz

Warren and Mary Lynn Sepkowitz

Paul and Ruth Sires

Andrew and Shanna Sloan

David and Debra Van Glish

Tu B'Shevat, Torah and Birds of Prey at Temple Beth El Charlotte NC by Susan Lepow

On Sunday, January 8 and Sunday January 15, Temple Beth El students celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a unique combination of outdoor fun and ecological awareness.

In recent years, with the realization that we must take care of the earth, the implications of Tu B'Shevat have become even more timely, but since ancient times, Judaism has always been concerned with our responsibility to ensure the Welfare of the incredible diversity and richness of nature that God entrusted to the human race.

On January 8, our third through seventh grade students returned from winter break to a Biblical Treasure Hunt. They were divided into teams and searched designated areas on the grounds of Shalom Park for previously hidden objects, all of which were mentioned in the Torah. Afterwards, they assembled in Gorelick Hall for special holiday treats and music, led by Rabbi Jim Bennett.

The following Sunday, we expanded on our ecology theme by illustrating the important mitzvot of "Tza'ar

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman will appear in future issues. If you would like your story or your parent's story told, please contact David Schulman at 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville NC 28804 or call (704) 254-9250. Fax: (704) 254-9308.

Temple Beth HaTephila
Asheville NC
by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD was pleased to report that, under the leadership of chair Sandra Stone, 600 books for preschoolers had been collected as of the middle of December. The books were delivered to Blue Ridge Center, Substance Abuse Center, County Health Department and Thoms Rehabilitation Center. The ongoing project, as part of the observance of Year of the Child, was inaugurated by Shirley Berdie, chair of the Sisterhood's Social Action Committee

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met at the Temple on December 10 to consider the question of whether a Humanist congregation, which denies the existence of God, should be allowed to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Using an article in the publication *Reform Judaism* which quotes arguments on both sides, the discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, left everyone with much to think about. Ruth and Ike Chicurel were hosts. A short service began the meeting, as usual.

IN THE NEWS, on the front page of the Asheville Citizen-Times on December 14, appeared an article headlined "Former State Senator Winner named Superior Court Judge." That says it all. And on the front page of *Nautilus*, the newsletter of the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, there was Bob Janowitz's smiling face together with an article headlined "Bob Janowitz: Mr. Computer at College for Seniors."

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONSECRATION, an annual event, was held this year on December 2, when the school's new students were honored and welcomed.

"OUR LIBRARY IS GROWING," said Ruth Weber in the December Temple Bulletin. Good news for those who appreciate having a convenient source of Jewish-oriented reading material.

A SHABBAT SEDER was held on December 9, and a sizeable group enjoyed the catered dinner, the warm companionship, and Rabbi Ratner's infectious good humor.

THE RABBI GOT AROUND during November to the AC Reynolds Middle School, where he spoke to the 7th grade Social Studies class about Israel, to North Henderson High School where he spoke to a 10th grade honors English class about the Holocaust, and to Mars Hill College.

Besides concluding a course on Judaism he had been teaching at Mars Hill College, he participated in a program dealing with medical ethics sponsored by Asheville's major hospitals, Memorial Mission and St. Joseph's, and attended the Federation's Major Donors event, and an important meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Committee.

ADULT CLASSES taught by Rabbi Ratner in December included Hebrew on the 4, and Introduction to Judaism on the 11th.

A YOUTH GROUP "LOCK-IN" was held at the Temple on Friday, December 23.

THE CHANUKAH DANCE and party was held on the evening of December 10th. Sponsored by the Temple Youth Group, the occasion offered continuous music from the 40s to the 70s, selected with the help of champion dancers Harry and Lillian Bieber, raffles, fabulous food and a dance contest, which was won by Temple music director David Cohen and his talented wife Sarah.

MAZEL TOV to Miki Cohn and Judge Fred Caplan on their recent marriage, and to Claire and Jack Orenzo on their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on December 16 when they renewed their wedding vows in the sanctuary. And to Dennis Winner on his elevation to the bench as Superior Court Judge for the 28th Judicial District covering Buncombe County.

Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville NC
by Lillian R. Wellisch

Thank You

Thank you to Diana Lieb for her donation of two books to our Library: *Hot Chicken Wings*, by Jyl Lynn Feldman and *A Breath of Life: Feminism in the American Jewish Community*, by Sylvia Barack Fishman. We would also like to thank Carol Cohen and Barbara Kramer, two of our new members, for taking over the organizing of our library. Thank you to the Harley family, Crit, Linda, and Tevya, for their donation of books to the library. Thank you to the Cohen family, Joel Ellen, Matthew, and Daniel, for their donation of a menorah to the Synagogue. A special thanks goes to our own Professor Rick Chess for bringing Amos Oz to Asheville. What an inspiration he was! And finally, thanks to our own

Professor Sheldon Neuringer for framing the issues and leading the discussion at our Krystalnacht Program in November.

Shabbat Greeters

For years we have talked about it, now we have it. For every Shabbat Service, we have a Board Member greeting our members and guests.

Readers' Theater Being Planned

The Social Life Committee met and will be choosing a comedy play for a one-night showing, followed by a hot fudge sundae extravaganza. Sounds like a good Saturday night. All who had experience in directing or in a reader's theatre were invited to participate.

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee met on November 13. Present were Rabbi Birnham, Art Green, Chairman, David Cohen, Richard Nielson, Sharon Behn, Heidi Kelley, Ken Betsalel, Bob Moog, Ileana Grams, and Ed Katz. They agreed that their first project would be support to and with the African-American Community. The Rabbi will explore a possible pulpit exchange. They invited Sheryl Lawrence to speak at their next meeting about "Educational Initiatives," a program for school age youth.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat was held on December 17, from 11:15 a.m. to noon, with children ages 1-5 participating. Tot Shabbat will be held every fourth Saturday of the month, beginning with January, 1995.

Nosh and Drosh

Lunch and learn with the Rabbi will be held every fourth Tuesday of the

month. We will study (in English translation) and discuss Talmud texts on fascinating and timely issues. Adult students should bring their own dairy/vegetable lunch. The next one will be on January 24, 1995.

Membership Committee

Toby Cohen, Chairman, gave her report on the November 12 Membership Shabbat Service and Luncheon. Over one hundred people attended. Rabbi Birnham blessed our thirty-two new member families. Toby gives special thanks to Maggie Rotman, for collecting and displaying all the beautiful fall arrangements with her, to Natalie Kramer, Tom Rosenberg, Laurie Reiz, David Seidenberg, and Ron Cohen, for cooking, to Arlene Doloboff for her purchasing talents, to Adele Rose and Seth and Joanie Krebs, for baking, and to Sara Birnham for doing the last minute "little things."

Chai-lights On Our New Members

Ellie, Louis, and Morgan Schlager have been in town exactly one month! Theirs is a story made in heaven--a blind date that actually worked out! They are the proud parents of Morgan, who is eight months old.

Joan Elbaum, our newest member, is not new to Asheville. She and her late husband have been coming to our mountains for twenty-five years, at first to vacation while their children were in camp, and later they brought property and an existing real estate investment business, which Joan still runs.

Scott Schulman, son of Dick and Elaine Schulman, weighs in as Asheville's most desirable bachelor, at six feet, brown eyes, and broad shoulders. Scott attended the

University of South Carolina and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He then moved to Hilton Head to handle financial loans for a bank firm. He currently represents Warner Lambert in pharmaceutical sales.

Mark and Caryn Greenberg are the Shul's newest newly-weds, married in October. Caryn is a sixth grade English teacher at Reynolds. Armed with a degree from Whittenburg University in Ohio, she hopes to return to college for her law degree. Mark is a native of Asheville and a UNCA graduate with a degree in psychology. He wants to return to school for his Master's Degree in Social Work and is currently employed by Charter of Asheville Adolescents.

Sisterhood

Maggie Rotman reports: "Our Paid-Up Membership Tea on November 6 was a beautiful event, and was well attended by many of our members. I would like to thank Muriel Gelbert, Membership Chairperson, for her hard work, together with her planners and bakers who made the event so pleasurable, Elaine Bronstein, Hilda Ehrlich, Norma Schwarz, and Maggie Rotman. If you heard about the scones and the recipe booklet that Sim Gelbert made for us, I have a few left (of the recipe booklet, that is). To date we have eighty paid-up members, some of whom are newcomers to our community. We welcome you and look forward to a long and happy relationship.

I am delighted that we have a new Torah Fund Chairman, Debbie Neimkin, and that we have twelve benefactors committed to supporting the Torah Fund. They are: Debbie Neimkin, Roz Freedman, Ellen Carr,

Ruth Cooley, Mildred Lurey, Sara Birnham, Michele Heller, Carol Deutsch, Norma Feingold, Lee Schandler, Maggie Rotman, and Lillian Wellisch. We encourage all our members to participate in Torah Fund in any of our many categories to make participation in Torah Fund an inclusive and for all to be so recognized.

During December, your Board will begin plans for the Purim Event to be held on March 18, 1995. There will be a program on women's rituals for Rosh Hodesh in January/February and a Sephardic Cooking Class in the near future."

Youth Group News

At a recent Woven Youth Group meeting, members were entertained as Dr. Joseph Schandler told of the history of Jewish Youth in Asheville. He used pictures, personal stories, and newspaper clippings to give the group a taste of times past. He began by talking about his own experience as a leader of his youth group here in Asheville. He told of the annual BBYO conventions held at the Battery Park Hotel, of the growth of Young Judea, and the development of USY in Asheville. All who attended agreed that the highlight of the evening was his amazing scrapbook detailing his lifetime involvement with Jewish youth in and around Asheville. The Woven Youth Executive Board for 1994-1995 is: Tri-

Presidents-Robin Deutsch, Justin Simon, and Matt Levine; Secretaries-Lauren Braun and Josh Cohen-Peyrot; and Treasurer-Micah Schwartz. Advisors are Gary Kramer and Jennifer Williams.

A schedule of events that have taken place were on November 21, a Chanukah Grab Bag at the J.C.C., on December 2, a Shabbaton in Greenville, South Carolina, with Congregation Beth Israel, on December 4, the J.C.C. Chanukah Celebration, on December 12, Flicks and Picks at the J.C.C., and on January 9, a Scavenger Hunt at the J.C.C.

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

The Luski Families Concert, which was held at Temple Israel on Sunday, November 6, at 8:00 pm, was a treat for all who attended. The program, "An Evening with Leonard Bernstein," was performed by Gene Kavadlo, Charles Rosekranz (conductor of Opera Carolina), Viva Klezmer, the Alan Kaufman Trio, Marlene Fuerstman, and the Singers of Opera Carolina. Refreshments were served following the concert.

Another important event was the November 19 installation of Rabbi Murray Ezring, which occurred during Saturday morning services. Temple Israelites were treated to a glimpse of Rabbi Ezring's illustrious family, as his parents, Cantor and Mrs. Abraham Ezring, his brother, Cantor Craig Ezring, and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Markam, were in attendance. Rabbi Ezring's father and brother participated in the service.

On December 10, Temple Israel hosted the annual Federation/UJA Shabbat. Distinguished journalist and author Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar was the keynote speaker.

The Sisterhood Annual Torah Fund

Luncheon took place at Temple Israel on Wednesday, November 9, at 11:00. Rabbi Murray Ezring spoke about Chanukah, and proceeds from the luncheon helped to fund various schools, libraries, camps, and museums on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In other Sisterhood news, the annual Senior Adult Luncheon was held January 11. The program featured a panel of Sisterhood members speaking about "Growing Up Jewish."

The "Celebrating Life: The Art of Jewish Living" series continued on November 17 with a luncheon and a talk by Rabbi Ezring entitled, "They Walked Amongst Us: Does Jewish Tradition Accept the Existence of Demons and Angels?" Next, recording artist and concert pianist Karl Boxer performed a concert for the series on December 15. On January 19, Dr. Jay Jacoby presented a program entitled, "The Rest of the Stories: Jewish Women Authors." For more information about the series, contact Dorothy Rosenblatt at 365-7786.

Other recent happenings at Temple Israel included the Young Couples Shabbat and dinner on November 4 and the Jewish Books Group's discussion on November 29 of Julius Lester's *Love Song*. The Jewish Books Group also met on January 23 to sample various forms of Jewish humor.

In Bet Sefer news, the children celebrated Jewish Book Month in November by having a distinguished guest from the Jewish community read a story to the Junior Congregation each Shabbat. In recognition of the Chanukah rededication of the Temple, on November 29, Bet Sefer children

Joanie and Even Solomon, was born on September 6. The proud grandparents are Shirley and Henry Solomon of Boca Raton FL, and Esther and Arthur Frank of Charlotte. Eva Bette Moore, daughter of Brenda and Eric Moore of Charlotte, was born on September 14. The proud grandparents are Marty and Herman Moore and Faye and Gerald Sinkoe, all of Charlotte. Alfred Eli Scher, son of Dottie and Louis Scher, was born on October 5. The proud grandmother is Celia Scher, and the proud uncle is Lloyd Scher, both of Charlotte. Alexandra Beth Rohde, daughter of Louise Sheiner and Jay Rhode of Washington, DC, was born on October 7. The proud grandparents are Pearl and Gerry Rohde of Charlotte and Dr. Nathan and Claire Sheiner of Montreal. Ethan Marsh Levine, son of Nancy and Eric Levine, was born on October 20. The proud grandparents are Shirley and Sol Levine of Charlotte and Mary and Donald Marsh of Fort Mill SC. Jordan Green, son of Dr. Tamar and Stuart Green of Cincinnati OH, was born on November 1. The proud grandparents are Gail and Dr. Ed Green of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buchsman of Philadelphia. The proud great-grandparents are Hy and Peppy Polk of Charlotte. Mariah Lina Bernanke, daughter of Ellen Goldberg and Seth Bernanke of Charlotte, was born on November 6. The proud grandparents are Ed and Judy Goldberg of Reno NE, and Edna and Philip Bernanke of Dillon SC. Leah Iris Kraft, daughter of Ellen and Steve Kraft of Rockville MD, was born on November 19. The proud grandparents are Carolyn and Larry Garfinkle of Bethesda MD, and Sue and Leon Kraft of Charlotte. Ansley Paige Steinberg, daughter of Lisa and Mitch Steinberg of Alpharatta GA, was born on November 23. The proud

grandparents are Renee Steinberg of New York and Evelyn and Sam Krieger of Charlotte.

Mazel tov also to David Barman, who was granted his Rabbinical Ordination on 4 Elul 5754 by Rabbi Yehoshuah Moshe Bertram of Ohr Somayach Yeshiva, Jerusalem, Israel. Rabbi Barman lives in Surfside FL, and is the son of Lorri and Marvin Barman of Charlotte.

Temple Israelites are proud of member Audrey Madans, who was installed as President of Blumenthal Jewish Home on October 30.

Finally, congratulations to the following B'nai Mitzvah: Amy Wallas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Powell and Jonathan Wallas, became a Bat Mitzvah on November 12. Bonnie Orange, daughter of Cindy and Bill Slifkin of Charlotte and David Orange of Montgomery AL, became a Bat Mitzvah on December 3. Lisa Michelle Miller, daughter of David and Judy Miller, became a Bat Mitzvah on January 14. Samuel Miller Fuerstman, son of Leland and Marlene Fuerstman, became Bar Mitzvah on January 21.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Lillian and Murray Nussbaum, Pearl and Louis Wernick, Jann and Brian Hendry; Ruth A. Fremson, Laura and Mitchell Feldman, Amy Voorhes and Selwyn Notelovitz, Beverly Lebowitz, Judy and Peter Slade, Allie and Eric Lerner, Jonathan Kaler, Jerry Cohen, Aliza and Bret Gelb, Joan and Niles Choper, and Keri and Adam Kaplan.

“dedicated” the afternoon to cleaning, polishing, and caring for our Temple. The hard work was rewarded with a Family Chanukah dinner and celebration. On December 11, the Daled class performed along with children from the Bethlehem Center at the African-American Cultural Center. The religious school celebrated Tu B'Shevat on January 17 with a program featuring singing, planting trees, telling stories, and noshing.

On November 5, the Temple Israel USY travelled to Marietta GA, for the fall convention. 120 USYers from NC, SC, GA, ALA, and TN attended. Then, December 22-28, four Charlotte USY delegates, Michael Fox, Michelle Straz, Micah Cooper, and Shira Cooper, attended the International USY Convention in East Brunswick NJ.

Upcoming Events

Temple Israelites are looking forward to the Sisterhood Shabbat on February 3-4, in celebration of Temple Israel Sisterhood's 75th anniversary. The Jewish Books Group will meet on February 27 to discuss *The Age of Wonders* by Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld. The Jewish Books group is open to all members of the Jewish community. *Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.*

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Mollie Gordon Sandler, daughter of Susan and Bernard Sandler, was born on August 17. The proud grandparents are Jean and Saul Gordon of Statesville and Ruth and Leonard Sandler of Baltimore MD. Matthew Aaron Solomon, son of

ORGANIZATIONS

Hillel Activities at Clemson University Clemson SC



Max and Trude Heller at Clemson Holocaust Awareness Activity

by **Richard Klein, Ph.D.**,
Faculty Advisor

The Hillel Student Organization initiated its activities for the Fall 1994 semester with a Welcome Back Bagel Brunch on September 4. It was held at the residence of the faculty advisor, Richard Klein. The purpose of the function was not only to meet and greet new and returning students but to elect officers for the 1994-1995 academic year and to make plans for future events.

On Tuesday evening, September 13, the Hillel Student Organization, in conjunction with the United

Methodist Campus Ministry, co-sponsored an "Evening with Max and Trude Heller" at the Strom Thurmond Institute Building on Clemson's campus. This event, one of the Holocaust Awareness Month activities, was designed to provide Clemson students with the opportunity to hear first-hand reports about the Holocaust.

Max and Trude were born in Vienna, Austria. They talked about their experiences in Vienna, their separate moves to the U.S., and the impact of the Holocaust on their lives. Max is a former Mayor of Greenville and a former Chairman of the Sate Development Board.

The Holocaust Awareness Month was created and implemented by the Reverend Ron Singleton. Reverend Ron Singleton spent the entire summer planning for the Holocaust Awareness Month at Clemson University because of his deep commitment to humanity. His activities have been recognized as "a model for colleges and universities."

On Sunday evening, October 30, the Hillel group inaugurated the first informal Jewish discussion group meeting, held at the residence of Richard and Joyce Klein. Other discussion group meetings were held

on November 13 and November 27. These discussion groups were conducted by Mrs. Joyce Klein, a trained Jewish educator.

A fascinating development during the Fall 1994 semester was the establishment of an international Hillel Internet e-mail list, along with other Jewish lists. For the past two years, all Clemson Hillel activities have been posted on our University's e-mail system, thanks to the capabilities of Hillel Vice President, Steven Afrin. Now, Clemson students are able to communicate with other Jewish students throughout the world. Personally, I had the pleasure of being the first to wish the Hillel e-mail list "Happy Chanukah." I got response from Texas, Arizona, California, etc.

The officers for the Clemson Hillel for the Fall 1994 semester were: President-Tamar Berkowitz (Stoughton MA), Co-President-Simon Leiderman (Medellin Columbia SC), Vice President-Technical Operations-Steve Afrin (Hanahan SC), Vice President-Programs-Joey Levy (Greenville SC), Vice President-Graduate Students-Miriam Jacobson (Margate NJ), Secretary-Larry Feldman (Belvedere SC), and Treasurer-Adam Schwartzman (Augusta GA).

NC Hillel-- Building for the Future *Darin Diner, Program Director*

Softball? Movies? Dinners? Tu B'Shevat? Community Service? The students have asked for it and they have made it happen. This year the North Carolina Hillel agenda is packed with opportunities for Jewish

students on North Carolina Campuses. After the necessary few days to wake up after a long vacation, students from Chapel Hill, Raleigh and the Greensboro area were meeting up with their friends and preparing yet another exciting semester.

In January students celebrated Tu B'Shevat at a festive Seder, visited the children at UNC Hospitals, participated in a Muslim-Jewish-Christian dialogue and enjoyed a special Shabbat dedicated to helping reach career goals. Every week students eagerly participate in the "Gourmet Kosher Contest" to test their favorite Shabbat recipes, while others enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of Cameron's Kosher Cafe. The calendar for the rest of the years looks just as exciting!

"Empowerment" is a key word in Jewish circles on campus these days as students take the reins and lead the Hillel program. Three student leaders from UNC-Chapel Hill and one from Wake Forest participated in the United Jewish Appeal Leadership Assembly in Israel during vacation. Tamara Reynolds, Brian Cohen, Beth Stern (UNC-CH) and Nancy Prager (Wake Forest Law) all returned with an excitement for Jewish life on campus that has attracted many others. In addition, Jewish students on all campuses served by NC Hillel will choose next year's student officers during the next few months.

North Carolina Hillel Professionals Attend National Staff Conference

While most campus staff and faculty spent the last weeks of December on vacation, NC Hillel's professional staff was hard at work planning for the future of the campus Jewish community. NC Hillel Executive

Director Rabbi Andy Koren and Program Director Darin Diner spent one week in New Jersey attending workshops and establishing contacts with hundreds of Hillel professionals from across the nation.

Highlights of this conference included: workshops on empowering active students, engaging unaffiliated students, and raising funds on a local and national level; an address by

Edgar Bronfman; and the introduction of several new national initiatives which will enable all Hillels to meet the challenges of building Jewish community as we enter the year 2000. Special sessions were also devoted to management and supervision. This conference is held annually and is a sign of Hillel's commitment to quality Jewish programming on campuses throughout the world and specifically here in North Carolina.




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The Greensboro Jewish Federation is currently accepting artist applications for the planned Yom Ha'atzmaut Cultural and Fine Arts Festival. The Festival, scheduled for Sunday May 7, 1995, will feature for sale juried fine art and crafts as well as food. There will be entertainment in honor of Israel Independence Day. The celebration will be held at Beth David Synagogue.

Artists who are Jewish or artists who do work using Jewish subject matter are eligible to enter their work. Works may be 2-D or 3-D and should be ready for hanging or display. All work must be original. Work created from a kit is not eligible. Work can be entered in all mediums.

Please do not send original work. Work will be juried from 35mm slides. For two-dimensional work, submit one slide per work entered.

Sculptors may send up to three slides for a piece. Artists must submit slides, with a minimum of four works. Each slide should be marked with the artist's name, title of the work, medium, size, price and must indicate the top of the work with an arrow. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to have your slides returned.

The booth fee is \$35.00 plus 10% of sales.

Submissions should be postmarked by February 6. Materials received after that time will be returned. *For more information or a prospectus, please contact Karen Schlosberg, Greensboro Jewish Federation Program Director, at (910) 272-3189 or write: Greensboro Jewish Federation, 713-A North Greene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401.*

North Carolina Team Sponsors Governor's Trade Mission Trip to Israel

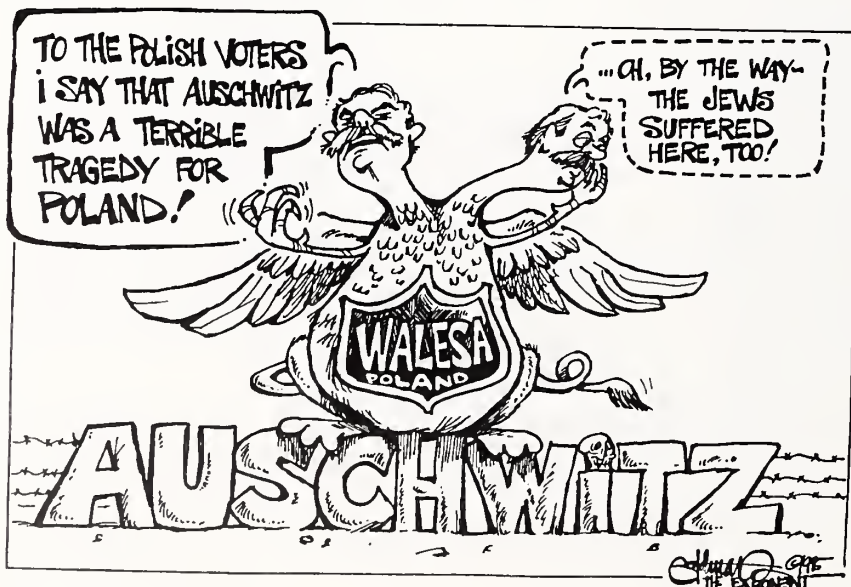
High-level state officials and community leaders were the guests of the State of Israel during an "advance team" mission to Israel, October 27-November 8. The goal of the trip was to foster stronger ties between North Carolina and Israel through economic development and expanded educational and cultural exchanges and begin preparations for the Governor's 1995 Trade Mission to Israel.

The trip was sponsored by the North Carolina International Commission, formed in October 1993 by Governor Jim Hunt. North Carolina and Israel, the first strategic partner targeted by the Commission, signed an historic memorandum of understanding in April.

During the trip, participants met with the major economic development organizations including the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Matimop, and the Israel Export Institute. They also visited a variety of industries including Degem, Edusoft, Nilit (which has its U.S. headquarters in Greensboro), ECI, and Iscar.

Special meetings were arranged for individual participants to pursue specific interests. These included the Conference on International Cooperation for Development of Biotechnology in Jerusalem, the Broadband Consortium, the Jerusalem Business Conference, ZIM Shipping, and various educational and cultural institutions.

The advance team mission was led by





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Criteria for the Award - Nominee must have made a significant contribution to encouraging Jewish educational excellence in their school or community as a volunteer.

How To Apply

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the Carolinas Jewish community who is familiar with the candidate's contributions: an education director, program director, principal, rabbi, teacher, lay leader, parent, family, or student(s).
2. Nominations must be made in writing and should include--Melamed Award application Detailed letter describing the nominee's contributions to Jewish education and continuity. This may be supported by letters from students, parents, colleagues, etc: by materials, programs, videotapes or other appropriate media items in support of nomination; a resume of the nominated individual listing their Jewish educational and other accomplishments.
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Personals

Mr. George Edward Alper

Mr. George Edward Alper, 87, of Wilmington, died Sunday, November 13, 1994, in the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Alper was born June 6, 1907, the son of the late Max and Rose Newman Alper. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Edith Mandel Alper in April of 1993. Mr. Alper was a member of the B'nai Israel Synagogue and the Temple of Israel in Wilmington.

Mr. Alper had served on many civic and governmental bodies, among them were the Co-Chairman of the National Security Seminar, Committee of 100, Family Service Society, United Fund, Travelers Aid Society, Chamber of Commerce, St. John's Art Gallery, American Cancer Committee, New Hanover County Watershed Advisory Committee, Human Relations Committee, New Hanover County Commissioners, the Library Board and Construction Committee and the Wilmington Board of Adjustment. His religious affiliations included the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Lodge of Wilmington, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, North Carolina Israel Visiting Scholar Program and the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism.

Surviving Mr. Alper are his three sons, Steven Alper of Atlanta, Mark Alper and wife, Carolyn M. Alper of Wilmington, and Michael Alper of Albuquerque NM; a brother Seymour

L. Alper and wife, Mildred, of Wilmington; a beloved friend Anna K. Hartz of Charleston WV; and seven grandchildren, Elise Alper, Samantha Alper, Naomi Alper, Jill Alper, Jeremy Alper, Lindsay Morykon and Mac Morykon.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 15, 1994 in the B'nai Israel Synagogue by Rabbi Robert Waxman and Rabbi Albert Gordon. The internment was in the B'nai Israel Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Joe Reitblatt, Moe Kotler, Simon Adelman, Stanley House, Jack Petker and Bernard Berger. Honorary casketbearers were B. D. Schwartz, Louis Gratch, Richard Folleck, Samuel Warshauer, John Bryant and Henry Greene.

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If I Had My Life to Live Over
Nadine Stair

I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies

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Coming Home Leaving

by Rabbi Leah Benamy
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For me, visiting Israel for a brief stay is like falling asleep in a wonderfully warm, comfortable bed, only to be awakened all too soon to the harsh realities of walking the dogs in freezing rain! Both realities have their advantages, but wouldn't we all prefer a few more moments of bliss?

Why is a stay in Israel blissful? While this is a highly subjective answer, I must respond in a very detailed way. Because I can assume a level of familiarity with Hebrew and Jewish ideas, if not facts; because the news comes on the hour every hour, and everyone always listens to it; because walking onto campus of Hebrew University is just a little cozier than returning to my alma mater, Rutgers College. Basically, my vacation in Israel for a week was soothing to my inner sense of balance that I feel is all too often out of whack here. This has to

do with my fervent desire to return to Israel permanently, to share a life with my partner, David and our child-to-be there, to watch this one and hopefully even more of our children cavort with other Israelis whose parents come from all over the world.

We arrived in Israel unhurried, because what's the use of running off the plane, only to wait in line for the passport control? We had only carry-on luggage, so the whole thing took less than thirty minutes from touchdown to getting a shared taxi to Jerusalem. Of course, that took two hours to get from the airport to one of the newer neighborhoods of the city, Neve Ya'akov. Our friends, an Ethiopian Orthodox family who are close friends of David, were overjoyed to see us, and immediately stuffed us full of traditional cooking - injera, we'et, all spicy, all good,

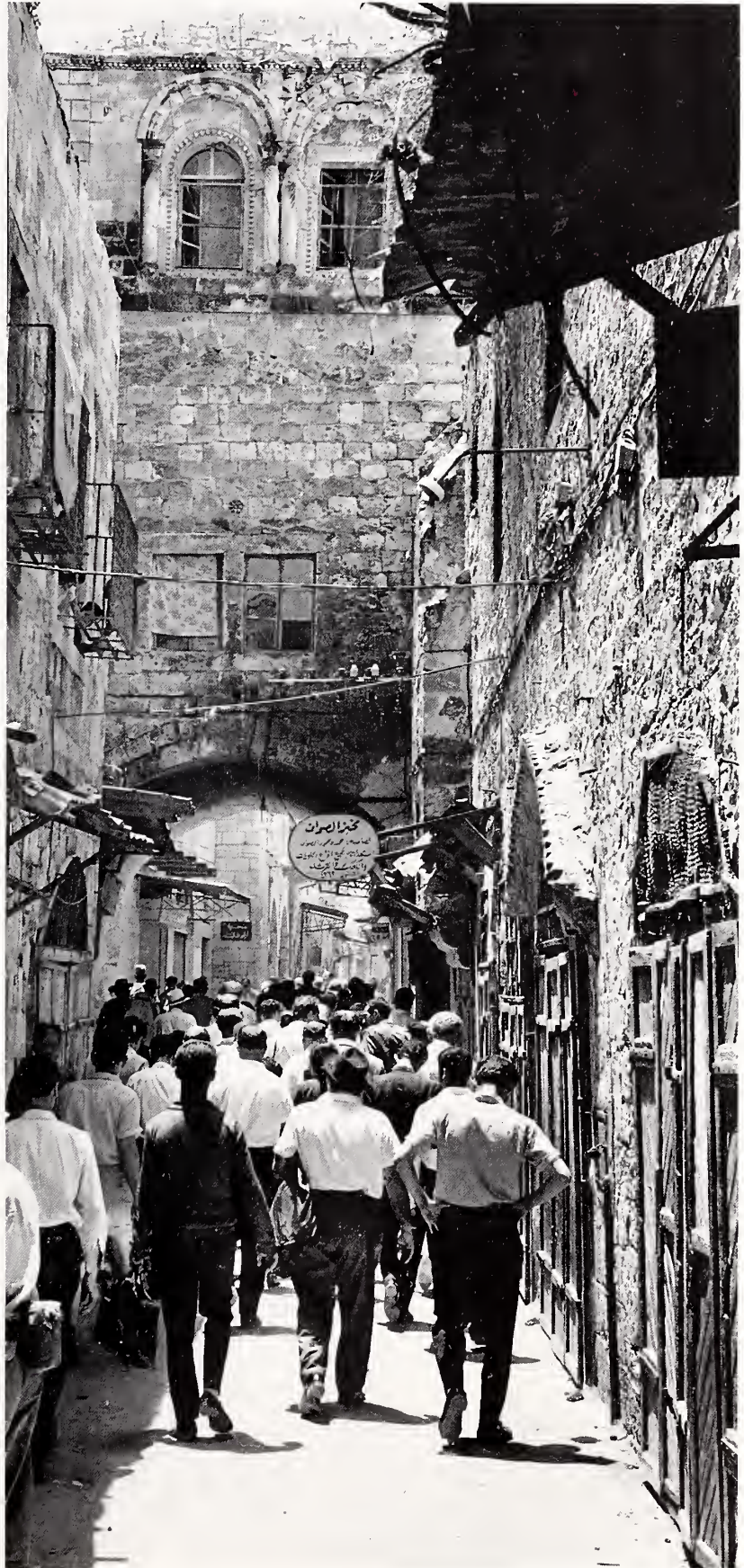
all cooked with simplicity and love. They understood when we were too tired to eat more, and shooed us off to a comfy bed with lots of blankets - Jerusalem can be downright frigid in winter!

The next day was full of errands: buying religious articles for members of the congregation which are one-third of the price there, and although we didn't plan it, purchasing some lovely maternity clothes, which were altered without charge and were ready the very next day. Lunch was felafel at David's favorite hole-in-the wall on Rehov haNevi'im. The shop was strictly stand-up but we found a nearby stoop to devour the felafel with shredded cabbage, fenugreek sauce, tehina and lots of pickles in a huge Syrian pita rolled up like a tube. That was **exactly** what I wanted. (We went back for dinner the next day).

A kilo of my favorite shop's sunflower seeds rounded off the culinary portion of our day, and we hopped down to King David street to check out rental car prices. Avis was the best! \$196.00 for a Fiat Uno for a week, unlimited mileage, with the insurance a la Gold Mastercard. We made the reservations and headed back home for a siesta - we had made dinner plans and I was too pooped to stay in town. The nap was nice, the bus ride back to town was in one of the new articulated buses neither of us had ridden in, and in typical fashion David got up to give his seat to an aged person, who said thank you. Everything was the way it should have been.

Dinner with friends was preceded by earring shopping in the square at the bottom of Yoel Salomon street - one pair for me, a single one for David. Italian food at a wonderful restaurant that kindly ejected a party of smokers who refused to stop smoking despite the new ordinance that restaurants accommodate non-smokers. Our friends drove us back to Neve Ya'akov after taking their child seats out of the back, and we prepared for a good night's sleep before embarking on our last day in Jerusalem and the long drive down south.

While the few details I've just described may seem mundane, boring even, they filled me with a tremendous sense of satisfaction, kind of like the feeling some Americans get when, returning from a trip abroad they "rediscover" things like Puffs Plus, leave-in hair conditioner, and all the familiar candy bars. True, America is civilized and comfortable, but it's also somewhat too materialistic, too non-demanding intellectually, too easy. Maybe what draws me back to Israel is more than anything a constant sense of worthwhile challenge. It certainly isn't the inconvenient plumbing, or heating, or bureaucracy, all of which we encountered, but none of which really mattered. I can't wait to go back, but I dread leaving there again too soon, always too soon.



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Wasn't it all the same?

(WZPS) Once, in the not so distant past, Israel had only one television station—the government-operated Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA). Back in those days, if you stood outside on a warm summer night, when windows and doors were left open, at the time the nightly news was broadcast, an almost surreal scene would emerge. From every home on the block, the eerily flickering image of newscaster Haim Yavin could be seen casting its bluish pallor in living room after living room, while his voice reverberated throughout the neighborhood.

We were a united nation, with only one choice in TV viewing. We all watched the same programs, and at work and at school, we discussed what we had seen the night before, confident that our colleagues knew exactly what we were talking about.

But the 90's changed this. First came cable TV with a choice of some 40 stations. Approximately 750,000 Israeli households in a country of five million signed on. Then, in November 1993, Channel 2, Israel's first homegrown commercial television station, was established.

No longer were we all watching IBA. Suddenly we had choices—American talk shows, German game shows, Spanish soap operas, CNN, BBC, MTV, Sky, Turkish TV, Russian TV, two rival Hebrew-language newscasts—the possibilities seemed endless. Israel had joined the global village.

So much so that a recent poll found Israelis watching more CNN news during a 24 hour period than cable subscribers in any of the other 210

countries where CNN is broadcast. A whopping 28.2% of Israeli cable subscribers tune in to CNN at least once a day.

But it was the advent of Channel 2, more than cable, which really changed Israeli viewing habits. Here was a commercial station striving to support itself through advertising revenues. Suddenly, ratings became the key word in television programming. No longer could the stations be impervious to their viewers' preferences. Market shares, audience demographics, etc., were in. Advertisers demanded to know these things.

In the absence of people meters (the famous little black boxes of American television ratings), Channel 2 hired Gallup to conduct telephone polls and IBA, Consu-Shiluv. And lo and behold, the pollsters found that Israelis across the demographic board prefer local, Hebrew-language productions over foreign programs, no matter how internationally popular the imports are. Gallup found that local programs in Hebrew make up 92% of the top 40 shows.

So, with Channel 2 just gearing up and its franchisers reluctant to invest in big budget productions, we ended up with the year of the talk shows. For as they say—talk is cheap, and talk shows all the more so. No expensive on location shoots. No scenery. No costumes. All you need is a host and a couple of chairs.

Nearly one dozen talk shows currently grace our airwaves weekly.

The second big hit of the past year has been game shows, more

by Gail Lichtman

expensive than talk shows but still way below dramas. We've been treated to the Israeli versions of "Wheel of Fortune," "The Dating Game," "Let's Make a Deal," and "Hollywood Squares," plus a few homegrown varieties.

Viewing of the once dominant IBA nightly news, dipped from a mighty 33% of the viewing audience in March 1994 to 19% by October 1994.

It has generally been accepted that Channel 2 has emerged as the big winner, but by how much is subject to debate depending on whether one looks at Gallup or Consu-Shiluv polls.

Nevertheless, Channel 2 is ahead in popularity with all age groups except the over 55 set. Those most pleased with Channel 2 programming, according to Gallup, are the young (12 to 17) and those with a high school education or less.

The fact that the game shows are less than intellectual fare and that many of the talk shows imitate the worst sensationalism of their American counterparts, plus the overall focus on the young, has resulted in claims that Israeli television is pitching itself to the lowest common denominator in the race for ratings.

Coverage of the Dizengoff bus bombing seemed to confirm this view. Unprecedented gruesome footage of the carnage was broadcast on both IBA and Channel 2 news in apparent efforts to capture the larger audience share.

But the stations themselves deny this. Channel 2 points with pride to

such programs as "Fact," a "60 Minutes" style documentary and "Gov Night," a more highbrow talk show.

IBA director Yair Stern says the channel is aiming for quality plus popularity. "We want to put the emphasis on original dramas, documentaries, investigative reporting, and the like. But we do not want to occupy only the high ground. We also offer more popular-oriented programming such as sports, cooking and fashion, comedy, light discussions, etc."

In line with this, IBA recently screened "Kastner," a locally made historical drama dealing with the Dr. Rudolph Kastner libel trial in the 1950s.

Now that just about everyone in Israel seems to have been interviewed during the past year on one of the talk shows, what does the future have in store?

In the short run, fewer talk shows. But don't hold your breath in anticipation of highbrow fare. Their place is being taken by local soap operas. This should come as no surprise given the success of such foreign soaps as "The Young and the Restless," "The Bold and the Beautiful," and the various Spanish telenovellas. "Antonella," for example, which ran for most of last year, at its height, receiving ratings as high as the IBA nightly newscast.

No fewer than five local soaps are either in production or about to go into production. One, "Ramat Aviv Gimmel," which is being filmed by G.G. Studios, is set to be marketed abroad under the English-language title "Mediterranean Affairs." Italy, Spain, Mexico and Argentina have already bought the still-to-be completed soap.

What lies ahead in the long run? Greg Dyke, former head of London Weekend Television (ITV), who attended a Channel 2 conference in Tel Aviv in November 1994, offered British TV as an example. British commercial television also screened numerous game shows, soaps and U.S. imports at the outset, he pointed out. "The BBC, in order to justify its license in the face of falling ratings, decided to spend its money on making popular quality TV," said Dyke. This enabled the BBC to regain its share of the market and spurred ITV to change its policy in the mid-80s, moving into British-made quality dramas. "Today British programs dominate," he said. "This is what the audience wants."

Another conference participant, Yaron Ezrahi of the Israel Democracy Institute, noted that at this stage in the development of Israeli TV, "it's clearer what port we're leaving than the destination we are heading." He reminded the movers and the shakers of Israeli TV that "the public votes with the remote," and that is what ultimately will shape the future of Israeli television.

Purim

in search of the great Hamantaschen

Hamantaschen

Makes 3-1/2 dozen

Literally translated, hamantaschen means "Haman's pockets." According to one legend, these pastries were baked to remind the Jews that this villain's pockets were filled with bribe money. Others believe hamantaschen are shaped in a triangle to resemble Haman's three-cornered hat. Whatever the story, they are traditionally made on Purim and filled with either poppy seed, prune, or apricot filling.

margarine is melted and all the ingredients are combined. Let cool. Use to fill Pareve Hamantaschen Dough.

Yields 1/2 cup

Prune and Apricot Hamantaschen Filling

1 pound dried prunes
1 pound dried apricots
1 orange, peeled and seeded
1/2 cup nuts, chopped (optional)
Sugar, to taste

Place fruit in saucepan, add water to cover. Bring to a boil, then simmer uncovered until fruit is plump and tender.

Drain and remove pits. Put cooked fruit and orange through medium blade of mini-food chopper or chop finely. Add nuts and sugar if desired. Use to fill Orange Hamantaschen Dairy Dough or Pareve Hamantaschen Dough.

Yields 3 cups filling

Orange Hamantaschen Dairy Dough

1-1/2 cups unbleached white flour
1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 cup honey coated wheat germ
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 egg
Grated rind of 2 oranges
1-1/2 tablespoons orange juice

Mix flours, wheat germ, baking powder, salt, sugar, and butter in food processor or large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and blend. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Roll out dough on a well-floured surface. Cut into 2-1/2-inch circles. Put 2 teaspoons of filling in the center of the circle, fold 3 sides toward the center and pinch the edges touching together to form a triangle, something like a tricorn hat. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until dough is lightly browned.

Yields 2 dozen hamantaschen

Prune Pareve Hamantaschen Filling

3/4 cup pitted prunes
1 teaspoon orange rind, grated
1/4 cup almonds, ground

Puree the prunes, or boil them for 3 minutes in 1 cup water. Drain and chop into small pieces.

Poppy Seed Pareve Hamantaschen Filling

1/2 cup poppy seeds
3/4 cup raisins
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons pareve margarine, melted
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel

Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan and simmer over low heat, stirring constantly, until the

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and use to fill pareve hamantaschen dough.

Yields 3/4 cup filling

Chocolate Hamantashen

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 4 teaspoons almond extract
- 7-1/2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Beat eggs, add sugar, oil, vanilla, juice and almond extract. Beat in flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Mix together until batter is creamy and very smooth. This is a very heavy, sticky dough for the Mixmaster. Watch the mixer to see that the motor doesn't overheat. You could also use the food processor in which to make dough. This tends to be a bit easier, but you must have the largest size processor or the mixture will overflow. Refrigerate dough overnight. When ready to bake, tear off a portion at a time and roll out on a floured table or large baker's board, or best of all, a Tupperware

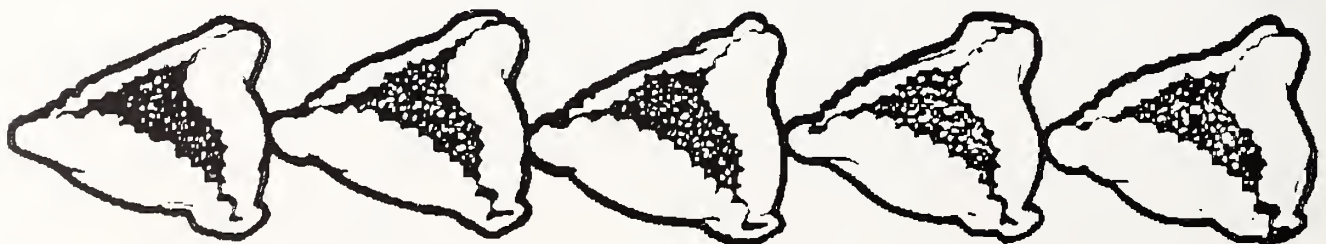
plastic pie rolling sheet. If dough feels too soft and sticky, add even more flour until dough is easy to handle and roll. Roll each portion to a sheet about 1/4 inch thick, then cut circles with a floured drinking glass rim. Remove the excess dough from the circles, so that it can be rolled out once again with the next batch of dough.

Fill the center of each circle with one teaspoon of your favorite filling. (Don't try to be generous and use too much more, the hamantashen will pop open.) Fill with chocolate, poppy seed, fruit-nut-coconut mixture, or whatever you desire. Form the circled dough into a "three cornered shape" around the filling. Bake at 300 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until they are a light golden color. Yield: 75 hamantashen.

Chocolate Filling

- 1 (12-ounce) package real chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Put all ingredients into a double boiler and heat until melted and creamy. Remove from heat, let cool.



Building The Argentine Jewish Community

by Lisa Samin

(WZPS) The tragic bombing in Argentina in July 1994 unearthed a growing problem in the Argentinian Jewish community - that of widespread assimilation and loss of Jewish identity. "The explosion didn't create a new crisis," says Shlomo Gravetz, Head of the World Zionist Organization's (WZO) Youth and Hehalutz Department. "It was a vehicle to which we were exposed to an old crisis."

A meeting between Gravetz, WZO/Jewish Agency Acting Chairman Yehiel Leket, Keren Hayesod Chairman Shlomo Hillel and Jewish community leaders shortly after the bombing, confirmed fears that the community has gradually been distancing itself from Israel, believing it could "reconcile a substantial Jewish communal life with communal life in Argentina."

In order to counteract this growing trend, the WZO/Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and other bodies, decided to invest \$4 million in joint projects with the Argentinian Jewish community. Approximately \$1.5 million will go towards bringing Jewish youth to Israel, an additional \$1 million will be invested in promoting aliyah, over \$1 million will be spent on training teachers and purchasing teaching aids, and

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\$300,000 will go to informational activities and fostering young leadership.

Says Leket, "An increased effort will be made to prevent a decline in applicants to Argentina's formal Jewish education system and to bring youth to Israel Experience summer programs in Israel." These aim to strengthen the Jewish identity of participants and their connection with Israel, thereby ensuring "Jewish continuity."

The most popular Israel Experience program for South America is "Tapuz," which offers 16-18-year-olds six weeks in Israel where they meet Israelis, explore the country, learn about its history, participate in Sar-El-an army-based volunteer program-work on kibbutz, and participate in informal education programs. This year, of the 1,300 participants from South America, 750 are from Argentina (two lost family members in the bombing), 350 are from Brazil, 40 come from Peru, 30 from Uruguay and 10 from Paraguay.

Sergio Mames, 23, a Tapuz counselor with the Argentinian group, works in a Jewish kindergarten not far from where the bombing occurred. "There was a lot of fear in the community after the bombing," says Mames. "No-one knew if and where there would be another bomb." Some parents, he says, afraid that their children might be a target, transferred them to public kindergarten.

Even registration for the Tapuz Program was moved to a different location, as rumors abounded that

the Jewish Agency Building might be the next target.

Both Mames and Gravetz agree that the bomb both weakened and strengthened the community. "The bomb was an excuse for people to remove themselves from Jewish life," says Gravetz. "But now the essence and substance of Jewish life in Argentina has to be rebuilt."

"We can't help knowing that we are Jews now," adds Mames. "There are stricter security measures at all Jewish buildings and every time I see this I remember the tragedy. There have also been lectures dealing with the tragedy and courses for educators on working with children who were affected by the bomb."

Though physical repairs to the building are progressing, repairs to the internal structure of the Jewish community are just beginning. Jessica, a Tapuz participant, says that though Tapuz is "the" program for Jewish teenagers in South America, economic difficulties discourage some from participating. A diminishing interest in Israel has left others ambivalent about spending their whole summer in Israel. The Zionist Movement, being

fully aware of the problems, has granted scholarships to many of this year's Tapuz participants.

The program itself has greatly expanded since its inception in 1973 and now offers the option of four days in Prague and three days in Budapest prior to arrival in Israel for the regular Tapuz program. Fifty-five Brazilian youth recently spent a week in Hungary meeting with Jewish youth and exploring the oldest Jewish community in Central Europe.

Another Tapuz option in Israel is "Tikshoret" ("Communications"), a 50-day program which enables youth to acquire communications skills through lectures, seminars and informal activities and to practice these newly acquired skills on the streets of Israel.

In addition, a one month program provides an introduction to Israel's many universities for youth who are interested in studying in Israel.

Youth on the current Tapuz program recently participated in a special Memorial Day for the 86 Argentinians who were killed in the bombing, at a forest in Beth Shemesh dedicated to their memory.

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THE SZYFRA INSTITUTE FOR ARTISAN TRAINING

*MORE THAN DOLLS PLAY
BY LISA SAMIN*

(WZPS) In Moscow, Max Caspinoff, a graduate of the Moscow College of Theater Arts, was a well-known marionettist with an established career. Upon arriving in Israel in 1990, aged 23, with his wife and parents, he worked as a garbageman.

Nona studied in Kiev's Designer Institute and at the age of 24 was an established theater designer. After making aliya with her parents in 1991, aged 25, she worked selling her paintings door-to-door.

Irena Rutenberg, a veteran dollmaker and professional artist from New York, met Nona while on a visit to Safed, a beautiful mountaintop city in northern Israel, home to a large artist community. She was shocked to hear stories of immigrant artists working either in construction and cleaning jobs or considering leaving Israel.

"Artists are natural treasures," says the dynamic Rutenberg. "I felt that something had to be done to keep these artists in Israel and help them utilize their talents."

Thus, in October 1993, with a \$40,000 legacy left to her by an aunt in Israel, Rutenberg started the Szyfra Institute for Artisan Training in Safed.

The Institute's main commodity is porcelain dolls but it has also expanded into producing biblical

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dioramas, commemorative medals and Judaica—all made of porcelain.

Each artist undergoes intensive training in the skills necessary for making the hand-made dolls, but is also given the opportunity to create original designs. Max and Nona both work at the Institute. Max concentrates on making porcelain dioramas, mezzuzot and figurines, while Nona specializes in designing the dolls' clothes. Her income gives her the financial backing she needs to pursue her painting.

"To paint one picture takes a great investment of time," she said. "In the meantime I also need to support myself."

The dolls depict Queen Esther and Queen Sheba adorned with crowns of intricately worked pure gold, earrings of pure silver, hand-painted finger and toenails and clothes from embroidered lace and silk, and sell for \$700 a piece.

Rutenberg has received orders from a store in Manhattan's Trump Towers and other collectors' stores on the East Coast, and participants in exclusively toy and merchandise fairs across the United States.

Locally, the dolls are being sold exclusively at the Lorna Sokolowsky Gallery in Jerusalem and at the Szyfra Institute itself, where the dolls are sold at retail price.

Twenty-five artists are currently employed by the Institute, the majority from the former Soviet Union, the U.S., Argentina and England.

Yefim Levitas, 25, came from Turgisia, Asia, where he studied art and jewelry-making. Arriving in Safed in 1991, he worked in construction, then on an assembly line, until a friend told him about the Institute. "I made more money on the assembly line," says Levitas. "But here I am happy. I am making the crowns and jewelry for the dolls, and I am learning many new things as an artist. I am now making my own designs and I feel energized. Even my two-year-old daughter has noticed the difference.

Alexander Tsifransky, 35, came to Israel from Corgen, Ural, having studied art decoration at the local university. An accident while working in construction almost put an end to his artistic aspirations. Tsifransky now works at the Institute and enjoys making biblical dioramas.

Unfortunately, start-up costs have been considerable and as the Institute is not yet making a profit, most of the artists are receiving salaries below the minimum wage.

"My wife and I are struggling," says Tsifransky. "But there's nothing else I'd rather be doing. Money doesn't reach a man's soul like art does."



I Saw a Mountain

Translated from Danish into German by a student from the Mansen-Haus. The author of the original is unknown.

I saw a mountain,
Higher than Mount Blanc,
Holier than Mount Sinai.
It was not in a dream that I saw it--
It stood on marshy land,
And it was not made of stone,
But from Jewish shoes in Maidanek.
There was the mountain that I saw.

And suddenly as if by a miracle,
I saw
In it a stir, a vision,
Thousands of shoes placed
According to sizes,
Pair upon pair
In a row
Walking by -----.

Listen to their footsteps----.
They sing about forgotten shoes-----
A last bequest
From bent backs and of tender childhood.
Make room for the rows
Make room for the shoes
Make room for the suffering
Make room for the scars
The shoe Army is marching--marching.

We are shoes from Paris, Prague and Amsterdam--.
To the marketplace and to the factory we used to go.
Each one had its own pace
To school, workshop, or office--.
Now we are only going, going as a last testimony
Of men who are no more.

We shoes used to walk in the park,
Lead the bride and groom under the canopy,
And to go here and there
To festivals, weddings, and births,
To give us enjoyment in dancing,
Or in seriousness to walk to funerals.

The fire easily digests the skeleton and flesh,
Far less than the straps and leather of the shoes.
It spat us out in defiance.
Listen to the gay and wanton cracking of our souls--
It is our tears of farewell--the weeping of millions,

Who follow us---
Who follow us-----.

Listen to the humming sound
From every walk of life: the Rabbis' quiet steps,
The footsteps of the shoes of poor Jews,
The light patter of knitted infant shoes
Who have just begun to walk.

We are shoes. In an endless funeral procession
We had to walk to our own graves.
A farewell march of young and old.
We go now--so that all should hear
The echo of our steps, the vibration of tramping feet,
The melody of our fate.

Yes, hear now, listen, You, who had
Not heard of our march through the door of the Dead.
Listen----From day to day we will gray,
And like dead shadows, silently march on,
Never, never will we let you in peace,
Just wander----walk----walk----walk----.

by Estelle Hoffman

Holocaust Denial

Anyone who has lived a while and studies history is aware of the fact that reality fades with time. Much of world history is obscene, leaving the earth soaked in the blood of countless victims scattered everywhere. How long did the grief last, after any of the massacres? It seems that when the slaughter was greater, it was easier to forget. Sorrow for the loss of one great person may touch more deeply the feelings of people who admired a hero or benefited from the legacy of a benefactor than grief for unknown masses killed meaninglessly, once the horror has worn off.

So it is that survivors of the Holocaust fear that the memory of the elimination of Europe's Jewry, along with millions more who were persecuted by Hitler and the Nazis, will not endure. There are groups of people and individuals who are trying to eradicate that memory by rewriting history. They are called "Holocaust deniers."

The facts are easily obtainable. Hitler's plans were set forth boldly and clearly in his book, *Mein Kampf*. Furthermore, detailed reports by the Nazis do exist. They kept records conscientiously. German scholars have answered the allegations of deniers.

In the third chapter of *Holocaust Denial* (reviewed in *The Times Outlook*, June 1993), Kenneth Stern observes that all the world, including

historians, survivors and liberators, would have had to be in collaboration to perpetrate such a hoax. In that chapter are the claims offered by those who deny the Holocaust, together with refutations which make the claims sound silly.

There are those who want to believe it never happened. It is hard to believe, and a world found it difficult to believe reports coming out of the concentration camps during World War II. But belief in the Denial is like belief in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny or the Tooth Fairy. It is more comfortable than the truth.

Holocaust deniers cite the freedom of speech for legitimizing their claims. They have created the "Institute for Historical Review." They crave legitimacy, because if their propaganda is seen as the proclamation of Neo-Nazis, it isn't very effective. Germany bans denial of the Holocaust, but the U.S. does not.

We are advised not to debate with these malicious anti-Semites, for that is the fact of what they are. Debate lends legitimacy; yet, we do need to be able to refute their lies. Unfortunately, journalists give them much publicity, which is what they want. What is needed is to prove they are not historians.

Throughout history people have accepted absurdities as truth. Holocaust denial is a form of hatred,

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and bigotry must be attacked. Not all American schools teach about the Holocaust. It should be noted that ethnic cleansing continues in other countries, and care should be taken to prevent anti-German bias, which raises objections to mandated study of World War II attempts to solve the Jewish problem.

Part of Holocaust education should be attempts to change the forces that promote hate, genocide and anti-Semitism. Holocaust denial is not a phenomenon in America alone. It is being waged in most European countries, in South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Closer to home, it goes on in Canada, and of course in Arab nations and groups of Arabs outside of their own countries. *Jews in the Japanese Mind*, by Goodman and Maize, is an entire book about anti-Semitism in Japan, where the Institute for Historical Review also works.

In some cases, Holocaust denial is exercised to attack the State of Israel. Deniers try to deny the legitimacy of Israel by undermining the justification for the existence of a Jewish homeland. Deniers agree on hatred of Israel, thereby attracting people who are inclined to anti-Semitism.

Holocaust denial needs to be made in the context of a great human lesson. The Holocaust is today's most powerful example of genocide by a state which proclaimed it as a glorious mission. Genocide has been committed against many groups throughout history, sometimes with complete success. Unfortunately, denigrating another kind of people often improves the perpetrators' view of himself. It's what we call

"the pecking order."

What needs to be taught along with Holocaust Studies is the advantage of living in a diverse society with peoples of other countries, races and religions. It is a hard lesson to teach, but of utmost importance to all of us.

Recommended reading, besides *Holocaust Denial*, by Kenneth S. Stern, published by The American Jewish Committee, is Deborah Lipstadt's *Denying the Holocaust*, The Free Press, reviewed in *Times Outlook*, September 1993.

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Two New Techniques for Males Used in the In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Unit at Hadassah University Hospital

Jerusalem, (February 23, 1995)-- While 10 percent of married couples in the world suffer from infertility, it is the husband who is infertile 40 percent of the time, according to *Clinical Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility*, ed. Speroff, Glass and Kasel, 1994, fifth edition.

The Hadassah In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Unit of the Gynecology and Obstetrics Department of the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus, headed by Dr. Neri Laufer, has introduced to Israel two new methods to counter male sterility.

The first, Intra-Cytoplasm Sperm Injection (ICSI), consists of collecting sperm produced by males with low sperm count or sperm that are abnormal in structure and have reduced motility, and injecting it directly into the cytoplasm of the egg cell. Once inside the egg, the sperm fertilizes the egg, and, as a result, an embryo forms. Up until now this procedure could only be accomplished by donated sperm.



The second procedure, Microsurgical Epididymal Sperm Aspiration (MESA), is for males who are infertile because of blockage of the epididymis, an oblong gland attached to the testes that provides for the storage, transport and maturation of sperm; or from a blocked vas deferens, the secretory duct of the testes. Although the sperm produced by these males are normal, the sperm must be withdrawn by needle to fertilize the female eggs.

In the last half year, Dr. Laufer's unit has treated 55 male patients using ICSI or MESA. Ten pregnancies have resulted, and 15 couples are pending results. According to Dr. Laufer, the results are a breakthrough in Israel.

ABOVE: At Hadassah University Hospital on Mt. Scopus, Dr. Neri Laufer, head of the In Vitro Fertilization Unit of Hadassah's Gynecology and Obstetrics Department, has introduced to Israel two methods to counter male sterility: Intra-Cytoplasm Sperm Injection; and Microsurgical Epididymal Sperm Aspiration.



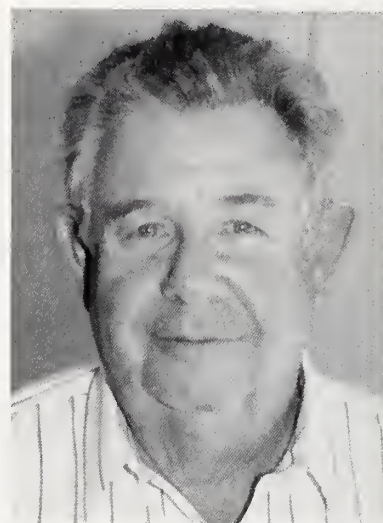
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A Message From Al Herman, President-Elect



Al Herman

Some 30 odd years ago, I was a traveling salesman. Now we are called manufacturers' representatives. One of my many stops was in Salisbury where I called on Leonard Guyes's Uncle Buddy who owned a dress shop. I sold him some of my sportswear and, as I was leaving, Uncle Buddy held the order in one hand and held out the other hand and said, "Give me a check for the Home." That was my introduction to the Home. During the ensuing years, Uncle Buddy, Adolph Guyes, Sam Prago and Herman Bernard were always working for the Home. Because of them, I continued to contribute. Sheila and I became grand builders and, somewhere along the line, we became life members.

That was the beginning of my involvement with BJH. I always thought of it as that place on the other side of Winston-Salem where members of the Jewish community send their elders who can no longer be cared for by their children. I had always heard that the care at the Home was something special. During all this time, I had never taken the time to visit the facility.

As I continued to evolve as a manufacturers' representative, I became more involved with corporate work and, therefore, I was in New York every week for two or three nights. This was great because my mother lived with her two sisters in an apartment in Washington Heights and I could see my mother every week.

Now I was beginning to think of retirement, but how was I going to see my mother if I retired? Leonard Guyes, who was president of the Home at that time, took me out to see it for the first time and showed me not only the nursing wings but also Fair Oaks which was under construction at the time. What a perfect solution for me! I could have my mother close by and see her as often as I wished. Thus, my mother and my Aunt Rose became the first two residents of Fair Oaks on Tuesday, February 7, 1987.

At this time, Leonard told me that, since I was thinking of retirement and had two family members in Fair Oaks, I needed to get more involved. He made me a presidential appointee to the board of trustees. The very next

spring I retired and then I was told by Leonard and other members of the board to work with the Dietary Department and get more Yiddishkeit into the menus. They felt that the residents needed more contact with the board, and who had more time than I? From this evolved the resident relations committee. Once a month we had a meeting with the residents to discuss their problems and needs. Ninety-five percent of their problems

MEET THE **BJH** TRUSTEES

Al Herman serves as President Elect of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Trustees. A member of the Board since 1987, Al has served two terms as First Vice President and has been a member of most of the Home's committees. Before his retirement Al was a manufacturers' rep with Al Herman Associates Inc. He served on the executive board of the Board of Directors of the Carolina and Virginia Fashion Exhibitors for twenty years. Al grew up in New York and attended Columbia University. He moved to Greensboro in 1949 and has been an active member of Beth David Synagogue and a member of the Greensboro Kiwanis Club. He and his wife Sheila live in Greensboro NC.; they have two children, Andrew who lives in Greensboro and Kathy and Ronny Miller of Atlanta GA. and two grandchildren.

*Look for this space each month and meet the members
of the Blumenthal Board of Trustees*


had to do with food. Once in a while there was a complaint about things getting lost in the laundry. Sometimes it was tough standing up there in front of all the residents and getting "beat up" about this and that. Sometimes, though, it was fun too. With the help of Wayne Dieser, we had a gefilte fish taste test. We offered a taste from three different brands and then took a vote to see which brand the residents preferred. Another time, Wayne baked three different types of oatmeal cookies to see which one they liked. We even did a taste test on potato pancakes. I'd like to share another incident with you. One day, a sweet elderly lady who was confined to a wheelchair said that, while the food was good, she missed pork and could we not have pork once in a while? We explained that the Home was kosher and we could not serve pork, but we made sure that members of the Activities Department took her out to the Clemmons Kitchen and got her pork chops. At the end of the year, we had things pretty much under control.

From that beginning, I have gone

forward to serve on almost every committee in the Home until today when I can proudly say I am serving as president-elect of the board.

You ask, "What's the point of all this?" This is how I got involved - because of a need - and, yes, I've gotten great satisfaction out of serving. But the Home is ending its 30th year and today, more than ever, our needs are many and varied. After 30 years, the Home is beginning to look its age, and we are in the process of looking at remodeling. Our biggest problem is the ever-increasing need for indigent care. Where does the Home need to go from here? In what direction would the various communities like to see it head?

These are just a few of the problems facing us. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**, not only financially but, above all, we need people and new leadership. Don't wait as I did for a need. Join us now and help.



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“Old Age is Not For Sissies”

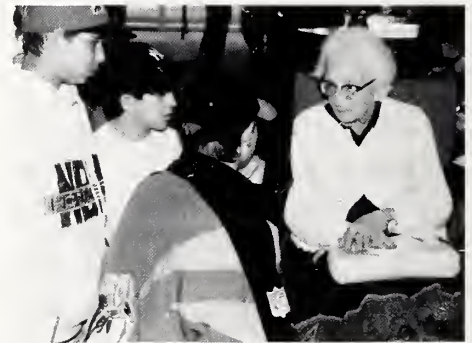
Seventy students from the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies in Charlotte discovered a little bit about old age when they visited the Home on Sunday January 29. The students, members of the eighth and ninth grade classes, were participating in a retreat entitled “Old Age Is Not For Sissies.” The students spent Saturday evening together with their teachers in Charlotte learning about growing old through film, discussion and experiential activities. According to Sue Brodsky, Director of the Consolidated High School, the students were well prepared for their visit to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Their pre-trip activities included sensitivity training which allowed the students to feel what it would be like to have blurred vision, hearing loss, arthritic fingers and to shop while using a walker. The students came prepared with pencil and paper, cameras and video cameras to take oral histories and to record their mission.

It was a bright Sunday morning at 10 o'clock when a bus filled with students and teachers arrived at BJH. The students were exuberant and eager to meet “old age” face to face. If there was any hesitancy about visiting a Home for the aged, it did not show. The students and residents quickly divided into small conversational

groups and one to one partners. Smiles and laughter radiated from the faces of both young and old as they answered questions and shared some of their history. The Fair Oaks Commons buzzed with excitement as residents delighted in the attention of the teenagers. The residents enjoyed songs and music performed by the students and were grateful for the beautiful plants, a gift for each resident brought by the students. Most of all they enjoyed the small moments of shared understanding present in a brief conversation or a loving hug and in knowing they were remembered.

The students came to learn about old age and to share their Sunday with the residents. They left with a feeling of satisfaction knowing they had made friends and with the desire to return and to continue the mitzvot of putting tzedakah into action.

Intergenerational visits truly bridge the generations when both students and residents learn that “old age” and “teenage” are not for “sissies” and that individuals of different ages, with varying abilities, strengths and interests can meet and enjoy each other.



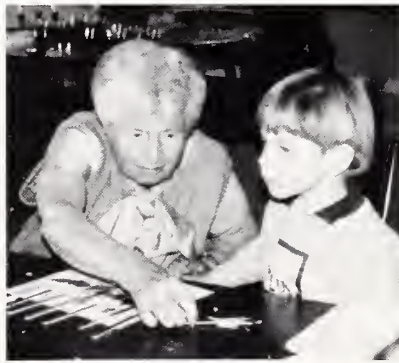
Residents enjoy a visit with students from the Consolidated High School in Charlotte. Pictured from above are: Ruth Menins, Therese Serxner and Bessie Schwartz.

Chanukah Program Draws Pre-schoolers and Residents Together

There was no generation gap when children from Temple Emanuel Pre-School in Winston-Salem and BJH and Fair Oaks residents met in the living room of the Commons on a Friday morning during Chanukah. After sharing the traditional Shabbat and Chanukah blessings over the candles, wine and challah, the children and their "grandma or grandpa" partner got right down to work, or was it play, creating Chanukah menorahs. The room buzzed with activity as older hands aided young fingers and chattering voices captured the attention of experienced listeners. Both young and old enjoyed a festive morning and a unique way to celebrate the holiday. The Chanukah gift that morning was a gift of sharing from one generation to another.

Fran Thull, Director of the Temple Pre-School coordinates the intergenerational programs between the Pre-School and the Home. Both the children and the residents reap benefits from shared activities with the individual attention and the youthful enthusiasm these programs provide.

Residents and children begin the program with Shabbat blessings; pictured with the pre-schoolers from Temple Emanuel are Henry Mainenthau, Freda Fern, Rae Glickman and Pre-school Director Fran Thull.



Pre-school children and residents are drawn together to celebrate Chanukah. Pictured are: Fair Oaks residents Fannie Simon, Beatrice Goodman and Freda Fern.



Sue's News

Each month residents sign up to go on the monthly shopping trip to Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. Some come prepared with a shopping list of items they are looking for and gifts they want to buy. Others look forward to this outing as a change of pace, seeing a new face and being in a different place. They enjoy time spent with the volunteer, choosing lunch from the many food items available at the Food Court and window shopping and browsing to see the latest fashions. With great anticipation a resident will often ask me, "Who am I going to be with on the shopping trip?" or if one of their favorite volunteers is going.

Without our dedicated corps of "shopping" volunteers these monthly trips would not be possible. If in the past eight and one-half years a shopping trip to the mall was cancelled, it had to be because of the weather, not for lack of volunteers.

Over the years some volunteers have moved and left us while others have joined to take their place; many have remained steadfast, ever ready to say yes when called upon.

Where else can one indulge in shopping fever, food, friendship and fun while performing a mitzvah, a good deed?

When the volunteers gather at the mall at 10am, awaiting the arrival of the BJH bus, they are eager to pair up with a resident and begin the morning's activity. They often ask a similar question "Who will I be taking today?" as many volunteers and residents have become friends and look forward to this time together. Volunteering for BJH is easy, as easy as having a conversation over lunch, shopping for fun and becoming a friend. It is also rewarding as any of our "shopping" volunteers will tell you; just ask them.

If you would like to join in on the fun and like to shop, call Sue Clein, Director of volunteers at 910-766-6401. Volunteers are always needed and always make a difference in the lives of our residents.



Volunteer Howard Friedensen with Mickey Samet.



Fair Oaks resident Hannah Hockfield with volunteer Millie Slatkoff.



Right: Volunteer Rebecca Schwartz with Fair Oaks resident Nelly Schwarz.



Left: Volunteer Bert Kalet assists Matthew Miller at the Mall.

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Sue Clein

Calendar Highlights March

- 2 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 9 Schmoozing with Seth, 1:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 10 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 12 Brenner Concert, Alex Axiotis, "Harmonic Sounds", 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 14 Leave for VFW Hall, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 15 Reading of the Megillah, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 16 Purim Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 17 Purim Party, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 19 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 20 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, 2:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 23 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 24 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Music with Jan Sawyer, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium

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Hilda Gilbert enjoys the Mall shopping trip with volunteer Dorothy Kalet.



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Dianne Smith, Nursing Assistant, B-2

4 Years

Wanda King, Laundry

2 Years

Suzanne Bennett, RN, A Wing

SuAnn Mayhue, Director Social Services

Brenda Walters, Nursing Assistant, B-2

1 Year

Jeanette Hartman, Nursing Assistant, A Wing

Joe Roberts, Dietary



STAFF NOTES

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

At the annual Employee Holiday party, chaired by Director of Personnel Bonnie Ayers, employees were recognized for their years of service to the Home. Linda Johnston, nursing assistant on B-1 received the employee of the Year award and Lorena Durham, LPN on A wing, was recognized for 25 years of dedicated service to the Home. Employees were awarded pins for

5, 10 and 15 years of service. Receiving 15 year pins were: Jean Garland, Judy Petty, Sue Pierce and Martha Shinault; 10 year pins were: Rory Blackwell and Mary Mclaurin; receiving 5 year pins were: Wayne Dieser, Pam Kesler, Mel Rash, Lessie Smith, Linda Smith, Debbie Szewczyk, Arlene Van de Rijn, Mo Ward, Larry Williams and Genevieve Yankus. BJH is proud of the high retention rate of its staff and appreciates their commitment to providing excellent service to the residents within a caring community environment.

Employees with five years of service receive pins at the Employee Holiday Party.



Linda Johnson received the Employee of the Year award.



LPM Lorena Durham was recognized for twenty-five years of service to BJH.



Receiving fifteen year pins were: left to right; Jean Garland, Sue Pierce, Judy Petty and Martha Shinault.



What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

WISH LIST

Several times a year we ask our Department Heads for their "wish list." The item could be a piece of equipment or a program that would improve the quality of life of the residents or the overall efficiency of the Home.

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| 8mm Video Camera, Case, Tapes, etc. | \$1,000.00 |

The Joy of Giving Tzedakah

I was with a friend recently who was in awe and very respectful of friends who have made a major commitment to their Federation Campaigns. He said that he wished that he could afford to make that type of commitment. In fact, he said that he would give Tzedakah first if he won the lottery.

I have met many people who feel this way. They were not born this way, although some of their parents taught them how important it was to give Tzedakah. Some people have had their "consciousness raised" by friends or mentors. These people do not strong-arm others, they lead by example. They show the community the joy they receive as they "repair the world."

Maimonides in *Matnot Aniyim* describes eight degrees of charity, one higher than the other. The highest degree is to aid a man by offering him a gift or a loan, by entering into a partnership with him or by providing

work for him so that he may become self-supporting.

When you give to the Blumenthal Home, you are really performing this highest degree of charity. You are entering into a partnership with us to assure that there will be a Jewish Home. You are ensuring that the most vulnerable population will have a place to live, regardless of their ability to pay.

In order to feel the true joy of giving to the Home, you need to *come to Clemmons*. You need to see how your gifts are being used. You need to see the smiles on the faces of residents. You need to talk to them about what the Home has meant to them and their families.

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| General | Wish List Donations | Maintaining or expanding programs, services, facilities and environment. |
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Following the Rabbi's Hour program, Rabbi James Bennett of Temple Beth El in Charlotte chats with residents and family members. Pictured with Rabbi Bennett in the Fair Oaks Synagogue are Anne Nelson, formerly of Charlotte, and Fair Oaks resident Nelly Schwarz with her niece Lynn Edelstein from Charlotte.



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Book Review

Beyond The Promised Land: Jews and Arabs on the Hard Road to a New Israel

by Glenn Frankel

Simon & Schuster 416 pp. \$24

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The message of *Beyond The Promised Land* is that Israel is becoming a new country. It appears that the news is good.

During the years of 1986 to 1989, when Glenn Frankel was correspondent of the *Washington Post* from Israel, he was pessimistic, for it seemed to him that Israel was "locked more than ever into a strait-jacket of its own devise." It was the intifada that started the change. In five visits from 1989 to 1992, each time Israel seemed more eager to make that change. Frankel moved back to Jerusalem in 1992 to begin this book.

Rabin had just taken over. Israeli population is deeply divided, fearful of the changes they know are necessary. The outmoded political situation has been chaotic. It is well described in Frankel's well informed account.

The author is truly caring of both sides, Israelis and Palestinians, but he tries to be fair and objective. For once, someone has tried to write about the future of Israel, which now will have to decide about such issues as separation of religion and state, of relationships with outsiders and with American Jews. Frankel believes Israel will become what earliest Zionists meant it to be, normal and secure. The end of his foreword announces, "This book is about how and why that happened."

In 1987 a state of siege seemed to exist. Now both Israel and the PLO have benefited from deadlock. In the interim, Israel was too engaged in survival to deal with internal issues. They were grim. Over half of personal income went for taxes. Over 70% of Israelis said Arabs would still want to drive Israel into the sea.

The report of what occurred in the Settlements and the intifada in *Beyond The Promised Land* is more complete and far more honest than all that has been reported over the years in our media. The Israeli army was not trained for the situation with which it had to deal since the occupation. Finally, the discontent

and anguish of the IDF seeped through into the society. When the increased number of settlers were drawn in, the struggle became one between the occupied and the occupier, of decent men doing merciless deeds.

Because they were confined to their villages, Palestinians attacked settlers on the roads. The results were horrendous. In the first year of the intifada, 10 Jews were killed and 400 injured, but 3,000 passenger buses were damaged, including 41 burned. 350 Palestinians died and 11,000 were injured in that year. Both sides changed and hardened. Both sides turned on each other. Palestinians killed each other when collaboration was suspected. Rabin and Israeli soldiers despised settlers as terrorists and "fascists." In fact, the settlers were a burden on the army to protect them and deal with incidents. Some settlers even turned on soldiers.

The effect of the Russian immigration, the role played by the Bush administration, and the influence of American Jewish organizations are all discussed in detail.

Now we have the agreement, not born of good will and hope for reconciliation. "Instead, it was born of anger and despair--the burning, relentless desire of each side to rid itself of the other."

This recent history is so well explained that it satisfies the mind long troubled by worry and lack of sufficient information. The Gulf War and the position of Israel in it, the balance of political power, the economy and the religious parties are made clear.

Israeli columnist Gideon Samet in *Haaretz* has proclaimed "the new Israeli majority. . . a quiet, secular--and maybe a little tired--majority, that is mostly busy with its own affairs. Nobody fiercely opposes anything, or lovingly clings to any political symbol. . . All this majority wants is the assurance that, at long last, it will be able to live in quiet. Nobody would have taken it away from its air conditioners and cable TV. . . It does not want the mysticism of land or the sanctity of hills and tombs."

Further, "This is a different mentality."

Rabin has promised that the whole country will change. Israel is now a player on the international stage. What is more, Israel is becoming a donor, rather than a recipient.

Unless a major disaster befalls The Promised Land, it seems there will be peace, *in spite of terrorists*, in the Middle East. To really blossom, Israel needs peace, and with its arrival come forces driving it to true independence.

As Jerusalem bureau chief for *The Washington Post*, Glenn Frankel won the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. We are indebted to him for a remarkably enlightening work which is easy to read, besides useful for reference. Its index is unusually detailed for complete data on events and statistics of the past decade in Israel's history.

We strongly recommend *Beyond The Promised Land* to all of our readers.

A Witness To Genocide by Roy Gutman

MacMillan 180 pp. \$25.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The so called ethnic cleansing of Bosnia would be unbelievable, if we hadn't lived through the Holocaust. Roy Gutman's account of the "events" won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for the dispatches collected in *A Witness To Genocide*.

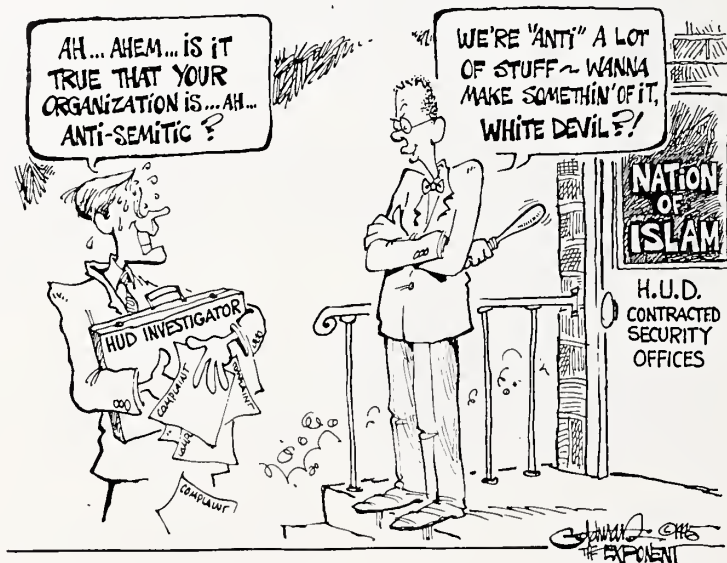
This is no war the Serbian government has been waging against the Muslims; it is a perpetration of merciless atrocities. The goal is a Greater Serbia, pursued in spite of condemnation by the United Nations and the western allies.

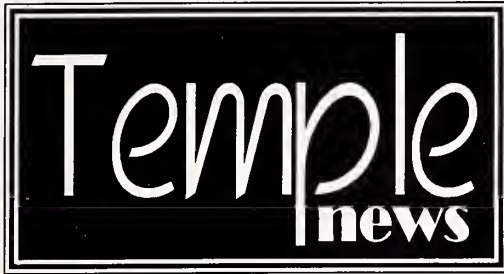
We all feel guilty. Wasn't it said the world would never again permit genocide? And yet. . . the terrain is rugged, vast forested mountains, the winters are fierce, and it seems not to be in the realm of our national interest. We haven't even supplied the Bosnians with arms to fight back.

What has been reported by our news media is a mere sample of what Roy Gutman witnessed. The nonsense spoken by the leaders of the Serbian government claiming attacks and provocations by the Bosnian Muslims is all lies, and the more there is no military attempt to stop the violence, the more the aggressor is encouraged to continue.

The author has given enough history of Yugoslavia and its break-up for understanding of the area. He is gravely concerned with the possibility of a larger European war as a result of what he sees as blunders of the United States. He sees us as the leaders, and feels we failed, just as we failed to stop Hitler in the 1930s.

Now, there appears to be no way to stop the situation which is out of control. After World War II, it is appalling to have to admit that the lesson of that war was not learned. Tens of thousands have died, and the end is not yet in sight. Did we say it was only Jews for whom the world didn't care?





Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Lepow

Move over Fred and Ginger, Temple Beth El presents Ballroom Dancing, every Thursday in March (3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30) at 7:00 p.m., in the Silverman Social Hall. The classes will be taught by our own Maggie Gins who holds a B.A. in Dance Education. Maggie promises a lot of fun and exercise as well as instruction in the Fox Trot, Rhumba, Cha Cha and the Last Tango in Charlotte! Only \$30.00 per couple. Call the Temple office at 366-1948 to register.

On Friday, March 10, inspiring and controversial speaker and author Rabbi David Wolpe will address the congregation during Shabbat services as a Scholar-in-Residence. Services begin at 8:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Rabbi Wolpe live and in person. Join us for a stimulating evening.

On Wednesday, March 15, we will hold a special (Not for Children Only!) Family Purim Celebration beginning at 7:00 p.m., which will be fun for everyone! Don't miss the Megillah reading and our famous Temple Beth El Players' Purim Spiel. Babysitting will be available as always for our very youngest members.

On Saturday, March 18, please join us for the Sisterhood Art Auction. The preview will be at 6:30 p.m., and the auction will begin at 7:30. An Italian buffet including wine and dessert selections will be available.

An expanded variety of artworks will be offered featuring artists Agam, Tarkay, Neiman, Delacroix, Boulanger and many others. Door prizes will be presented. This event is open to the public. Advance tickets are available for \$5.00 or \$7.00 at the door. For tickets and information call Ethel Gordon at 541-8899.

Temple Beth El will be hosting a very special New Member's Shabbat honoring those congregants who have been with us since March of 1994. We will begin with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 7:00 p.m. in the Silverman Social Hall, followed by our regular service at 8:00 p.m., in which many of our new members will be participating. The service will be followed by a lavish Oneg prepared by our veteran members in honor of the most recent members of the Temple Beth El congregation family. Please join us for this wonderful event.

A hearty welcome to our newest members: Ivy and Jeff Saul, Gina and Arthur Lieberman, Suzanne and Jonathan Gopman, David Lash, Teresa and Gary Starr, Scott Fligel and Charles Lutin.

Mazel Tov to Marissa Elko, daughter of Bill and Meryle Elko, who will be called to the bima as a Bat Mitzvah on March 25 and Michael Raburn, son of Chuck and

Cindy Raburn, who will be called to the bima as a Bar Mitzvah on April 1, 1995.

Congratulations to Marissa Elko, daughter of Meryle and Bill Elko, who will be called to the bima as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE was supposed to have been addressed by Rabbi Eric Joffe on January 7, but the weather prevented his appearance. Rabbi Ratner took over with his customary flair and sure-footed scholarship, guided the discussion around the theme of Jewish spiritualism.

THE SISTERHOOD held a General Meeting on January 9, at which Harry Weiss of the Preservation Society spoke and showed slides of some of the properties with which the Society has been involved, in a fascinating presentation.

THE BROTHERHOOD held its classic brunch on Sunday, January 22, in Unger Hall, with an exciting speaker. David Schulman, the well-known local author and historian, regaled the spellbound gathering with wonderful true stories about old-time Jewish Ashevilleans.

THE RABBI IN DECEMBER was, as usual, extremely busy. In addition to his regular duties, he joined with Rabbi Burnham of Beth

Israel to provide a special Chanukah service for the members of both congregations who live at the Summit. He also participated in the annual JCC Hanukkah celebration and in the NC Holocaust Commission's Teacher Training day at the JCC, and attended meetings of the JCC and Federation Boards.

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY sponsors the course in Hebrew Bible the Rabbi will be teaching this spring at Warren Wilson College, just as it has sponsored his course at Mars Hill College each fall.

ADULT EDUCATION classes were conducted by Rabbi Ratner in Hebrew on Sunday January 8 and 29, and introduction to Hebrew on January 22.

OUTREACH held a dinner in January on Saturday the 28 at the home of Kerry and Anna Friedman. The topic of discussion was "How to Incorporate the Non-Jewish Side of the Family in Important Events such as Bar and Bas Mitzvot."

ASK THE RABBI, the popular program held after services on occasional Friday nights, resumed on January 13. Discussion focused on "The Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community," issued in late 1994. The proclamation was, in effect, an apology to the Jews for the enmity long shown them by the Lutherans. It said, in part, "In concert with the Lutheran World Federation, we particularly deplore the appropriation of Luther's words by modern anti-Semites for the teaching of hatred toward Judaism

or toward the Jewish people in our day."

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI on January 16, Martin Luther King Day, started out as a consideration of the present relationship of Jews and Blacks. In view of the emergence of such antithetical voices as that of Farrakhan, many Jews feel fear and a sense of betrayal, inasmuch as the Jews had long supported the Blacks. There was also discussion concerning the strength of forces in Israel who seek to disenfranchise all but those who conform to their idea of who is a proper Jew, and who decide who may and may not marry.

IN THE NEWS, on the op-ed page of the Sunday, January 8 issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times, there was Leah Karpen's picture accompanying her guest column headlined "Planning, better development can arise at local level." And in the Citizen-Times section called "On Campus" On January 16, under the heading "People in Education," Arnold Sgan was mentioned as one of the people who have written articles in a special issue of North Carolina English Teacher magazine appearing in January.

A WARM WELCOME to new Temple members Bill and Dava Brothers and son Jason, Allan and Randee Goodstadt and children DJ and Julie, and M. Ted and Janette Cooke.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Bet Sefer

This year, due to our growth, we moved the Aleph and Bet classes (K-2) to the Jewish Community Center. The Gimel, Daled, and Hey classes (3rd-7th) are housed at the *Schul*. This move has enabled each class to have their own classroom as well as congregants the ability to mingle with each other in the social hall without disturbing the Sunday School.

The 1994-1995 Bet Sefer Staff consists of: Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Principal-Barbara Miller, Aleph (K-1)-Marina Fridlyand and Lauren Miller, Bet (1-2)-Anne Kimmel, Rachel Lewin, and Jillian Simon, Gimel (3-4) - Beth Reiser, Caren Kessler, and Alice Teich, Daled (5-6) - Alan Silverman, Geoff Brown, and Caren Kessler, Hey (6-7) - Alan Silverman and Geoff Brown, and Curriculum Specialists-Elissa Brown and Debi Miles.

Upcoming Events: In the second half of the year, each class will be involved in one activity with the companion class from Temple Beth Ha-Tephila. In January, both Hey groups will be doing a joint activity, and so on.

Adult Education

In January and February, we had a series entitled, Women and Judaism (Not for Women Only). The first session was Thursday evening, January 26, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This was a lecture by Ileana Grams,

Ph.D., on the book *Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture*, by Daniel Boyarin. The second session was on Thursday, February 2, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The topic was Women's Religious/Spiritual/Prayer Life led by Walter Ziffer, Th.D. The final session was on Wednesday, February 8, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This session was led by Rabbi Birnham, and was on Women and Jewish Law: How our Culture, vis a vis Women and Women's Rights, Has Evolved from Biblical Times to the Present.

On January 18, we began a new program, a Business Person's Morning Study Hour. We discussed subjects pertinent to business people as we tried to understand the connections between the market place and the Jewish tradition. We met at Bob Deutsch's office. Rabbi Birnham led the session.

On January 24, Rabbi Birnham led our Nosh and Drosch - Lunch and Learn Program on "Talmud in Translation: Talmud for Everyone." We met at Beth Israel and studied and discussed important and interesting issues.

On January 14, following service we retired to the Social Hall to sing and study and discuss Jewish texts on Nature and Judaism in honor of Shabbat Shira and Tu Bishvat.

Rabbi Birnham recently began a Torah Reading Group that meets every Wednesday morning to learn how to chant the Torah. The group met for six sessions.

Also, a continuing program of Hebrew was offered for those who can read the Alef Bet. This is our

second phase of the Learn Hebrew series. This class was for anyone who could read Hebrew slowly. It was a follow-up to our December Crash Course in Hebrew. The instructor was Richard Harrison. The class met on Sunday mornings.

Holocaust Education in Western North Carolina

On October 18, 1994, Western North Carolina took another step towards Tikun Olam (healing of the world). That was the date of a brief but important Holocaust teaching workshop which took place at UNC-A. Teachers from across the area attended the program, organized by Mrs. Linda Sher of Raleigh. The featured speaker at the event was Beth Israel's own Dr. Walter Ziffer, noted biblical theologian and Holocaust survivor. Thirty middle school and high school teachers attended.

On December 1st, Mrs. Sher again initiated a Holocaust workshop, this time at the Asheville JCC. The day-long program was sponsored by the North Carolina Holocaust Commission, the Center for Jewish Studies at UNC-A and Dr. Arnold Sgan of the Western Technical Assistance Center. One hundred thirty teachers listened to featured speakers Dr. David Crowe of Elon College and Dr. Walter Ziffer. This is not the first time Dr. Ziffer has given his time to help further the cause of Holocaust education in WNC. During October, November, and December of 1994, he spoke to hundreds of middle and high school students about the Holocaust and Judaism.

A Familiar Face

In the new movie, "Richie Rich,"

with McCauley Culkin, our own David Schulman was one of the chauffeurs in the film when it was shot at the Biltmore House last spring.

New Committee

Shomrei Adamah "Protectors (Keepers) of the Earth," is the newest committee being formed at Beth Israel Synagogue. The goal of Shomrei Adamah is to help the planet and repair the earth as Jews. This committee will be chaired by Robert Eidus with Gary Kramer, Ruth Gaynes, and Susan Hedgepeth. The first project will center around the Whole Life Expo at the Civic Center on Earth Day, April 22, 1995. We hope to give out literature in the newsletter. Another idea is to provide a tree registration for those "grandparent" trees that are special, applying a plaque or ribbon to mark the tree. We would then coordinate this "Adopt A Tree" program with school children who would receive a picture of the tree and a description of the species.

Recent Adult B'nai Mitzvah Activities

Caren Kessler led Musaf Shabbat Services and reading Torah at a family simcha in Seattle. Adele Rose and Lillian Wellisch read Torah at Beth Israel.

Membership Chai-Lights

Barbara and Martin Kramer have recently retired to the Northridge area of Weaverville from historical Lexington, Massachusetts. Marty, who was a Raytheon engineer is now making woodworks and beautiful furniture.

Sisterhood

We look forward to some exciting

activities in the coming months. A Rosh Chodesh program will be coming up in April with Debi Miles, planner. February 26 was the scene of a wonderful Sephardic Cooking Class by Lorraine Silverman in the Beth Israel kitchen. Plans for a Purim Carnival are afoot.

Debbie Neimkin is the new Torah Fund Chairwoman.

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Upcoming Events

Temple Israelites are gearing up for a festive Purim season this month. Purim arrives on March 15, and Temple Israel families will celebrate with dinner, Megillah reading, and a costume caravan. More information regarding Purim events is available at the Temple office (362-2796).

Temple Israel's annual Pre-Passover Spaghetti Dinner will occur on April 9. More information will follow in next month's issue.

Recent Events

The annual Sisterhood Sabbath occurred on February 3-4. Shabbat began with a delicious family dinner, and continued with services led by members of Sisterhood Friday evening and Saturday morning.

The Celebrating Life series continued on February 16 with a program of "Oldies But Goodies" featuring jazz musician Daryl Ryce. The Celebrating Life programs, geared to the mature adults in our community, have become vastly popular. On the third Thursday of every month, 100 attendees, on

average, first enjoy a kosher lunch. Then, they are treated a program addressing Jewish issues, often with a humorous slant. For more information about the series, please call the Temple office (362-2796).

On February 27, the Jewish Books Discussion Group featured *The Age of Wonders* by Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld. The Jewish Books group is open to all members of the Jewish community. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Elise Avery Eisner, daughter of Caryn and Michael Eisner, was born on December 9. The proud grandparents are Helen and Millard Smith of Lakeland FL, and Billie and Leo Eisner of Syracuse NY. Sara Isabel Mond, daughter of Elizabeth and Jered Mond, was born on January 6. The proud grandparents are Rita and Irving Mond of Charlotte, Susan Breines of West Jefferson NC, and Jules Epstein of Farmingdale NY. Judith Ilana Cohen, daughter of Tami and Andy Cohen, was born on January 9. The proud grandparents are Rosemary and Arnold Zulman and Hilde and Mark Cohen, and the proud great-grandparents are Anne and Harold Freed.

Congratulations also to Elizabeth Joyce White, daughter of Diane White and Jeremy White, who became a Bat Mitzvah on February 10.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm

welcome to the following new members: Debbie and Richard Silton; Sandra and Steven Hoagland; Donna and Joseph Winick; Ellen and Leonard Stern; Sonya and Gary Bradski; Diann and Lawrence Gordon; Judy and Peter Slade; and Audrey and Kenneth Ashkin.

Beth Shalom

Cary NC

by Linda Weiner

Beth Shalom thanks the Goldsboro congregation of Oheb Shalom for loaning our congregation a torah. For several years, Beth Shalom has borrowed a torah from a Charlotte temple, and though that arrangement was greatly appreciated, nothing lasts forever.

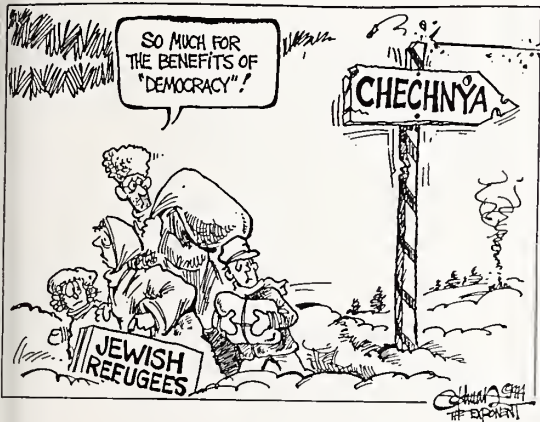
"We are pleased to receive this loan from Goldsboro," Welstein said, "and we'll continue our search for a permanent acquisition."

A Family Shabbat Dinner was held prior to services Friday, Feb. 3 at the First Reformed Church in Cary. Many thanks to Pia Stadiem for her efforts in coordinating that family evening.

Beth Shalom youngsters will, once again, be participating in the Wake County Jewish Federation's Maccabian Games. This year's activities will be held on Sunday, May 7. Jeff Yaguda, Beth Shalom's Maccabian coordinator, said the festivities will be similar to last year's with more details coming in the near future.

Sunday school classes are now being held at the Honey Bee Creative on

Tryon Road. For more information on Beth Shalom's educational programs, contact Trudi Krasner at 387-8193 or Gloria Welstein at 460-5867.



B'nai Shalom 25th Anniversary Celebration

NEEDED: Memories of B'nai Shalom, NC Hebrew Academy at Greensboro or B'nai Israel Synagogue School

As part of the B'nai Shalom 25th Anniversary Celebration Year, we are compiling a list of all alumni, administrators and teachers as well as those persons who had a role in helping establish and support Greensboro Jewish Day School. Please respond with names and addresses of any persons who have earned their place in B'nai Shalom history. Send all information in writing to Ricki and Sidney Gray, B'nai Shalom Day School, 804 Winview Dr., Greensboro NC 27410.

Mark these dates on your calendar for the 1995-96 Anniversary Celebration Year:

October 13, 1995: Friday night services and Oneg Shabbat at Temple Emanuel

October 14, 1995: Saturday morning services and Kiddush luncheon at

Beth David

October 14, 1995: Saturday evening Dinner and Entertainment

December 21, 1995: Chanukah Extravaganza

February 17, 1996: Cadillac Dinner

April 5, 1996: Yom Ha Atzmaut Zimriyah and B'nai Shalom Birthday Party

June 6, 1996: B'nai Shalom End of Year Ceremonies

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ORGANIZATIONS

BBW Names First Lady 1994 Woman of Valor



BBW Goes to the White House--First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Susan Bruck, National President of B'nai B'rith Women, before BBW presented Mrs. Clinton with a handcrafted glass Menorah for being named BBW's 1994 Woman of Valor. (White House photograph)

WASHINGTON--B'nai B'rith Women named First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton its 1994 Woman of Valor, presenting her with an elegant handcrafted glass Menorah named the "Hillary Menorah" by the artists.

"The Menorah, which is used to celebrate the Festival of Lights, is an appropriate honor for someone who has brought light into the lives of so many children," said BBW National President Susan Bruck.

During the presentation in the White House's Diplomatic Reception Room, BBW Vice-President Barbara Rabkin noted that the saying in the Talmud "To save one life is to save the whole world," was appropriate for the work Mrs. Clinton has done throughout her career.

"You, like the members of BBW, are a believer in children's dreams. Your work with the Children's Defense Fund and as Arkansas's First Lady consistently focused on children's issues, such as literacy programs, preschool programs, children's health initiatives and many others," Rabkin said.

BBW has been active in children's issues for almost a century. It supports the BBW Children's Home in Israel for severely emotionally disturbed children. The BBW Children's Home has a 70 percent success rate with its drug-free therapy.

The presentation, made on the fifth day of Chanukah, was made by Bruck, Charlotte NC; Rabkin,

Gaithersburg MD; BBW Member-at-Large Laura Sutton, Crofton MD; BBW South Atlantic Regional Board Chairman Marla Pollack, Richmond VA; BBW 1995 Gala Co-Chairs Rachel Goldfarb, Glendale, MD and Joan Kaiser, Upper Marlboro MD; Director, South Atlantic Region, Gail Rubinson, Rockville MD; and Acting Executive Director Gale S. Wood, Washington DC.

The 1995 Women of Valor will be named at BBW's "Prescription: Laughter" event in April in Washington DC.

B'nai B'rith Women, a volunteer philanthropic organization, works locally, nationally, and internationally to strengthen the effectiveness of women, foster the well-being of children, and perpetuate Jewish life and values.

Tu B'Shevat in Myrtle Beach

On Sunday, January 22, a group of about forty children took part in a tree planting outing at Midway Park in Myrtle Beach. Sunday's activity was the first joint effort between Chabad Academy and Temple Emanu-El.

Jeanette Laniado, leader of the Jewish youth group, organized this event. Sandy Lempert, principal of Temple Emanu-El Sunday School, opened the celebration with a Tu B'Shevat prayer, and Rabbi Joseph Naparsteck, principal of Chabad Sunday School, recited the prayers in Hebrew.

The Temples provided the workers, and the City of Myrtle Beach provided the trees and the land. Digging holes with shovels and their hands, the students quickly planted the trees. Despite the cold weather on this bright Sunday morning, no one seemed to mind, and everyone had a terrific time.



March 1995

1995 Dates Set for B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I at Wildacres

The 48th Annual B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism is scheduled for August 21-24, 1995. 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 1995 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, send a post card with "Wildacres 1995 Program" written on it, along with your name and address

(Please Print) to: **Betty Deutsch**
8833 Wildwood Links
Raleigh, NC 27613

*Tu B'Shevat
at the Jewish
Day School of
Myrtle Beach.*

ORT-National Organization Prepares For Next Century

by Linda B. Hindel

While remaining true to its essential mission, Women's American ORT, one of the country's singular organizations in Jewish life, has quietly begun the process of reinventing--and revolutionizing--its structure, mode of governance and basic way of doing business. With perhaps the most dramatic set of organizational changes since its founding in 1927, Women's American ORT is preparing to welcome the 21st century.

Like volunteer organizations across the country, Women's American ORT has seen its strength and membership deeply affected by fundamental shifts in American society. The entry of women, in mass numbers, to the professional work force; the difficult economic climate of the past decade; the rise of two--and sometimes three--paycheck household; the increasing percentage of women remaining single into their 30s and 40s, or choosing not to marry at all; and a national divorce rate averaging 50 per cent have all conspired to create

a drastically different world for traditional Jewish women's organizations.

For the first time in the organization's history, a mass market, direct mail campaign for members-at-large has been undertaken. During phase #1, in October 1994, some 150,000 pieces of mail were sent to women across America; the eventual goal is 500,000.

A special fund has been allocated for local "recruitment grants." Areas have been invited to submit proposals with a detailed project outline, goals and costs for marketing membership in Women's American ORT.

A National Structure Committee, first headed by Ruth S. Taffel, and now under the leadership of Pepi Dunay, a vice president of Women's American ORT and Organization Subcommittee chair, has been traveling throughout the country, analyzing each area's strengths and weaknesses.

A President's Young Leadership Council, composed of women in their 20s, 30s and 40s, has been inaugurated. Each member has undertaken a significant, innovative project in her home community to benefit Women's American ORT. This group is expected to have a key voice--and role--in planning for the organization's future.

"I think we're facing very exciting times," Sandra Isenstein, National President of Women's American ORT, commented. "We are, in essence, creating a new Women's American ORT. But we believe that it will be the right organization for the times. That it will have a place for and speak to the needs of all women and will enable us to fulfill our mission to the schools and students of ORT."

On a local level, plans for the ORT Gala are in the making. This semi-formal affair will be held at elegant Raintree Country Club on the evening of Saturday, April 7. Cocktails will precede dinner and dancing will follow. This event is open to everyone with all proceeds benefiting ORT schools around the world. More details will be publicized as plans are finalized. If you need more information about the ORT Gala either Seena Binder (541-8050) or Sally Goodman (841-2754) would be glad to help you.

If you would like more information about ORT, you can call Ellen Wysmuller (543-8844) or Brenda Lutz (588-2258).



Blumenthal Family Sets Up Leadership Program

The fellowship program annually will select 20 North Carolinians nominated from current state leaders to address public policy issues.

by Gary D. Robertson
The Associated Press

Raleigh--Herman Blumenthal says his family has been fortunate to prosper in North Carolina. Now, the Blumenthals want to make sure the Tar Heel state is in good hands in the future.

Blumenthal was joined by Gov. Jim Hunt and state education officials Wednesday in announcing an ambitious new leadership program named for former UNC System President Bill Friday.

"North Carolina has been good to me and my family," Blumenthal said in announcing the William C. Friday Fellowship For Human Relations. *"We also hope to continue to help the state.*

Blumenthal, chairman of Radiator Specialty Co., heads a family of philanthropists already known for their foundation, performing arts center in Charlotte and the Wildacres mountain retreat, dedicated to improving human relations for nearly 50 years.

The Friday fellowship program annually will select 20 North Carolinians nominated from current state leaders. Several hundred people from 90 communities already have been encouraged this year to apply for the inaugural awards.

The winners--to be announced in July--each will receive grants and March 1995

benefits valued up to \$15,000 over a two-year period. The fellows also will attend six retreats at Wildacres to grapple with public policy issues such as race relations and the environment, and to learn leadership skills.

"Our belief is that people from different walks of life can be leaders, whether they are artists, bankers, community activists," said Clay Thorp, executive director of the Wildacres Leadership Initiative, the parent organization for the Friday fellowship. *"We can begin to build a bridge between those talents and between those ideologies."*

Some of the money could be used for so-called "action projects," educational, artistic or public service programs that would reinforce what participants have learned.

One possible nominee, for example, is interested in holding a traveling art show that would highlight environmental problems on the coast.

Hunt said the fellowship could be helpful particularly in matters of race.

"We're at a time in our history where we really need to act to help improve race relations in North Carolina," he said. *"In some way we may have slipped back a little. . . These fellowships are being established for people who want to look at those things."*



Herman Blumenthal

Friday, who led the UNC System from 1956-86, was lauded by Hunt and others for his progressive leadership and personal interest in their lives.

"Bill Friday has been a personal mentor of mine for a number of years," said Vic Hackley, head of the state Community College System and an initiative board member. *"His moral compass will help people infuse in [participants] the kind of leaders we want in North Carolina."*

Friday is a good model for the mentors program that's included in the fellowship, program leaders say. A group of distinguished leaders will meet at least once a year with the fellows.

"I've had such a wonderful career in public life," Friday said. *"What they are doing here is activating the yeast for stirring up the intellectual ferment of the state."*

"If I can be some small part of stimulating that, then I'll certainly do it."

News and Observer, 2/9/95

Personals



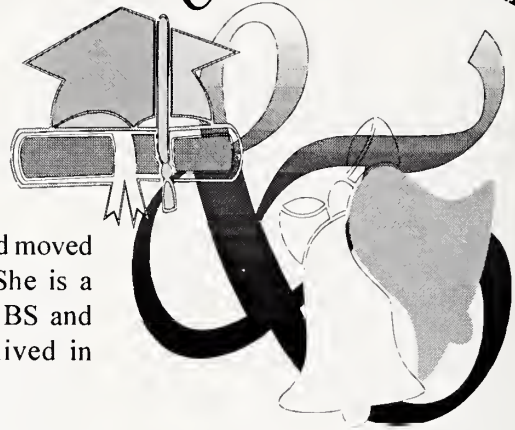
EVA NOVE graduated from UNCC in December 1994 with a Masters in Counseling degree. "There is life after school" she says happily, as she embarks on her new professional life.

Eva is a counselor in private practice-half her time is spent as an Employee Assistance Counselor, under contract for Southern Bell. The rest of her time is spent working with individual clients as well as groups in a specialized area: Mind-Body-Health issues. This includes using cognitive-behavioral techniques for stress reduction in "well" people, to achieve a healthier, happier, well balanced life style. She also uses these same techniques with people having chronic and catastrophic illnesses who want to improve their health through changes in their attitudes and lifestyle. Throughout 1994, Eva was a frequent speaker on Mind-Body-Health at various professional organizations and company health seminars.

Eva grew up in Rumania and moved to this country in 1966. She is a graduate of NYU, with a BS and MBA in 1976. She has lived in Charlotte since 1989.

Eva is the daughter of Herman and Rose Nove, residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Her 14 year old son, Andrew Gaertner, lives with his father in Hastings, New York.

Congratulations



Polinsky-Berens Wed

Joanna Rose Polinsky of Columbia SC and Eli Seth Berens of Miami Beach FL were married November 20, 1994 at Tree of Life Congregation. The 5:00 p.m. ceremony was performed by Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus and was followed by a reception at the Adams Mark hotel.

The bride, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Polinsky of Columbia SC is a graduate of George Washington University, Washington DC where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She is an account executive with the Sheraton Bal Harbor Resort in Miami Beach FL.



The bridegroom, son of Mrs. Yolana Berens and the late Julius G. Berens of Miami Beach FL, is a graduate of Miami-Dade Community College, Miami FL where he earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration, and also attended Florida International University, Miami FL. He is in commercial real estate in South FL.

After a wedding trip to Arizona the couple will reside in Hallandale, FL.

Polk-Joseph Wed

Betsy Helene Polk and Marc Howard Joseph were married December 3, 1994 at Temple Beth El in Charlotte NC, Rabbi Jim Bennett officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ollie and Sam Polk of Charlotte NC. She attends graduate school at American University and is Program Coordinator of Mt. Vernon Institute of Women and Work located on the campus of Mt. Vernon College in Georgetown.

The groom is the son of Pauline and Rod Joseph of Bowie, MD. He attends graduate school at the University of Maryland and is an accountant with the Federal Government's Office of Personnel Department.

Maid of honor was Nancy Polk of Charlotte. Bridesmaids were Cyndi Liston-Anderson of Washington DC formerly of Charlotte, Maggie Ellis of Seattle, Washington formerly of Charlotte, Susan Prager of Memphis TN, Harriet Joseph, sister of the groom of Bowie MD, Debra Joseph sister of the groom of Tulane University, New Orleans, Leigh Feldman of San Francisco and Rosemary Totten of Los Angeles.

Best man was Kevin Joseph of Northwestern University, Chicago. Groomsmen were Gary Friedlander of New Jersey, Frank Muth of California, Phil Smith of Pennsylvania, Paul Hetzel, Martin Gruber, Dominic DiGiovine and Gary Nacht all of Maryland.

After a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas at the Grand PaLazzo they reside in Chevy Chase MD.

April 1945

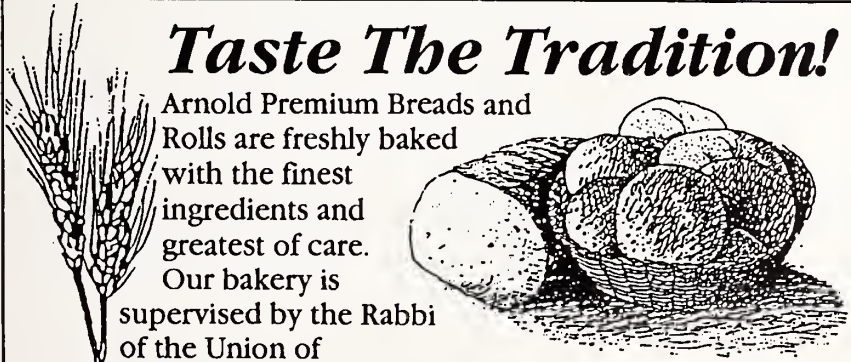
1. Pacific: U.S. troops land in Okinawa, last step before Japan (29).
1. Paris lights Arc de Triomphe and Cathedral of Notre Dame for first time since start of war.
5. Soviet Union renounces neutrality pact with Japan.
6. Edward Benes returns to Czechoslovakia (6/10).
8. Austria: Red army drives three miles into Vienna (13).
9. U.S. resumes relations with Argentina (5/31).
10. N.Y. drama critics choose Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie" best play of year.
10. Italy: British 8th Army tanks launch major offensive (28).
11. Germany: Simpson's troops reach Elbe River at Magdeburg, 63 miles from Berlin (19).
15. U.S.S.R. honors FDR, flying black-bordered flags on government offices.
18. Dachau camp liberated.
19. U.S. First Army takes Leipzig, clearing Ruhr; 300,000 German prisoners taken (20).
20. Germany: Nuremberg taken on Hitler's 56th birthday (27).
21. Soviets sign pact with Poland's Communist-led Lublin government (22).
22. Washington: Soviet For. Min. Molotov arrives for talks with Sec. of State Stettinus. (27).
23. Toronto Maple Leafs take Stanley Cup in hockey.
23. Germany: Red army plunges into heart of Berlin (27).
24. Petain gives in to face treason charges in France (7/23).
25. San Francisco: Parley bars Lublin Poles; Soviet gets only three votes (6/21).
29. Japanese kamikaze hits U.S. hospital ship Comfort (5/11).

Death

22. Kathe Kollwitz, German graphic artist, sculptor (*7/8/1867).

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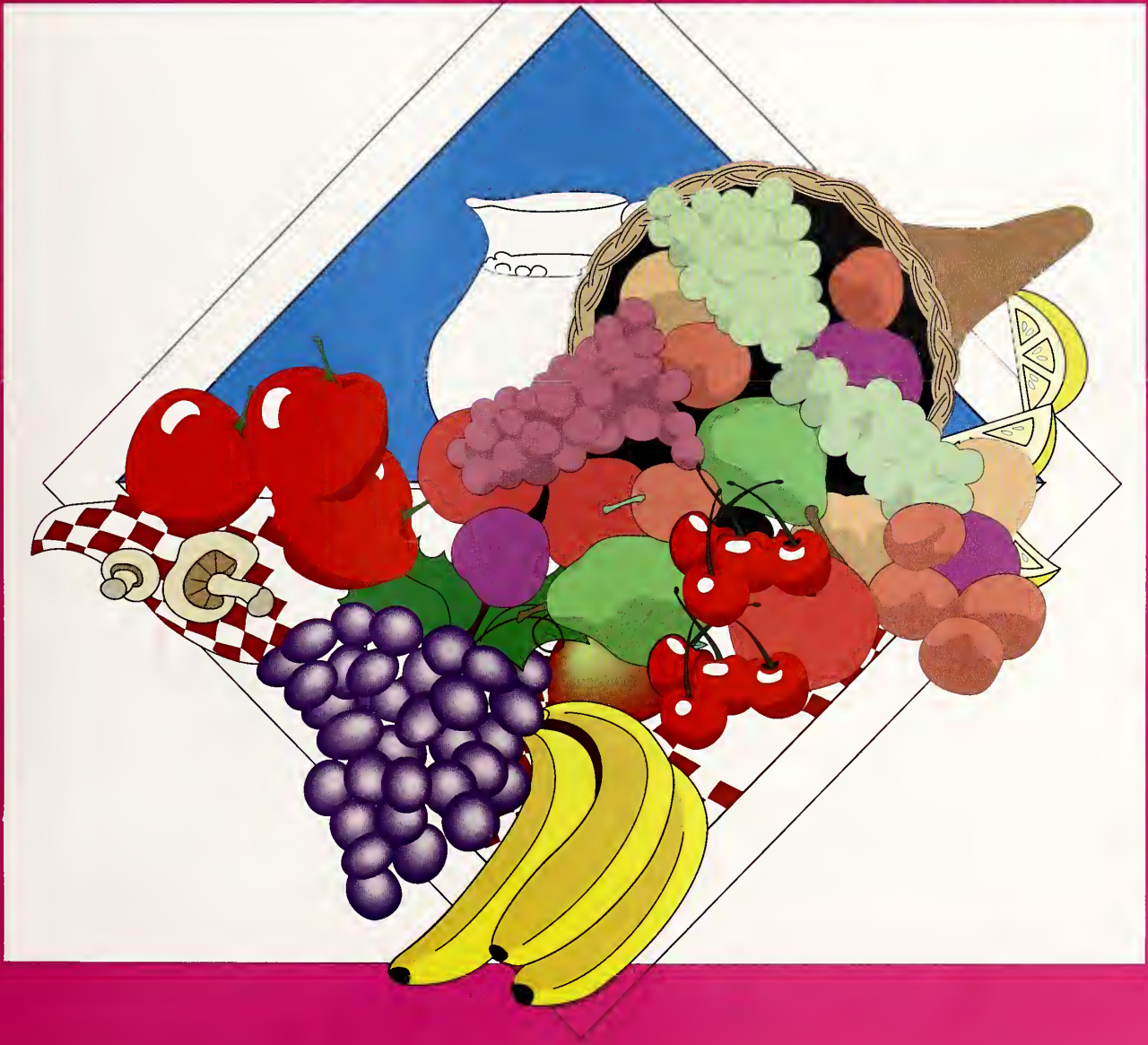
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Editorial

Affirmative Action: Choosing Which Road to Take

by Abraham H. Foxman

The basic principle is simple: discrimination on the basis of race is illegal, immoral, unconstitutional, inherently wrong, and destructive of a democratic society. Throughout its history, the Anti-Defamation League has been guided by this principle. It is what motivated us to advocate for passage of the landmark civil rights laws of the 1960's. It is also what has motivated us consistently to oppose quotas, racial preferences, proportional representation, and the use of race as an absolute qualification for any post. We have, as a consequence, been profoundly troubled by the evolution in this nation's concept of "affirmative action" from devices to help create a level playing field for historic victims of discrimination into a system of discriminatory group preferences.

This evolution has had a demonstrably negative impact on race relations in this country. Unfortunately, governmentally required numerical goals and timetables, implemented in the name of affirmative action, have frequently operated as the functional equivalent of quotas. Even some minorities have come to question such preferences, finding themselves unfairly stigmatized in the eyes of their fellow citizens.

We welcome recent legal initiatives intended to restore merit-based decisionmaking and to profit any form of discrimination in employment, education, housing, and other areas of American life. As one of the first organizations in this nation to advocate and support legislative and administrative actions by government to prohibit discrimination, ADL has always believed in equality of opportunity. Over time, unfortunately, the practice of affirmative action has become associated with an inequality unfairly beneficial to minorities.

As it was originally conceived--as an effort to provide education and training to compete equally in a merit-based process--affirmative action was an appropriate and justifiable social policy. The goal of equality of opportunity was a worthy goal in the 1960's and 1970's, and it remains a worthy goal today. We still believe there is a place in our society for in-service training, apprenticeship opportunities, placement assistance, and recruitment of those victimized by past discrimination.

As the debate continues, and the bandwagon of opposition to racial preferences moves forward, none of

us should lose sight of the fact that the playing field in this country today is still far from level. Our society has a long way to go in the struggle to eradicate discrimination. Therefore, while those of us who have long opposed preferential treatment can be encouraged by the wider acceptance now being accorded that position, it would be a serious mistake to rest on our laurels. What this nation also needs is a renewed commitment to more traditional forms of affirmative action and aggressive enforcement of anti-discrimination laws at every level.

Two decades ago, one of the most distinguished legal scholars of his time considered the language of the Constitution regarding "equal protection" under the law, and spoke of "those for whom racial equality was demanded" and their claim now "to be more equal than others." This was bad law, he reasoned, "for it must be the exclusion on racial grounds which offends the Constitution, and not the particular skin color of the person excluded."

The respected law professor who wrote those words, the late Alexander Bickel, Sterling Professor of Law at Yale Law School, also explained why racial preferences were bad public policy. In a society in which Americans "expect to succeed by hard work and to better themselves by making themselves better," he wrote, "a society, moreover, in which prejudice for some groups has only been recently overcome so that the expectation has begun to be fully met, it is no trivial moral wrong to proceed systematically to defeat it... Standards and their impersonal

application--free of group as well as personal prejudices--guard us against our inevitable tendency to injustice."

More than twenty years after he wrote those words, Professor Bickel's insights have never been more relevant. Of course, if our new societal self-examination reaches the conclusion that he was right, and the time has come to abandon the current practice of affirmative action, that should not be the end of the inquiry. There remains in this country an enormous chasm between the haves and the have-nots which we cannot ignore.

Perhaps the best solution is to move away from race-conscious remedies in the direction of assistance for the economically disadvantaged, regardless of race. Obviously, many beneficiaries of such a policy would be minorities, but some would not be. Furthermore, minorities able to compete on the merits would not be given an unfair advantage. This approach would be consistent not only with the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection, but also with this nation's fundamental sense of fairness. It would be an important step in the right direction.

Abraham H. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

EDITOR'S CORNER



A time to reflect

We are here as a community within a community, as Americans and as individuals who, with faith, reach out to each other. We do so with mutual respect, asking and receiving understanding and enlightenment.

At Passover, we retell the epic account of the biblical exodus as if we ourselves were fleeing the bonds of slavery. We feel the yearning for freedom that compelled our ancestors to undertake 40 years of harsh desert wandering. We imagine the horrors of a life of servitude, and recognize the benevolence of God for sending us Moses to demand our liberation. We let him lead us through the fearsome spectacle of the parted waters, with the Egyptian hordes in pursuit, into the vast and dangerous wilderness.

It is a *mitzvah* for us to be able to sit around our Passover tables and be able to retell the epic for ourselves, for our children and for our children's children. As we continue to reach out to each other with mutual respect and understanding let us think of the freedom that is so desperately missing in so many communities throughout the world.

Happy Holiday

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Russian Roulette In Kiryat Gat

(WZPS) Immigrants from the Soviet Union are known for their creative and innovative ideas. Hershel Greenberg, an aeronautical engineer who made aliya from the Ukraine in 1991, is no exception.

With the aid of computer electronics and the financial backing of Israeli businessmen and Kiryat Gat's Economic Development Unit, Greenberg spent two years perfecting the ultimate multi-media roulette table; a game which he predicts will attract a new breed of gambler to casinos the world over.

With gambling still illegal in Israel, however, it may be some time till Israelis get a real taste of computerized gaming.

by Daniella Ashkenazy

(WZPS) The southern development town of Kiryat Gat is not the likeliest location for the production of state-of-the-art gambling machines. But, as fate would have it, budding entrepreneur Hershel Greenberg chose to settle in this rather straight-laced town after making aliya from Chernovskiy in the Ukraine in 1990.

With broken Hebrew and a background is physics, electronics and computer science, the 38-year-old aeronautical engineer found a job in a TV repair shop which also serviced electronic games of chance. (Though casinos are illegal in Israel, hotels are allowed gambling machines for amusement purposes).

"The machines were very unattractive and unexciting," said Greenberg, "so I decided to upgrade them by using computerized electronics."

Two years of puttering and programming culminated in a working prototype and an international patent for the ultimate multi-media roulette table. In 1993, Electronic Games & Enterprises 2000 Ltd. (E.G.E. 2000) was set up with help from three Israeli investors and the Kiryat Gat Economic Development Unit (EDU) - a technological incubator supported by the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency. Greenberg had hit the jackpot. Presently employing 12 new immigrant engineers, the company hopes to sell \$500,000 worth of roulette machines this year, which for such a small company would be an amazing achievement.

The roulette table (2m. x 1m.) contains a glass-covered roulette wheel and a screen showing a roulette table. Designed for 1 to 6 players, playing simultaneously and

independently, with individual controls, the game is played according to the standard rules of roulette.

It works on the principle of the generation of random numbers and has the option of a control system and central bonus "jackpot". The only chips are tucked away inside the computer, which not only operates the table and keeps tabs of winnings, but checks and bounces counterfeit bills. Money is inserted in a slot and the player indicates with a button where he wishes to place his stake.

The dealer has been replaced by a talking computer, or sound accompaniment system, which invites players to "place your bet", and the roulette wheel, on a fluorescent game field, is equipped with Light Emitting Diodes. When the computer has "chosen" a number, the number on the roulette wheel lights up.

"We have customers in Greece, Kenya and South Africa," said Greenberg, "but most of our orders come from the Czech Republic, Romania, England, East Germany, Hungary and the former Soviet Union." Since the breakdown of Communist rule, he point out, they are ripe for legalized gambling and other decadent capitalist pastimes. They have avoided the Las Vegas market because a license to sell there costs \$200,000.

"I think my machines will attract a new breed of gambler to casinos," said Greenberg, who predicts interest from both professional spellbound by the magic of computers, and computer game "addicts" who sit for hours tirelessly glued to their PC's.



(WZPS) American-born Miriam Adahan founded EMETT (Emotional Maturity Established Through Torah) in the late 1970's in the United States and has since seen it flourish and grow into a worldwide network.

Now living in Jerusalem, Adahan holds regular EMETT groups, where she uses an unusual combination of Torah principles and practical psychology to provide her students - mostly young Orthodox mothers overwhelmed by their lives and their emotions - with the self-awareness and the practical tools needed for coping with life's pains and challenges.

WZPS correspondent Geri Freund attended an EMETT session led by Adahan, the author of seven books, and describes the "emotional roller-coaster ride" she experienced.

One Woman's Dream

by Geri Freund

(WZPS) On a December morning, 35 women, mostly young Orthodox mothers, crowd into a small living room in a Jerusalem apartment to participate in a beginner's EMETT (Emotional Maturity Established Through Torah) group run by American-born Miriam Adahan. The next 1-1/2 hours are spent working through the highly structured emotional and spiritual exercises that are the basis of EMETT. A unique program combining Torah principles with practical psychology, and devoid of traditional advice and therapy, EMETT's aim is to help its students acquire the self-awareness and

practical tools needed for coping with the specific problems and challenges facing religious women with large families; women who are often overwhelmed by their lives and their emotions.

The meeting begins with a flurry of fact sheets and announcements but soon settles down to work. One woman recounts a "Cornflakes story", as one EMETT practitioner calls them: a trivial but painful incident. Using a list of more than 100 ways to delineate emotions, the woman describes the insecure thoughts, abusive impulses and upsetting emotions that she felt. With

the help of the leader, she then goes on to "choose her response" from a list of 26 "secure thoughts" and "spiritual disciplines." From there she moves on to "positive muscular acts" (PMA's), which help alter behavior. For every victory she achieves during this experience, she is endorsed by the group.

"The sessions help me to focus on my feelings", says one woman. "They are the basis for my growth."

Sitting through the session is an emotional roller-coaster ride for the visitor. Adahan's use of a small red rubber devil in a red plastic garbage bin indicates a "garbage thought." "Throw it away," she says decisively of a certain thought pattern that is pulling down one of her students. Funny, surprising, but the message gets through--you can control your thoughts.

In the "Soul Game" there's no room for humor. In a dialog between Adahan and a student, the latter attempts to give voice to her own soul, pouring out anything and everything that might enable her to reconcile herself with the struggle going on inside her.

Such props and gimmicks, which include a smile ruler for children, allowing them to express moods by merely pointing to the appropriate face on the ruler, and the 26-card pack of Mental Health cards, all have one thing in common: they offer quick, viable, emotionally practical solutions.

EMETT was founded in the late 1970's when Adahan, then living in the United States, took the highly successful four-step Recovery

program, a practical psychology method developed by Dr. Abraham Low which breaks down problems into components, and began incorporating it with Jewish principles. Since then, she has devoted a good deal of her time to refining, expanding and teaching EMETT techniques.

A tireless teacher, writer and lecturer, Adahan today lives in Jerusalem with her husband and four children, overseeing the 50-group EMETT network (a sister in the U.S. coordinates the groups in America, England and Australia), performing charitable deeds that include the sorting and distribution of clothes and funds to the needy, and several hours of daily counseling by phone.

Much of her work today is directed towards battered and abandoned women, who are the recipients of most of the money she earns and collects. She is firm in her rejection of the advice abused women are sometimes given by counselors--that they should "make themselves small so their husbands can feel big." "Assisted suicide," Adahan says, who herself is struggling with problems. Though her books, lectures and group sessions brim with techniques for enhancing "shalom bayit," peace in the home, the clarion call of her life and work has been to recognize abuse in all its forms and degrees and to take appropriate action.

In 1987, Adahan's first groundbreaking book, "EMETT", appeared, and since then an additional six books have followed, including "Raising Children to Care" and "Living With Difficult People, Including Yourself". These

are encyclopedic and eclectic works, brimming with Chassidic tales, sophisticated psychological insights and analyses of everyday problems, and offer innumerable suggestions to ease stress and pain.

Though originally intended for the Torah-observant, EMETT has also reached secular Jews and even non-Jews. Says Adahan, "Many of those who have read my books have realized that Judaism contains profound psychological insights."

Miriam Adahan is not without her own dreams; to train more EMETT leaders, to reduce child abuse by teaching parents the "skills to love unconditionally and discipline with love." Her deepest wish, however, is to establish a healing center for the bruised, battered and abused of the world where such people, whatever their pain, "can be surrounded by love, laughter and beauty, treated with consistent kindness and be around people practicing the physical and emotional disciplines necessary for healing."

Through the faith that Adahan constantly exhorts her students to have, perhaps her dream will one day take shape on the Jerusalem landscape.



P assover Receipes

Charoset (Sephardic Style)

1/2 pounds dates (pitted)
2 apples, peeled, cored and quartered
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/4 cup wine or orange juice

In a medium saucepan, combine the dates, apples and add a little water to the pot. Bring mixture to a boil, lower heat, and simmer until the mixture is tender enough to mash with a fork. Place in processor and blend until the mixture is a smooth puree. Fold in nuts and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Homemade Mayonnaise

1 egg
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt or a mixture of garlic and onion powder
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup vegetable oil or 1/2 peanut oil and 1/2 olive oil

Place the egg, lemon juice, salt, and dry mustard in the processor bowl. Process with the metal

blade for 4 to 5 seconds. With the motor running pour the oil through the feed tube, drop by drop at first, then in a scant, steady stream. (Let it run down the edge of the bowl next to the handle). Refrigerate in a covered jar. Use up within 1 to 2 weeks.

If the mayonnaise should separate, place another egg in the processor bowl and add the separated mixture very slowly through the feed tube with the blade running.

Chocolate Mousse

6 ounce chocolate chips
1/2 teaspoon instant coffee granules
1/3 cup boiling water
4 large eggs, separated
3 tablespoons wine
3 tablespoons sugar

Put chips and coffee in processor and blend -- process for a few seconds till chocolate is very finely chopped. With the machine running, pour the boiling water through the top and continue to process till the chocolate is completely melted. Add the egg yolks and wine -- process till well blended.

In another bowl beat the egg whites till foamy and then gradually add the sugar and beat till whites form stiff, but not dry peaks. Gently fold whites into chocolate and mix till there are no streaks of egg white remaining. Garnish top with grated chocolate.

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Passover Banana-Nut Cake

3/4 t. salt
 1-1/2 cups sifted sugar
 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
 3/4 cup matzo cake meal
 3/8 cup potato starch
 juice of one lemon or juice of 1/2 orange
 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Beat egg whites with salt until a soft peak is formed. Gradually add sifted sugar, continuing beating until a stiff meringue is formed. Beat egg yolks; add bananas and nuts and beat well. Add egg-yolk mixture to the stiffly beaten whites. Beat. Sift cake meal and potato starch together three times. Gradually add the meal mixture to the egg mixture, continuing beating. Add lemon juice or orange juice. Beat again. Add 1 c. cold water and beat until well blended. Pour into a 10 inch tube pan that has been lined with brown paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Test with a straw or by pressing a fingertip against the cake; if it leaves no dent, the cake is done. Invert until cool.

Apple Matzo Farfel Kugel

2 cups matzo farfel
 2 eggs beaten
 1/2 t. salt
 2 or more apples
 water
 1/2 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons chicken fat or butter

Cover farfel with water and drain immediately so that farfel remains moist but not soggy. Mix together beaten eggs, sugar, salt and fat. Mix egg mixture and farfel together. Slice one apple and arrange slices in the bottom of well greased 1-1/2 quart pudding dish. Add farfel mixture. Top with grated apples and cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Passover Carrot-Nut Cake

6 egg yolks
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup ground walnuts
 1 cup ground carrots
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 3/4 cup matzo cake meal
 6 egg whites
 powdered sugar

In small mixer bowl beat egg yolks till light (about 5 minutes); gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating till thick and lemon-colored (about 5 minutes longer). Blend in walnuts, carrots, & vanilla; stir in matzo meal. Wash beaters thoroughly. In large mixer bowl beat egg whites to stiff peaks (tips stand straight). Fold some of the egg whites into matzo mixture to lighten; then fold matzo mixture into egg whites. Turn batter into ungreased 8 or 8-1/2 inch springform pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes or till cake tests done.

Passover Bagels

2/3 cup oil
 1-1/3 cups water
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons sugar
 2 cups matzo meal
 5 eggs

Boil together oil, water, salt and sugar. Add 2 cups matzo meal. Mix well and cool. Add eggs one at a time. Mix well after each. Roll into balls, size of golf ball. Place on greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Indent center with finger. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Will serve 20.

Pesach Mandelbread

2 cups sugar
 1/2 pound butter or parve margarine
 6 large eggs
 2-1/4 cups matzo cake meal
 3/4 cup potato starch
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup chopped nuts
 1 cup raisins
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 2 teaspoons sugar

Cream sugar and margarine or butter. Add eggs one at a time and beat well after each addition. Sift cake meal, potato starch and salt together. Add cake meal mixture to egg-sugar-butter mixture. Beat well, by hand as batter is thick. Fold in

nuts and raisins. Shape into loaves 2 inches wide on a greased cookie sheet. Combine cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle on top of loaves. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes. Slice while still warm and put on racks to cool. Makes 48 bars.

Passover Almond Torte

8 eggs, separated
 1-1/2 cups sugar
 1-1/2 cups whole blanched or natural almonds
 1 teaspoon almond extract
 5/8 cup matzo cake meal
 3/4 teaspoon salt

Grind almonds, 1/2 cup at a time, in an electric blender. Sift cake meal with the salt. Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form; gradually beat in 1/2 cup sugar and continue beating at high speed until stiff peaks form. Sprinkle mixture over egg whites; thoroughly fold in. Beat egg yolks with 1 cup sugar and the almond extract; mix in almonds. Pour egg yolk mixture over egg whites and gently fold in with wire whisk or rubber spatula until blended. Pour into an ungreased 10 inch tube pan and bake in center of 325 degree oven for 1 hour or until pick inserted comes out dry. Invert pan and cool in an inverted position. Remove cake from pan; serve with cherry pie filling, stewed rhubarb or other fruit of your choice spooned over.



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Doing What Comes Naturally at the Natural Medicine Research Unit at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center

JERUSALEM--Its researchers are working at a sophisticated high-tech hospital which routinely transplants hearts, lungs and livers, and is known for its teaching and research worldwide. They are experimenting with therapeutic honey in order to heal human burns and ulcers. They're hoping to unclog arteries in elderly legs using an ancient Tibetan plant recipe. Planned for the future are investigations into ginger for reducing nausea after chemotherapy, a Chinese herbal formula for curing eczema and ginkgo for treating aging and memory loss. Also in the works is a comprehensive data base of medical plants native to the Middle East.

"The scientific investigation of natural medicines is becoming increasingly important," says Dr. Sarah Sallon, who heads Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical

Center's year-old Natural Medicine Research Unit.

"What makes us unusual is our multidisciplinary approach. Botanists, agriculturists, medicinal plant experts and statisticians work alongside pharmacologists and clinicians."

Dr. Sallon's interest in traditional medicine dates from the early 1980s when she worked in India as a pediatrician. Her curiosity led her to the Tibetan Medicine School in Daramsalha, located in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas, where the 2,000-year-old tradition of Tibetan medicine is taught and practiced by Tibetan physicians.

"I found that the traditional Tibetan approach to healing that

we are researching at Hadassah often seems to reach similar conclusions to Western medicine, albeit along very different routes," says Dr. Sallon. "For example, we attribute atherosclerosis to many factors, including smoking, obesity and elevated cholesterol. The Tibetans call it 'a condition resulting from excess heat energy,' and point to a surfeit of red meat, fats and alcohol as contributing causes."

One traditional Tibetan remedy which Dr. Sallon's Unit is studying both in the laboratory and in a clinical trial involving 80 elderly patients with peripheral atherosclerosis is a compound comprised of 22 plants. Funded by

the Swiss company Padma which manufactures the compound, their preliminary work has indicated that its ingredients, including marigold, licorice, Iceland moss, knotgrass,



Dr. Sarah Sallon, head of Jerusalem-based Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Natural Medicine Research Unit, has a keen interest in traditional medicine. Botanists, agriculturists, and statisticians work alongside pharmacologists and clinicians to study the curative power of natural medicines.

clove, china-berry, sorrel, columbine and ginger lily may work together to produce a powerful antioxidant effect inhibiting the molecules known as free radicals, which may also contribute to other conditions, such as aging, tissue injury and inflammation.

A local Israeli group is behind another of the Unit's projects. Members of a Galilee kibbutz who produced honey commercially have been feeding bees by a new technique based on medical plant extracts.

"It's claimed that bees fed on these plants produce honey with specific medicinal qualities," says Dr. Sallon. "There have been no clinical trials as yet, but we have interesting anecdotal and laboratory evidence that one of the products--a honey-based ointment--seems to be very effective in healing skin-ulcers and burns."

The Unit is also involved in educating and informing the public and health care professionals about the value of both natural products and other complementary therapies. On the drawing board are a number of workshops sponsored in conjunction with several universities in Canada and the United States to bring together physicians for an intensive, short course of lecture, seminars and hands-on techniques.

One of the more ambitious projects on the Unit's agenda is the Middle Eastern Medicinal Plant Project (MEMPP): the compiling of an extensive database of all the region's medicinal plants.

"We're a mixture of different Middle Eastern cultures in this region. Each of these cultures had its own healing tradition," says Dr. Sallon. "But the old knowledge is disappearing fast. Our aim is to gather, preserve and analyze this wealth of ethnobotanical information. Perhaps, in the future, we'll be able to identify new and better drugs based on some of these natural products."

Research on Hemoglobin at Hebrew University and Hadassah May Lead to Aid for Sickle-Cell Anemia, Thalassemia Patients

JERUSALEM, Researchers at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Hadassah University Hospital at Ein Kerem have succeeded in understanding how the hemoglobin of a human fetus changes to the hemoglobin of an adult just prior to the birth of the fetus.

The knowledge of this process has important implications for possible improved treatment for patients with genetic diseases affecting hemoglobin supply, such as thalassemia or sickle-cell anemia. Thalassemia is particularly acute among people of Mediterranean, Oriental or African origins, while sickle-cell anemia is most widespread among those of African origin.

The results of The Hebrew University-Hadassah research was published in the new American

scientific journal, *Molecular Medicine*.

Heading the research project is Prof. Ariella Oppenheim of The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and a researcher at the Hematology Department at Hadassah University Hospital, Ein Kerem, which is headed by Prof. Eliezer Rachmilewitz. Others who have been participating in the work are Prof. Rina Bacon of the U.S., who was on a sabbatical this past year at The Hebrew University; Dr. Nava Dalyot; and Dori Filon, a Ph.D. student at the Hematology Department.

Hemoglobin carries oxygen in the blood. It is known that the fetus has its own hemoglobin, known as fetal hemoglobin, but that in late pregnancy a different kind of hemoglobin begins to appear, known as adult hemoglobin. The switch from fetal to adult hemoglobin is caused by expression of certain genes. Proper functioning of this process is essential for normal blood system development.

In illnesses such as thalassemia and sickle-cell anemia there is damage to the production of hemoglobin as the result of molecular lesions (mutations) in one of the adult hemoglobin genes; therefore, those who suffer from these diseases require frequent blood transfusions during their lifetimes for survival. Among some patients, the process of the switch from fetal to adult hemoglobin is not fully completed, and normal fetal hemoglobin continues to be produced. This group is better off than others who suffer from hemoglobin deficiency since the fetal hemoglobin compensates to

some extent for the defective adult hemoglobin.

One of the aims of The Hebrew University-Hadassah research staff was to find out what mechanism accounts for the switch from fetal to adult hemoglobin. The researchers found that there is a significant difference between the regulatory proteins that are responsible for expressing the genes of fetal hemoglobin and those proteins responsible for the adult hemoglobin. The research also showed that the development of the red blood cells of adults is based on a genetic program which is different from that of fetal red blood cells.

Further investigations revealed that a number of mechanisms can account for the high production of fetal hemoglobin among patients with thalassemia or sickle-cell anemia. Interestingly, in some patients, the fetal hemoglobin was produced in adulthood by activation of fetal red blood cells, while in others the activation of fetal hemoglobin occurred in adult red blood cells.

Understanding of the switching process between fetal and adult hemoglobin, says Professor Oppenheim, is likely to have direct consequences for the development of drugs for those suffering from thalassemia and sickle-cell anemia. The fact that in some patients fetal hemoglobin production occurs in adult red blood cells raises the possibility of a novel approach to the development of medicines to increase the production of fetal hemoglobin.

The research is being supported by April 1995

the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation.



UNCG Hillel Visits Washington and the United States Holocaust Museum



Standing, Left to Right: Miriam Cohen, Annie Giltman, Deborah Cohen, Elizabeth Nordin, Meri Moss, Abbe Hartman, Jillian Kaplan, Stan Jones, Liz Brown. Kneeling, Left to Right: Geoffrey Gartner, Irma Moss, NC Hillel, Greensboro Outreach Coordinator; Stuart Katz, Jenn Wolowitz, Ben Wood. In Front: David Effren. Joe Moss is taking the picture

On January 15, the UNCG Hillel, combined with other Hillel members from surrounding schools, ventured to Washington DC to visit the United States Holocaust Museum. Preparing for the trip was tough; it was filled with mixed emotions. I had been hearing about the museum for over two years now, so I couldn't wait to experience it myself. The other side was more emotional. Flashbacks of my trip to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel over eight years ago reminded me of the horror I had experienced. All in all, I did not know what to expect. When I arrived at the museum, I was taken aback in awe. The Museum is huge in stature and once inside you are overwhelmed by space. Looking straight ahead one sees a huge black marble wall which, in my opinion, represented darkness. What I then realized is that the opposing wall is white marble,

symbolizing light. If you look over your right shoulder, built into the walls are huge arched doorways, which appear to be facsimiles of the arches that flank the entrance to Auschwitz. The museum is ingeniously designed. The elevators are made to look like gas chambers, the lighting is dark to set a motif, and even the halls are tight passages, making one feel as though he or she is experiencing what those six million did. To me, the museum was more of an educational experience than a tear jerker. After visiting Yad Vashem in Israel at age ten, I was prepared for the worst. Yet, for some reason, it was a lot harder for me to cry at the memorial in Washington. Maybe it was my age, or most definitely it was my five years spent in Hebrew Day School seeing the same photos and hearing the same stories. The museum was very powerful, yet the approach was

geared more towards education. Even though the pictures and the exhibits spoke for themselves, the museum went a step further. Everything that was displayed in the museum was accompanied with literature and movies to appeal to all our senses. It was an incredible experience, affected not only our hearts but our minds and our eyes, and especially our legs, for as we walked through the museum we were overtaken with numbness. It got to the point where we found ourselves saying, "How much more must we see?" It was then that we realized that no matter how much more we saw or experienced or tried to understand, it would not change the fact that millions of people were executed as the world stood still.

*David Effren
University of North Carolina at
Greensboro*

We Must Bear Witness

"The things I saw beggar description. The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were... overpowering. . . I made the visit deliberately in order to be in a position to give first hand evidence of these things, if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day a group of sixteen people from Greensboro's Hillel group traveled to Washington, DC, to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. All of us left a little different than when we went in.

The museum takes you step by step through the historical events of the Holocaust, from rise of Nazism and anti-Semitism, to the death marches at the end of the war. My history classes had taught me that. What no teacher has ever done for me is to make history so real you can touch it.

I became, through an ID card, a young Polish Catholic girl for a day. In September of '39 she was banned from her school. In October of that year she was shipped along with her family to a ghetto where she joined the resistance movement. She began delivering weapons to resistance armies, and in '44 was caught. Instead of killing her on the spot, they put her on a train to Auschwitz. On the way she escaped from the train. In '63 she got her M.D. and has her own medical practice.

This is a relatively happy fate compared to those of others.

"It was always muddy and damp, and the grounds were always covered full of mud. We smelled the terrible smells because of the ovens and at certain times, depending on the weather, the climate, the winds, we... also would have ashes falling down on us." --Lilly Malnik, Auschwitz survivor.

This quote is from a part of the museum called the "Voices of Auschwitz." This room plays tape recorded descriptions and stories of people who survived the gassings.

"We are the shoes, we are the last witnesses. We are the shoes from grandchildren and grandfathers, from Prague, Paris and Amsterdam, and because we are only fabric and

leather, and not of blood and flesh, each one of us avoided the Hellfire." --Moses Schulstein (1911-1981), Yiddish poet

This quote is posted over a display of shoes left over from the massacre. There were several thousand shoes there. I stood looking, astounded that once each of these shoes belonged to someone who died senselessly.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." --Martin Luther King Jr.

When you think about the Holocaust, it shouldn't be a distant memory, it should be a vital, living fear. We must learn, and we must remember, so it never happens to any group again.

Elizabeth Brown





B&M Media Book Review & the Arts

Letter To a Jewish Friend

The Simple and Extraordinary Story of Pope John Paul II and His Jewish School Friend
by Gian Franco Svidercoschi
Crossroad Publishing Co. 96 pp.
\$12.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The story about Pope John Paul II which is one testimonial of his beneficence when he was a parish Priest tells about the Jewish boy who was kept safe during World War II in a Polish home. The custodian went to Karol Wojtyla, the Pope's name then, and asked whether to return him to his own people, or to keep him in Catholicism. The Priest advised that he be returned, and the story is credible after reading *Letter To a Jewish Friend*.

This book is translated from the Italian. The author prefaces the book with letters from Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, and from Rabbi Leon Klenicki, Director of the Department of Interfaith Affairs of ADL, besides letters from John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New

York and Edward Cardinal Cassidy, President of Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

All of the above attest to the Pope's dedication to eradicating anti-Semitism. We acknowledge that skepticism exists about his sincerity. *Letter To a Jewish Friend* is convincing.

It is the story of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II, and Jerzy Kluger, his Jewish schoolmate and friend when they lived in Wadowice, near Cracow in Poland. The population of their city was 10,000, including 2,000 Jews. Nothing remains of the Jewish community. The synagogue was rebuilt with encouragement of Pope John Paul II, and the cemetery is still there.

World War II interrupted the friendship after they passed the equivalent of college entrance exams, and they survived the German and Russian occupations. In 1958, both found themselves in Rome, where their friendship resumed.

The class of forty students in the school at Wadowice studied hard, but their eight years were happy ones, with few hints of anti-

Semitism, which did not seem to be a great threat, just "episodes." By 1938, the winds of anti-Semitism from Germany were in the air of Poland. Some Jews left; others expected the danger to blow over.

Jerzy Kluger's mother and sister were victims of Auschwitz. He and his father survived, his father in England and Jerzy in the Polish resistance army. Meanwhile, Karol Wojtyla whose interest had been in cultural pursuits, literature and theatre, saddened by the Nazi oppression and the death of his father, turned to theology.

Jerzy's escape took him to the Himalayas, then to Iraq, finally to Italy. There he learned the fate of his family, and lost all desire to return. In 1947 he was reunited with his father in England, where he was demobilized. He married and had two daughters. In 1954 they moved to Rome.

In 1965, his business partner, an old friend, read an item in the paper referring to the Archbishop of Cracow, Karol Wojtyla. He asked Jerzy if he knew the name. Yes, but not that his old schoolmate had become an archbishop. He was in Rome, at the Ecumenical Council. The two friends were reunited, without reservation or hesitation on the part of either.

In 1977, Gian Franco Svidercoschi, the author, met Jerzy Kluger. One year later, after the Archbishop of Cracow was elected Pope, the story was told by Jerzy Kluger, the Polish Jew, to this Italian journalist. He had been in Poland, and understood what the Holocaust had meant and continues to mean. He decided to write this book.

At the end, in its original Polish, with English translation, is a letter written on May 9, 1989, by John Paul II to Jerzy Kluger. The letter was read in Wadowice on the site of the destroyed synagogue. He recalls their colleagues, all citizens of Wadowice, and the bond uniting them. He conveyed the message of his veneration of those cruelly killed, and quoted what he had told representatives of the Jewish community of Warsaw on his third pilgrimage to Poland:

“The Church and all peoples and nations within this Church are united with you. . . Indeed, when they speak with warning to people, nations and even the whole humanity, they place in the forefront your Nation, its suffering, its persecutions, its extermination. This has a special significance to the Pope from Poland, because together with You, he survived all that happened in this land.” The words were spoken in 1987.

The author of *Letters To a Friend* wrote this book to tell the message especially to the young, pleading that they “not only learn the tragic history of the past, but also do all they can to ensure that the future, the history we are living right now, repudiates forever the temptations of racism, discrimination, hatred, and contempt for man. For any man.”

Just yesterday, on radio news, the xenophobic demonstrations against foreigners in Italy were reported. Voices of outrage were raised by opponents.

The Grey Striped Shirt

by Jacqueline Jules

Alef Design Group, 4423 Fruitland Ave., Los Angeles CA 90058 64 pp. \$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Remembering the Holocaust is of great concern to all of us. How can we teach our children and grandchildren what happened to Jews during World War II?

Jacqueline Jules has written a book for young people which may be one answer. In *The Grey Striped Shirt*, a nine year old girl learns from her grandparents what happened to them in a way that does not strike terror into her.

Frannie is a young American Jewish girl who visits her grandparents frequently. In their closet she finds the grey striped shirt worn in the prison camp. A little at a time, she learns of the many relatives who lost their lives, of the dire circumstances to which her grandparents were condemned, and how they survived.

Most important, she comes to realize that they were two of the few who survived, and to understand the magnitude of the holocaust, how great a number is six million. She learns that resistance meant the struggle to survive, successful or not, and she promises to tell what she has learned to her own grandchildren one day.

Jacqueline Jones's poetry and prose have appeared in over 40 publications. Illustrator is Mike Cressy, teacher at Art Center in Pasadena CA. He currently illustrates video games.

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What Went Wrong? The Creation and Collapse of the Black-Jewish Alliance

by Murray Friedman

The Free Press 423 pp. \$24.95

In the early part of this century, Blacks and Jews shared countless problems, among them being excluded from the business, cultural, and social institutions that dominated American life. The strong relationship that existed between both groups reached its zenith during the civil rights battles of the 1960s, marking a high point in the already established Black-Jewish alliance. Blacks and Jews labored together for a common cause—and often at great risk—to end America's version of apartheid. Racist statutes were struck down throughout the south. It was a remarkable achievement, and those who joined the struggle did, in fact, “overcome” state-ordered racism.

In *What Went Wrong? The Creation and Collapse of the Black-Jewish Alliance*, Murray Friedman, former vice chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, DC, and current Middle Atlantic States director of the American Jewish Committee, provides a fresh perspective on the Jewish involvement in the struggle for Black rights throughout the twentieth century. He discusses the tension between Blacks and Jews that figures most prominently today in the extremism of Louis Farrakhan, Khalil Abdul Mohammed, and Leonard Jeffries. Friedman also addresses the alarming “revisionist” contention of some scholars and journalists that Jews used the civil rights movement purely to promote their own interests, exploited black

artists, musicians, and tenants, and promulgated racist images in film. This position has been all too readily condoned by a white middle-class left, hostile to Israel and tolerant of black nationalism.

What Went Wrong? argues that even from the very beginning of this century, Blacks simultaneously appreciated and resented Jewish prominence in the directorship of the NAACP and other official rights organizations. From the 1920s, they harbored ambivalent feelings toward the Jewish neighbors, teachers, shopowners and landlords who lived in New York's Harlem, Boston's Roxbury and Dorchester, and other urban areas that allowed Blacks to move in during the great migration from the south. Throughout, they recognized that Jewish and Black interests, while related, were not identical, and they resented the facile equivalence that leaders of both groups made in the interests of solidarity and for the benefit of both.

Murray Friedman also heads the Center for American Jewish History at Temple University in Philadelphia.

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Jews in the Japanese Mind: The History and Uses of a Cultural Stereotype

by David G. Goodman and Masanori Miyazawa
Free Press 360 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

As indicated by its title, this book is not about Jews or their experience in Japan. It is about the perceptions of Jews in the minds of the Japanese people. One might think, "Who cares?"

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The first chapter of *Jews in the Japanese Mind* is entitled, "What the Japanese Think About Jews and Why Anyone Should Care." It seems that many books have been written about Jews by the Japanese, and that they have had political and intellectual influences. Few Jews have lived in Japan, but a stereotype has developed, because of the interest and the writings by the Japanese.

The authors feel that anti-Semitism is strong in Japan; yet there is evidence in this book that the sentiment is not unanimously held. There is some admiration of the Jews for their successes, but in an uncomplimentary way, given their definition of success. It would seem more like greed.

There is also an envious sentiment, since the Japanese believe that they are the "Chosen People," and know that Jewish religion teaches the Jews are God's "Chosen People." In some instances, this has prompted a theory of kinship between the two peoples, even in a claim that the Lost Tribes settled in Japan.

Jews in the Japanese Mind discusses many publications in Japan, most notably their version of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." I sensed contradictions throughout the book and was left with the understanding that Japanese xenophobia governs their attitudes. Japan is a country of one race. All are kinfolk, and outsiders have always been treated with suspicion and even antipathy. In their alliance with Nazi Germany there was agreement about pure racial superiority.

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It needs to be emphasized here, once again, that Jews were not killed by the Japanese, in spite of urging by the Germans. That was strange, in view of their atrocities in China and in battles against Allied armies.

In recent years, some changes in Japanese attitudes towards Jews and Israel have changed. After the 1967 war between Israel and the Arabs there was a warming of relations between Japan and Israel. As Japan's strength grew on the world scene, the bogeyism of Zionism and the Jewish domination of the world began to lessen. Again at the time of the Gulf War, the relationship improved, and Japan finally voted with the United States to repeal the 1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism.

However, anti-Semitic literature in periodicals and books is abundant. The government usually overlooks the propaganda until it is harshly criticized in the American press.

Furthermore, there are neo-Nazi groups like the League of National

Socialists and the Global Restoration Party which have some influence on Japan's political parties. Bigotry has no national boundaries.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has had limited success in countering anti-Semitism in Japan. The American Jewish Committee has also tried to work with government and business leaders to correct misunderstandings of Jews. A Jewish Cultural Center is planned to open in Tokyo to inform and educate the populace.

These authors feel that traditional feelings among the Japanese will be difficult to eradicate. David G. Goodman teaches Japanese literature at the University of Illinois. Masanori Miyazawa is professor of history at Doshisha Women's College in Kyoto.

12th International Harp Contest Held in Jerusalem by Lili Eylon

"A band of prophets coming down from the high places with a psaltry and a timbrel and a pipe and a harp before them." (Samuel 1, 10:5)

The sweet strains of King David's favorite musical instrument were heard in the Land of Israel this winter. Forty contestants from 17 countries came to Jerusalem to participate in the 10-day-long 12th International Harp Contest, a prestigious event which has left its mark on the international music world.

The largest number of contestants--nine--came from Russia, with France's eight a close second. The Far East was represented by Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan, while European contestants came from Italy, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Switzerland and Germany, with young women from Canada and the United States also participating.

The contest opened at the Jerusalem Theater in the presence of the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Ezer Weizman, and ended with a grand finale concert at the Tel Aviv Art Museum where the winners were announced.

"The harp is a special instrument, of special design, special sound and special history," said Shulamit Aloni, Minister of Communications, Science and Arts, at the opening. Festival director Esther Herlitz added that Israel is a fitting place for

such a contest, since the harp was found in ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and Israel of old.

During the ten days, a large part of the existing repertoire composed for the harp was heard by aficionados of this gentle musical medium--audiences who passionately followed every note played by the accomplished young musicians.

At each of the Jerusalem harp contests, a new composition for the instrument is added to the existing repertoire. This year, featured at the opening was the premiere of Israeli composer Sergiu Natra's "Sonata for Four Harps" performed by four Israeli harpists. Also at the opening concert, Marie-Pierre Langlamet of France, winner of the 11th International Harp Contest in Israel two years ago, offered a solo program, as well as duets with noted Swiss flautist, Aurel Nicolet.

While no first prize was awarded this time, 21-year-old Anna Makarova of St. Petersburg walked off with the second prize, and 21-year-old Xavier de Maistre of France, currently a student of political science in London, came in third.

The jury that awarded the prizes consisted of harpists and musicians from the USA, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Germany and Israel. The International Harp Contest was initiated in Israel in 1959 by Aharon Propes. It was the first international harp contest ever held anywhere. It is still regarded as a special event in the international music world and attracts the best young players, up to the age of 35.

Marie-Pierre Langlamet of France, winner of the 11th International Harp Contest in Israel two years ago.





Temple B'nai Sholem

New Bern NC

by Dr. Marilyn Stern

In November, Drs. Jacob and Marilyn Stern represented our Temple at UAHC's Mid-Atlantic Biennial Convention held in Williamsburg VA. UAHC's President, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, gave the sermon at the worship service which followed the Shabbat dinner. The Sterns reported that the new gender sensitive prayerbook was used at both evening and morning worship services. Small group sessions for Torah study and special topic discussions were well organized and interesting.

On January 15 six students began a series of ten prayerbook Hebrew lessons taught by Barbara Berk. Later the same day 29 members and guests of the congregation enjoyed a "Ditch the Winter Doldrums" covered dish luncheon at the Temple. A new experience for nearly everyone in attendance was eating *collard greens with matzo balls*. Availability of collard greens and a box of chicken soup/matzo ball mix makes it an easy vegetable dish to prepare. Wash three pounds of greens in cold salt water. Follow the directions on the soup mix. While the soup is coming to a boil, strip

the leaves off the collard stems. Tear the leaves into small pieces (as you would for salad greens), twist them to crush them, then drop into the boiling soup. Cover pot and let greens simmer in the soup for 1-1/2 hours. Follow the directions on the matzo

ball mix package, then place the matzo balls in the pot with the greens and soup for 20 minutes (covered). That's all there is to it. Go ahead--be brave and try this new southern dish!

After decades of holding worship services on the second and fourth Tuesdays, we now hold Sabbath services on two Friday evenings a month. The service on the second Sabbath of each month is led by members of the congregation. Arrangements are made for a rabbi from the area to lead an additional Friday night service each month. Our services begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Upcoming dates are 3/10, 3/17/ 4/21, 5/12, 5/19 and 6/2.

On April 7 and 8 our Temple will again participate in New Bern's annual tour of historic homes and places. We're also busy planning for our Purim service on March 17, our Community Seder on April 14 and a rummage sale on April 29. On May 19 the Fairfield Harbour Chorus will sing after our worship service.

New Bern's Sisterhood-Hadassah chapter has reorganized as the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Sholem. Members of the New Bern Hadassah chapter have merged with the Kinston-Greenville chapter. President of the Kinston-Greenville-New Bern Hadassah chapter is Mrs. Thelma Menter.

Our Temple and Sisterhood members wish a Happy Passover to all the staff and readers of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

ADULT EDUCATION

SEEKERS, SPIRITUALITY, & STUDY--held on Wednesday, March 1, at which time we had an exciting and compelling two hours. This program delved into the eternal truths of Jewish mysticism, meditation, and spirituality, via Arthur Green's book, *Seek My Face, Speak My Name*. The first hour was focused on reading and discussion of the text. In the second hour, the focus was on prayers and praying through the Jewish Text.

HEBREW CLASS--For those who can read Hebrew, the class meets on most Sundays. The plan is to read more fluently, study some grammar, and study the structure and meaning of prayers in our Siddur. Richard Harrison is the instructor.

BUSINESS PERSON'S STUDY HOUR--Our first Business Person's Study Hour went very well. Eleven men and women began discussion about how business and Torah connect. The next meeting was held at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, at Bob Deutsch's office.

NOSH AND DROSH (LUNCH AND LEARN) WITH THE RABBI--The topic was "Ethical

Issues in the Talmud" on February 28.

SHOMREI ADAMA

A Jewish nature/ecological group called Shomrei Adama is now in its formative stage. The study/action group will focus on our relationship with the environment.

PURIM

Now was the time to be creative, funny, and outrageous. And it was. Congregants made fun of anything, even including our Shul's rabbi, our board, or even Judaism in general, by writing a funny song, poem, short play, etc., for performance on the night of Purim at the Shul. Many adults and children dressed up in costumes. The festivities indicated that winter was being left behind and that spring is very much on its way.

As usual, Rochelle Neuringer headed up a committee to make these wonderful melt-in-your mouth treats, otherwise known as Hamentaschen. The committee helpers were Elaine Bronstein, Toby Cohen, Hilda Ehrlich, Roz Freedman, Beatrice Gullotta, Evelyn Landsberg, Barbara Michalove, Sheldon Neuringer, Arlene and Joe Schandler, and Lillian Wellisch.

RABBI GOES ON RETREAT

Rabbi Birnham and forty-five other rabbis met at the Rabbinic Training Institute near Pauling NY to study with Rabbi Art Green, an amazing student of Hasidism, author, thinker, theologian and professor at Brandeis University. He also studied with professor Mintz, the author of *Hurban*, a study of rabbinic responses to catastrophe, which was a profound experience. Rabbi Birnham also was in the class,

"Leadership & Conflict," which dealt with group dynamics for the synagogue and "family systems." In addition, he chose to spend more time with Rabbi Green to delve into "post modern theology." As a result of this experience with Rabbi Green, in particular, he is arranging that Beth Israel congregants share an equally dynamic experience in the fall, when we hope to have him visit us as the Scholar-in-Residence.

1995 ASHEVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY BOOK FAIR

The Asheville Jewish Community will hold a Jewish Book Fair, beginning Saturday evening, November 11 through Friday, November 17. This gala and exciting event will have an extensive variety of Jewish books for adults as well as children. Programming during this week will feature Jewish speakers of national prominence as well as our own local speakers and authors, special children's programs and essay contest, and other programs to be planned. The synagogue, as one of the sponsors, will play an important role in this event.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Beatrice Epstein, of Cullowhee, and to Ed and Joyce Greene, of Asheville, for their contributions to Beth Israel for Adult Education, Round Tables Fund, and the High Speed Dubbing Machine Fund. Yishar Koach.

MAZEL TOV

To Dr. and Mrs. Alan Friedman, on the engagement of their son, Carey, to Staci Kaplan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kaplan of Wayne NJ. Carey is an attorney in Boston and Staci is a second year

law student. To Ruth Baer Cooley, on the occasion of her grandson's, Daniel Myers, Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Or Ami, in Richmond VA, on December 30. Daniel is the son of Joann and Charles Myers. To Alan and Susan Laibson and Lyvia Laibson on the occasion of their son, Aaron John, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 4. A Kiddush and luncheon followed the services. To Hilda Ehrlich, who has a new grandson, Jason Ehrlich.

SISTERHOOD

A delightful and delectable Sephardic Cooking Class was the program on February 19. Lorraine Silverman, one of our very own "Julia Childs" was in charge.

Toby Cohen, Chairman, and her energetic committee were busy planning fun and games for Purim, on March 18. The theme for the evening is the "Roaring Twenties."

Debi Miles and Sara Birnham will be leading a program on Rosh Chodesh, April 1.

INSIDE THE TORAH

Yishar Koach once again to Frank Goldsmith, who still shares with us a preview of the Parshot for the month of February.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chai-Lites:

A hearty welcome to Marianne and David Haar, along with their children, Andrew (11) and Jennifer (6). The Harrs come to us from Vero Beach FL, and are presently building a home in Sylva.

Not so new to the area, but new to Beth Israel is the Trantham family. Carroll is a native Ashevillean. He

and his wife Golda, have four children, Tiffany (3), Sam (8), Fred (5-1/2) and R.J. (2).

MORRIS A. TENENBAUM MEMORIAL FUND

Beth Israel has established a special fund in memory of a beloved member, Morris Tenenbaum. The proceeds of this fund will go to bringing in an annual musical event.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met on the morning of February 4 to consider the values in American life, based on the December 23 issue of *Sh'ma*. But Rabbi Ratner, with his customary virtuosity, shifted the focus of the discussion from *Sh'ma* to the personal opinions of those in attendance regarding the most important aspects of American life. Responses ranged from universal education to freedom, from equal opportunity to tolerance. Controversy enlivened the proceedings; sparks flew, but nobody was seriously burned.

THE SISTERHOOD'S Social Action chair Shirley Berdie announced that the program intended to supply books to preschool children who have none of their own has been a winner. However, she said, requests from local agencies for an additional 600 books mean a continuing effort.

THE BROTHERHOOD discussed plans for the March

session of its famous brunch, which will feature the one of the enjoyable presentations of the Temple's own Dr. Allan Sher. This time his subject will be Tarheel Humor.

ASK THE RABBI, the popular program that brings out the questions on everyone's mind and Rabbi Ratner's enlightening answers, was scheduled for Friday, February 13 after services. The focus was supposed to have been on the question, "What do Jews believe about the Hereafter?" Sadly the whole evening, services, Ask the Rabbi and all, was rained out.

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI means real involvement with the subject at hand. Not just sitting there, but definitely hearing something worthwhile and responding to it. And so it was on Monday, February 20, at noon in Unger Hall. The topic was "Threat of the Jews for Jesus." It was brought out that this group's insidious appeals, especially to the disaffected young and to the elderly, represent a real danger to the Jewish community.

ADULT EDUCATION at the Temple continued on its scheduled course; Rabbi Ratner taught Introduction to Judaism on February 5 and 19, and Hebrew on the 12 and 25.

PARENTS WERE ALERTED to the threat posed by Jews for Jesus. On February 19, invited by the Youth Group, they watched the UAHC video, "Target Is You."

LAY CHOIR NEWS. . . A most exciting new entity was created on February 12, when an organizational meeting was held to form the

Temple's lay choir. David Cohen, the Temple's music director and organist, said in the Temple Bulletin, "Anyone interested in learning and performing new music for our Shabbat and holiday worship services is invited to join us to help set up a rehearsal schedule and discuss musical goals for the year. Previous musical training and performance experience ARE NOT REQUIRED--just the desire to make music among friends!

"We need ALL voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) so we can explore as wide a variety of music as possible. We're sure to have a lot of fun as well. Also, if there are any young people in the congregation who enjoy singing, your participation is **most** welcome." An irresistible invitation.

The choir is in the process of formation and has started rehearsals.

OUTREACH was the focus of services on February 24. The entire evening revolved around Jews by Choice; family members from the non-Jewish side of the family were invited to attend, and many did. Rabbi Ratner graciously mentioned the Temple's last rabbi, Rabbi Bluming, who started the local Outreach program. Janet Grant, chair of the group, also spoke from the bima. There was a good crowd, including lots of kids. The group sponsored a splendid oneg.

THANK YOU, said Rabbi Ratner, "to Leon and Bill Rocamora of Asheville Showcase for providing the water fountain in the religious school building, and to Mark Jaben for building the enclosure for the water fountain. . ."

MAZEL TOV to Ashley Vandewart, Sara and Laura Lang, Micah Ratner, Heidi Dreckler and Jon Haney. They're all members of the A.C. Reynolds Middle School Honor Society.

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Upcoming Events

In anticipation of Pesach, the Temple Israel Sisterhood will hold its annual Pre-Passover Spaghetti Dinner on April 9 at 5:30 pm. Also marking the joyous Passover season, a second night Seder will be held at the Temple on April 15.

In honor of Temple Israel's centennial year, a birthday bash will be held especially for Temple Israel's children on April 30. The festivities will include food, prizes and entertainment.

Also in April, the Celebrating Life series will continue with a luncheon

and program on April 20 at 10:30 a.m. A family Shabbat and dinner will be held on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. and the Jewish Books Discussion Group will meet on April 24 at 7:00.

Recent Events

Temple Israelites enjoyed a festive Purim season in March. Purim arrived on March 15, and Temple Israel families celebrated with dinner, Megillah reading and a costume caravan.

The annual Blumenthal People Power Weekend, featuring the distinguished Rabbi David Wolpe, occurred March 10-12 and was an inspirational treat for all who participated.

The Celebrating Life series continued on March 16 with a program entitled "Alternative Medicine: What Is It?" featuring Dr. Neal Taub and Dr. Marc Dworkin. The Celebrating Life programs, geared to the mature adults in our community, have become vastly popular. On the third Thursday of

every month, 100 attendees, on average, first enjoy a kosher lunch. Then, they are treated to a program addressing Jewish issues, often with a humorous slant. For more information about the series, please call the Temple office (362-2796).

On March 27, the Jewish Books Discussion Group featured Mordecai Richler's *Solomon Gursky Was Here*. The Jewish Books group is open to all members of the Jewish community. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Rachel Hannah Weiner, daughter of Stefanie and David Weiner, was born on January 15. The proud grandparents are Carol and Shelton Gorelick, Jackie and Richard Weiner, and Bertha Carelly of Girard OH. Great-grandparents are Zelda Naodimen and Rose Weiner, both of Columbus OH. Sophie Delmont Epstein,



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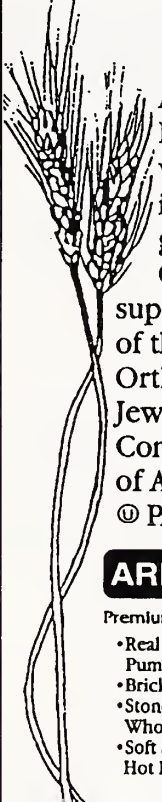
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daughter of Adriana and Jeff Epstein, was born on January 16. The proud grandparents are Aileen and David Epstein and Odette and Gilberto Delmont. Scott Marshall Hamilton, son of Deborah and Jim Hamilton of Deerfield IL, was born January 20. The proud grandparents are Abe and Bette Bober and Betty and Bert Hamilton. Abraham Yitshak Weinstein, son of Sara and Rabbi Shmuel, was born on January 29. The proud grandparents are Zava and Tom Rosenberg; and Eleanor and Leroy Weinstein of Richmond VA. Great-grandmother is Jenny Baikovitz. Noah Alexander Kipnis, son of Nancy and Robert Kipnis, was born on February 2. The proud grandparents are Barbara and Jerry Levin, and Dr. and Mrs. David Kipnis of St. Louis MO. Great-grandfather is Sidney Levin of Cocoa Beach FL. Ethan Lawrence Bruck, son of Holli and Brian Bruck of Americus GA, was born on February 5. The proud grandparents are Susie and Hy Bruck; Devie Louza of Virginia Beach VA; Gloria and Jack Louza of Atlanta GA. Great-grandparents are Lilly Bruck of Sunrise Lake FL, and Lillian and Jerry Burnstine of Richmond VA. Joshua Ethan Kaplan, son of Kathy and Alan Kaplan, was born on February 9. The proud grandparents are Naomi and Stuart Kaplan of Greensboro and Elaine and Max Koenig of Ft. Myers FL. Great-grandparents are Eva Kaplan of Clemmons, Ann and Ned Rosenberg of Miami Beach FL, and Blanche Rosenberg of Miami Beach FL.

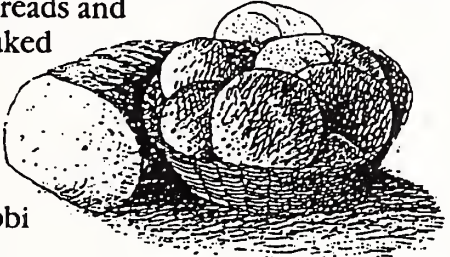
Congratulations also to the following B'nai Mitzvah: Sam Stern, son of Ellen and Leonard Stern III, became a Bar Mitzvah on March 18. Elyse Shomstein, daughter of Debbie Emory and Samuel Shomstein, April 1995



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became a Bat Mitzvah on March 25.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Rosa Rosenfeld, Alan and Chris Feldman, Michele and Andrew Williams, and Rose Ellen Jacobson.

Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro NC
by Renee Levine

Beth David Synagogue and the Beth David Religious School of Greensboro NC, are collecting 1,500,000 pennies in memory of the one million five hundred thousand children who died during the Holocaust.

The money will be used to set up a

scholarship fund to assist Junior and Senior High School students of Beth David interested in attending the "March of the Living." Students from all over the world will participate in the incredible journey through Eastern Europe, once the center of Jewish life and culture, concentration camps and finally to Israel.

The next trip will be in the spring of 1996. This group of students will be the last generation to meet Holocaust survivors which makes this trip even more important. The trip will take about three weeks.

Pennies will be collected in jars located in the synagogue office and the religious school office. For more information contact Michael Raileanu, Education Director of Beth David Synagogue or the office at Beth David Synagogue, 294-0007.

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Temple Beth Shalom

Hickory NC

by Terri Sullivan

Congratulations to Elizabeth Powell and her parents Don and Amy on the very happy occasion of her Bat Mitzvah. Many family members from the Washington DC areas were here to celebrate with her and with our local community. Elizabeth did a wonderful job and has much to be proud of.

On March 12, Temple Beth Shalom hosted a Purim Carnival complete with games, fortune telling, costumes and home baked hamantaschen! Our teenagers were in charge of the games and activities. Our thanks to new member Leslie Archer for organizing the entire carnival. The Megillah was read for the congregation on the following Wednesday evening.

In honor of Tu B'shevat, the Temple Beth Shalom Sunday School recently purchased four trees in Israel with their Tzedakah money. The balance of the money will be donated to a local charity of the children's choice.

A twelve week Hebrew course is being taught by Mike Bauman to facilitate reading and understanding of Hebrew in our services. There is a large group of interested students currently enrolled and feeling like they are really making progress in their Hebrew studies.

Our annual Community Passover Seder will be held on April 15, 1995. Our community Seders have been a great success for many years and are

always held the second night of Passover. Thank you to Sonia Peltzer for heading up this year's seder.

Our religious leader, new to us this year, is Shelly Sperling. He and his wife Randy are newcomers to Charlotte and we are awfully glad they're here. As a trained cantor, Shelly is greatly enhancing the

music of our services. And with help from Randy, our Saturday night Adult Education classes are spirited and livelier than ever.

Still to come this year are three more Bat and Bar Mitzvahs. This is always very exciting in a small community like Hickory, and we are thrilled for another reason to be proud of our children.



ORGANIZATIONS

Passover--A Time for Student Unity

Darin Diner

NC Hillel Program Director

No one will argue that Jews, especially students, identify with the Jewish community in a myriad of ways. They may choose to enjoy the religious activities or just an occasional social gathering. Perhaps it's a movie or guest speaker that strikes a chord of interest.

There are certain mainstays however. There are special times of year when the entire Jewish community joins together to celebrate the tradition and remember the history that bonds us. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah certainly top the list of these times. We must not forget Passover though, a time of family and togetherness many students are looking for. That is where NC Hillel plays an important role. Throughout the holiday season, Hillel is there to guide and support the campus community. Traditional, home-cooked Seders are available. Kosher for Passover lunches are served daily. And, most importantly, Hillel offers a warm and welcoming Jewish family to make the holiday an especially enjoyable experience. Hundreds of students come through the doors of Hillel in Chapel Hill. Dozens of others are touched by our extension services in Greensboro, Burlington and Raleigh. Interested in learning more? Call the Hillel offices at (919) 942-4057.

March Celebrated as Jewish Awareness Month

Hundreds of college students are not active in the vibrant Jewish community on their college campuses. There are thousands of other non-Jewish students who are not aware of the rich tradition and beauty that are a central part of Judaism. So, together with hundreds of campuses across the world, NC Hillel in Chapel Hill set aside March as Jewish Awareness Month.

Students planned a two-week series of events which they used to outreach and engage Jewish students on campus as well as celebrate Judaism with the non-Jewish community. Activities began immediately after Spring Break, with the holiday of Purim. The United Jewish Appeal Campaign, a traditional "Jewish" meal at Cameron's Kosher Cafe, Israeli dancing, and "A Night of Jewish Why," where dozens of students had the chance to ask questions about Judaism highlighted the first week.

Students then enjoyed a Bar-B-Q and picnic, deli dinner and lecture by film director Madaleine Ali with a special screening of her film, "Back to the Promised Land." The festivities were capped off at an

interfaith dialogue with the Presbyterian Student Center and a community Shabbat plus dinner discussion with Dr. Lilian Furst on her new autobiography about her experiences fleeing Nazi Germany.

Then it was time for the annual state-wide Hillel Retreat in Efland April 7-9. This year's theme: "It's a Small World." Look for more exciting Jewish Awareness Month Activities next year!

Carolina Shabbaton Huge Success

Lubavitch of NC

by Rabbi Yoseph Groner

Imagine a far away island without telephone or TV, a place where all your meals are served with a smile and your children are nowhere to be seen, as they are being cared for by first class child care professionals. Well that is what a lot of Carolina families experienced at the first annual Carolina Shabbaton which was held in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lubavitch of North and South Carolina sponsored a joint Shabbaton weekend get-away in order to promote the beauty of the Shabbat. Close to two hundred people from Charlotte, Columbia and Myrtle Beach participated in this wonderful spiritual excursion. The setting was the Quality Inn Hotel North East. The food was genuine Eastern Europe and the spirit was very Jewish.

The make shift synagogue in the hotel was packed wall to wall. The colorful dining room shone brightly

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with all the Shabbat candles lit and the sparkling kiddush cup filled with kosher wine. Rabbi Hesh Epstein, director of Chabad of Columbia welcomed the guests with his humor and wit. It was a weekend of learning, discovery and two full days of delicious kosher cuisine.

Rabbi Aizenman of Chabad of Myrtle Beach conducted a Chassidic Farbrengan (gathering), and Rabbi Binyomin Weiss of Charlotte led the crowd in melody. Children were constantly entertained with Jewish games and stories. What was most touching, was the "Story of the Shabbat Trailer with Rabbi Meir" by Rabbi Meir Muller of Chabad of Columbia. Many of the Shabbat guests were able to identify with Rabbi Meir's journey to Judaism. His many funny anecdotes spiced up the Shabbat and gave new meaning to the observance of this special day which comes every week.

Rabbi Eli Rosenfeld taught the morning Torah class, and Rabbi Yossi Groner delivered the Shabbat sermon. Janice and Dave Cantor of Charlotte hosted a couple Jewish game show on Saturday night and Chanie Naparstek of Myrtle Beach had an extensive Jewish book display. The entire Shabbaton gave people a warm feeling about Judaism and brought so many Carolina families together.

Lubavitch plans to host the next annual Shabbaton in Charlotte during winter of '96. More information will be forthcoming in a future issue of this paper.



Date Correction - Please Note!
**1995 Dates Set for B'nai B'rith
Institute of Judaism I at Wildacres**

The Annual B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism is scheduled for August 14-17, 1995. It will be held at the Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland NC.

The program this year, once again, will feature three distinguished lecturers who 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 1995 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, send a post card with "Wildacres 1995 Program" written on it, along with your name and address
(Please Print) to: **Betty Deutsch**
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GCAR Winter Kallah

by Estelle Hoffman

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis held its Winter Kallah in Savannah GA January 29 to February 1. The attendance of 36 included rabbis and some spouses.

Host for the meeting was Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer of Congregation Mickve Israel. The theme was "The Jews of China, India, Savannah and Other Exotic Places." Rabbi Phil Silverstein, GCAR President, presided.

Speakers were Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, Professor Nathan Katz, Rabbi Belzer and Rabbi Gary Atkins. Rabbi Stampfer's topic was "Crypto-Jewish and Exotic Jewish Communities" in the first session. Rabbi Stampfer was born in Israel, but came to the U.S. as an infant. His father was also a rabbi. Rabbi Stampfer is a graduate of the University of Chicago, the University of Akron, Jewish Theological Seminary and the University of Judaism, and he has an honorary doctorate from Pacific University. He spoke in a later session on "Crypto Jews, Secret Jews, Marranos and Other Secrets of the Iberian Peninsula and the American Southwest."

Professor Nathan Katz is an unusual specialist. In his first talk he spoke on "The Diaspora: from Yemen to India to China." He also spoke about the noted meeting in India of the Dalai Lama and a committee of American Jews, of which he was a member with noted leaders of the American Jewish community. He speaks the language of Tibet and has

made several visits to the area of exile of the Tibetans who escaped during the takeover of Tibet by China.

The Dalai Lama is keenly interested in Jewish survival, because he knows the Tibetan exile may continue indefinitely, and he believes something can be learned from Jews and Judaism about the means of survival. The big difference lies in the fact that much Judaism is practiced in the home, whereas the Tibetan faith lives mostly in the monastery.

Rabbi Gary Atkins is spiritual leader of Agudath Achim Synagogue in Savannah. He discussed "Brit Milah and Returnees from Crypto-Judaism and Exotic Jewish Communities."

A few words about the difference between Crypto-Jews and Marranos: Crypto-Jews converted or lost their identity, while they retained some religious customs or some memory of Jewish traditions. They were not openly Jewish, nor were the Marranos; however, Marranos did not lose their religion, as did the Crypto-Jews. Marranos practiced Judaism in secret, even when they could not fulfill all of the requirements.

Congregation Mickve Israel is 250 years old. The first Jews to arrive in Savannah were a group of 32 who came July 11, 1733, five months after the colony of Georgia was established by Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe. Most were Spanish/Portuguese who came from London, where they hid their Judaism. The families of Abraham Minis and Benjamin

Sheftall remain active in the Congregation today.

Rabbi Belzer has been Rabbi of Mickve Israel for five years, but in hearing him tell the detailed history of the Congregation and the Jewish community in Savannah, it seems that he might be a native, so deeply has he steeped himself in his community. He told the GCAR members of all its details, including the architecture and furnishing and religious items within the building of Mickve Israel.

He also co-conducted a bus tour of the city, designating sites where Jews of note in Savannah's history resided or now live. It was an extremely educational tour of Savannah, with him and the regular city guide sharing in the information on the historic part of the city.

During the business meeting, new officers for the coming year were elected. Rabbi Richard Leviton of Sumter SC was elected president and assumed the gavel for the final sessions of the Kallah. Rabbi Edward Friedman of Charleston SC is 1st vice president; 2nd vice president is Rabbi Harry Spector of Silver Springs MD. Secretary will be Rabbi Robert Waxman of Wilmington NC, and Rabbi Dan Alexander of Charlottesville VA is the new treasurer. Rabbi Leo Hoffman, Charlotte NC continued as interfaith director.

The 1995 Summer Kallah at Wildacres will be held August 3-9, following the Interfaith Institute which will convene July 31 and end on August 3.

1995 Days of Remembrance

The 1995 annual nationwide Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust will be observed from Sunday, April 23 through Sunday, April 30. These days are set aside annually by Congress to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to remind Americans of the ultimate dangers of hatred, prejudice, and state-sponsored discrimination.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust will sponsor a Holocaust Memorial Service in Raleigh on Sunday, April 23 at the North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center at 4:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Raul Hilberg, internationally known scholar on the Holocaust.

1995 is the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and the victory over Nazi Germany.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust encourages the entire community to attend the Yom Hashoah Commemoration.

Personals

Morris Tenenbaum

Morris Aaron Tenenbaum, 75, of Ellenwood Drive, died Monday, Dec. 26, 1994, at his home.

A native of Louisville KY, he had lived in Asheville since 1988 and retired as a partner of Tenenbaum and Thaw, Certified Public Accountants, in North Dade County, FL in 1984. He graduated from the University of Louisville KY, and Harvard Business School. In retirement, he was a volunteer for the VITA and AARP Tax Preparation Programs and volunteer for the N.C. Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Active in the Jewish community, he was a member of the Congregation Beth Israel, Asheville, and a lay leader of Mountain Synagogue in Franklin.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Glickman Tenenbaum; son, David Tenenbaum of Florham Park, N.J.; grandchildren, Marcus and James Tenenbaum.

For the Family

*Shed not too many tears when
I shall leave;*

Be brave enough to smile.

*It will not shorten, howsoe'er
you grieve*

Your loneliness the while.

*I would not have you sorrowful
and sad.*

But joyfully recall

*The glorious companionship
we've had,
and thank G-d for it all.*

*Don't let your face grow tear-
streaked, pale and wan;*

*Have heart for mirth and song-
Rejoice, though for a little while
I've gone,*

That I was here so long,

*For if I thought your faith
would fail you so,*

and leave you so distressed,

*That sobbing to my body's
grave you'd go,
My spirit could not rest.*

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Comments

Many people are unaware of the types (*levels*) of care provided at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility. Both the Federal and State governments have regulations (*licensure*) that dictate what type of care a facility must provide as well as where a resident may be appropriately placed. It is often confusing as well as disheartening to a resident and his/her family when the resident is placed in a long term care setting that he/she did not expect or about which he/she really has no understanding.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home's beds are classified by the Federal Government and licensed with the State of North Carolina as "Nursing Facility" beds. A nursing facility is defined as an institution which is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care, rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons, or, on a regular basis, health-related services to individuals who because of their mental or physical condition require care and services (above the level of room and board) which can be made available to them only through institutional facilities and is not primarily for the care and treatment of mental diseases. Regulations no longer license nursing home beds at different levels like intermediate or skilled care. The Home no longer has distinct wings of the facility that provide different levels of care. A

*by the Executive
Director
Seth Levy*

resident can receive any type of nursing care anywhere throughout the facility.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is also certified to receive Medicare reimbursement if a resident qualifies. Medicare usually will pay for care if a resident needs the services of a registered nurse twenty-four hours per day or requires physical, occupational, or speech therapies. All 134 beds at the Blumenthal Jewish Home are certified for Medicare which means that a resident does not have to move to be cared for. Skilled care does not mean total care and the fact that many residents need help with all their activities of daily living (*walking, feeding, toileting, dressing, and inability to communicate or make decisions*) does not qualify them to receive Medicare.

Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility beds are licensed with the State of North Carolina as "Home for the Aged Beds When Licensed as Part of a Nursing Home" (*Domiciliary Homes*). A Home for the Aged is a facility that provides residential care to adults who, because of age or disability, require some personal care and supervision along with room and board to assure their safety



and comfort. Residents living in Fair Oaks should meet the following admission and eligibility criteria:

- ◆ *Resident should be up daily and be ambulatory with the ability to transfer.*
- ◆ *Resident should be able to come to the dining room for meals and be able to feed himself/herself.*
- ◆ *Resident should be cooperative in following directions (performing activities of daily living) and not need frequent monitoring because of confusion or impaired memory.*
- ◆ *Resident should have visual acuity or sufficient skills to deal with impaired vision for personal safety.*
- ◆ *Resident should have sufficient hearing or corrective aid to function.*
- ◆ *Resident should show sufficient emotional stability.*
- ◆ *Resident should be continent or on an incontinence program under which the resident can function.*
- ◆ *Resident must have the ability and social skills to participate in social and recreational activities.*

Residents living in Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility can expect to receive services that include: private room and bath with sit down shower; three meals daily (*special diets are provided*); medication supervision; bathing assistance two times per week; assistance with dressing; housekeeping and personal laundry; daily activities and social service help if required. Fair Oaks is a facility that strives to promote maximum dignity and independence for each resident.

Because government is continually studying and changing the regulations that impact long term care, I hope the explanations above give you a better understanding of what the Blumenthal Jewish Home and Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility are all about. If you have questions please feel free to call me.

WELCOME

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

Faye Davis
Huntersville

MEET THE BJH TRUSTEES



MICHAEL SCHIFTAN---Michael Schiftan is owner of Dev Con Resources, a real estate and development consulting firm in Greensboro NC. He is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and received his MBA from there in 1979. Michael serves as secretary of the BJH Board of Trustees. He joined the board in 1993 as a presidential appointee and has served on the Home's Strategic planning, Finance, Budget, House and Grounds and Executive committees. Michael also

serves on the boards of the Greensboro Merchants Association, the Greensboro Realtors Foundation and the Council on Economic Development and has been active in numerous civic and community organizations. He is a member of the Leadership Greensboro Alumni Assoc. and the Piedmont Triad Leadership Network. Michael, his wife Lynn and daughter Rachael are members of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.



RON WEINER-----Ron Weiner is Vice President General Counsel of Radiator Specialty Company in Charlotte N.C. Ron received his BA degree from Boston University and his law degree from Tulane School of Law in 1979. Ron joined the BJH Board of Trustees in 1991 and is now serving as the 2nd Vice President of the Board. He is a member of the Admissions, Finance, Investment Advisory and Legal committees as well as the Executive Co. Ron and his wife Janice and their three children Aaron, Rebecca

and Jordanna live in Matthews N.C. where Ron is active with the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

Cyril Jacobs A Tribute To A Past President

Blumenthal Jewish Home lost a dear friend and supporter with the death of Cy Jacobs on January 31, 1995. Cy Jacobs had been a founder of the Home and an active member of the Board of Trustees since 1970. He served as President of the Board from 1978 to 1981 and continued on the board as a past president until this year. Cy Jacobs was chairman of the Building Committee when the B wing edition to the Home was constructed in the 1970's. At the tenth Annual Meeting of the Home on November 14, 1976 Mr. Jacobs reported, "I have the honor to report to you that our new addition has been completed, with the first resident level and additional special services already in use. The total cost of this project, together with the changes in our original facility, in order to create an integrated operation, will be approximately \$2,100,000."

Dedicated to caring for both the young and the old, Cy Jacobs had a commitment to preserving and enriching the Jewish community. In addition to his work for the Blumenthal Jewish Home he was keenly concerned with Jewish education and was instrumental in supporting the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), was chairman of the Scholarship fund for the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men and was a founder of the B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro NC. Cy Jacobs was also

a founder and past president of Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro.

Cy Jacobs was a man of integrity, a kind, gentle and caring individual who dedicated much of his life to ensuring the future of Judaism and preserving its heritage. With his help the dream of the Blumenthal Jewish Home became a reality. He was a friend to many and will surely be missed.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Dorothy Kaplan

*May her cherished memory
bring comfort to her loved ones.*

Happy Anniversary

*Congratulations to the following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries of
employment in April*

29 Years

Izora Moore, Dietary

14 Years

Judy Garrett, LPN, Fair Oaks

12 Years

Ann Clampitt, Pharmacy

5 Years

Betty Boyer, RN, B-2

Karen Jarrett, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Shelby Mullis, LPN, B-2

4 Years

Mike Blevins, Dietary

3 Years

Elias Anchante, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Janice Grimmatt, Dietary

Billy West, Housekeeping

2 Years

Judy Hardy, Nsg. Asst., B-2

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LaVonda Propst, Nsg. Asst., B-1

1 Year

Heather Golds, Administration

Lynn Naylor, Nsg. Asst., B-1

Sue's News

Have you been to any exotic locales recently? Prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, walked the great wall of China, explored the bazaars of Turkey or sailed to the glaciers of Alaska? Perhaps you have slides of travels you have taken that are just sitting there eagerly waiting for someone who would enjoy seeing them.

The Fair Oaks and BJH residents would love to take a mini vacation to some of your favorite vacation

spots. The volunteer program at BJH would like to expand by adding "Travel Club" volunteers to our volunteer corp. It's easy. If you would like to join, just call and offer to share your slides, your memories and a little of your time to help take the residents on a chairside vacation.

Volunteers are needed! Call Sue Clein and find out how you can help at BJH.

For information call 910-766-6401.



Herman Nove and volunteer Leonard Clein have a good time together on the Hanes Mall Shopping trip.




BJH resident Eva Weinberg enjoys the special treat of the Starmount luncheon with volunteers Josie Swirin (left) and Polly Strasser (right.)

Ronnie Spain, Gift Shop volunteer, welcomes you to visit her at "Blumies" on Thursdays, 10am to 1pm. Stop in and see our new line of spring and summer handbags and beautiful new gift items.




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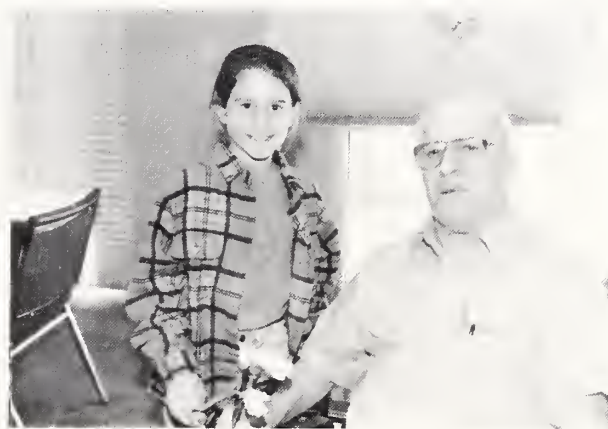
The *B'nai Shalom* Day School's fifth grade students entertained for the February birthday party at the Home. Talented performers, the students delighted residents with a program of Hebrew and English, modern Israeli and traditional Jewish songs. Helping to make the celebration complete the students joined the Greensboro volunteers in serving refreshments and chatting with residents.

Anchor Club members from West Forsyth High School in Clemmons warmed up hands and hearts at their monthly visit in February. The *Anchor Club* members and the residents shared an hour of reminiscing looking at photos and the memories they brought to mind. Preparing for Valentine's Day was part of the program and the students assisted the residents with creating handmade valentines to keep or to send to a loved one.

Scott Walker, Irish fiddler and violin and cello teacher brought a little bit of the Irish to BJH in March. Scott delighted residents at the birthday party by performing Irish music on the violin and guitar and singing Irish folk tunes. Toes were tapping to the jigs and reels while the sweet sounds of soulful ballads soothed the senses. Volunteer Josie Swirin, a true Irish lass herself, was able to join in on the chorus of these familiar tunes.



B'nai Shalom Day School students entertain at the February birthday party.



Fair Oaks resident David Levine receives flowers from a student at the birthday party.



ABOVE: Violinist Scott Walker fiddles around at the March party performing a program of Irish tunes.



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School serve refreshments to the residents at the party.

BJH Classroom

Students from Calvary Baptist Day School interview residents for a living history lesson.



What did you wear when you were my age? Did you have any pets? Where did you live? What was your school like? These were just a few of the questions BJH residents were happy to answer when students from Calvary Day School in Winston-Salem visited. Twenty-five third grade students came prepared with tape-recorders, a list of questions and a lot of enthusiasm when they met with residents in the Home. The students began their visit by entertaining the group with a few songs and then eagerly moved on to what they came for. They paired up with residents to learn a little about what life was like when this older generation was young.

The encounter between the generations was very spirited with students excitedly recording their answers on tape and residents enjoying the attention of the young

people. The residents conversed easily with the students who came prepared with questions and left with taped interviews. The interviews were to be turned into stories when the students returned to school.

BJH became a classroom, residents became teachers and students learned a history lesson from life at this successful meeting between generations.

Pictured with the students are BJH and Fair Oaks residents; Herman Nove, Helen Labell and Margaret Davis



Calendar Highlights April

- 2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 4 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 6 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 11 Leave for VFW Hall, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 12 In-House Shopping with Muriel's Comfort Clothing, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 13 Special Holy Week Service with Rev. Bob Fiedler, 11:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 13 Schmoozing with Seth, 1:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 14 Mini Passover Seder, 10:00 a.m., A wing Dining Room
- 14 First Passover Seder, 6:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 15 Passover Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 15 Second Passover Seder, 6:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 16 Passover Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 17 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, 2:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 21 Passover Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 22 Yizkor Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 23 Brenner Concert, "Best of Broadway", 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 27 Music with Jan Sawyer, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 28 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library

National Volunteer's Week April 23rd to 29th

**A special thank you to
all our volunteers for
the caring and the
sharing they give to
BJH!**

**Remember! When you
see volunteers, say
hello and thank them
for all that they do!**



*BJH resident
Eva Kaplan
enjoys lunch at
Starmount
Country Club
with volunteer
Ruth Jacobs.*



What's Developing by Bruce Schlosberg Director of Development

The Joy of Giving

I had the pleasure to visit Marshall Rauch recently at his manufacturing plant in Gastonia. Rauch Industries is one of the foremost manufacturers of Christmas ornaments in the country. Last fall, several weeks before they were to send a major shipment to retailers, Rauch Industries had a devastating fire at their Cramerton plant. A 600,000 square foot plant and warehouse were gutted.

I asked Marshall how he picked himself off the ground after a major catastrophe. His answer was not too surprising, knowing the quality of Marshall's character. He said that a friend called him and offered to work several weeks for free, a major manufacturer in Gaston County offered him money, equipment, etc., a major national retailer considerably increased their order for 1995 and his bank increased his line of credit.

This is a wonderful story. It shows a man, who has given joyfully over the years, being the recipient when the chips were down. The story restores faith in humanity. It also shows that life is a circle; a person who gives and doesn't expect anything in return may eventually be the recipient.

From Salisbury, North Carolina

One of the enjoyable parts of my job is to meet interesting people throughout the two state area. On one of my visits to Salisbury, I met Bert and Irvin Oestreicher. The Oestreichers are well known in Salisbury because of their former retail business and their involvement in the community.

Being a former Chamber of Commerce executive in Lincolnton NC, I enjoyed their account of their life in a smaller town. What I did not expect was their story about their daughter, Rachel.


Rachel Oestreicher Haspel is the President of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the U.S. The Committee was established in 1981 to educate the American public about the heroic and humanitarian actions taken by Raoul Wallenberg. During the Holocaust, he saved the lives of approximately 100,000 Jews. The Committee is a not-for-profit tax exempt organization that is dedicated to bringing attention to Wallenberg's extraordinary work during World War II, to his fate following his illegal arrest and

imprisonment in 1945 and to his courage and humanitarianism.

The Oestreichers said that one of their daughter's major objectives is to teach children of all ages about the courage and compassion of Raoul Wallenberg. At a recent meeting of the Committee, Ms. Haspel announced that she is working with educators throughout the United States to incorporate the story of Raoul Wallenberg into the curriculum of the primary grades. Ms. Haspel believes that the children embody the hopes for the future as they carry the message to the subsequent generations.

Bert and Irvin are very proud of the work that their daughter is doing. They feel that her dedication and effort will help to make the words "never again" a reality.

The Raoul Wallenberg Committee is located at 245 Park Avenue, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10167.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

Emma Bates
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 Sondra Gervarter
 Noah Kaplan
 Irene Mendelson
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ABOVE: Celebrating Valentine's Day and celebrating life at BJH are residents Matthew Miller and Pearl Yachnin.

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AJ Committee Urges Action in the Fight Against Terrorism: "Our Citizens Must Not Live in Fear; Our Children Must Not Be Targets"

*New York, April 20--*The American Jewish Committee is outraged over yesterday's terrorist bombing of a Federal office building in Oklahoma City that has already killed dozens of innocent people, including babies and small children, and left so many others seriously injured. We are shocked and horrified at this act which President Clinton aptly identified as one of cowardice and evil; an act which has caused carnage and destruction the magnitude of which Americans have never experienced on their own soil.

We stand in solidarity with all Americans and with decent human beings around the world to express our most heartfelt sympathy to the victims and their families and to the people of

Oklahoma City. We watch, with bated breath, as the heroic rescue efforts continue in a valiant attempt to stem the rising death toll, and we pray that they will be successful.

Although there is little official speculation at this time about which individuals or organizations are responsible for this barbarism, we are confident that the investigations underway will lead to the apprehension of the perpetrators and that they will be brought to swift and sure justice.

The threat of global terrorism is a modern-day plague that must be combatted with every resource at our disposal. Time and time again--whether in Buenos Aires, London, Panama, Cairo, Algiers,

Israel, or in New York and now Oklahoma City--we have learned that no one is safe. The U.S. and like-minded nations must intensify their cooperation in the fight against terrorism, making it an urgent international priority. Intelligence-gathering and investigative processes must be increased, border control procedures reassessed, and the flow of financial support to terrorist "charities" blocked, consistent with constitutional safeguards. The international community's tolerance of states that support terrorism must end. We must enhance safety around the world, in every land menaced by terrorism, including our own. Our citizens must not live in fear; our children must not be targets. We must act now.



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"We are told the American soldier does not know what he is fighting for. Now at least he will know what he is fighting against."

"The things I saw beggar description. . . The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty, and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick. In one room, where there were piled up twenty or thirty naked men, killed by starvation, George Patton would not even enter. He said he would get sick if he did so. I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.' "

President Dwight Eisenhower (letter to Chief of Staff George Marshall while Eisenhower was still Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, on Eisenhower's visit to a death camp, April 12, 1945)

"To remember, means to open our soul and make it more sensitive to suffering everywhere, and to injustice everywhere, and to the victims of humiliation everywhere."

"Not all victims were Jews, But all Jews were victims."

Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel (Founding Chairman, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Days of Remembrance Ceremony-April 18, 1985)

"In Germany, they first came for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then, they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Pastor Martin Niemoeller (pastor of the Protestant Congregation in Dahlem, a suburb of Berlin, until he was imprisoned for his opposition to the Nazis)

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Jerusalem 3000

A Feast Fit For A King

by Dan Goldberg

(WZPS) With Jerusalem's trimillennium only a year away, Jerusalem planners have been busy coming up with a program of events to satisfy the tastes of the millions of visitors expected in the city during the anniversary year.

According to WZPS correspondent Dan Goldberg, the feast of activities planned would satisfy King David himself.

(WZPS) Name another city in the world that is holy to the three great monotheistic religions; whose spiritual powers are revered by so many; over which more battles and sieges have been waged; more tears have been shed; more prayers poured out; and which has a fax number direct to heaven: c/o: The Western Wall (972-2-612-222)...

Jerusalem, spiritual and national

epicenter of the Jewish people, will celebrate, throughout 1996, her trimillennium; 3,000 years since King David conquered her from the Jebusites, establishing her as Israel's capital. Indeed King David - shepherd, musician, warrior, statesman, poet, dancer - is one of the most fascinating characters in the Bible and his diversity of talent will be reflected in the spectrum of events scheduled for 1996. Although the date is not entirely agreed upon by all scholars, 1996 fitted for all intents and purposes. Anyway, after so much history and so many years, who's counting?

Culturally, artistically and educationally, a feast of events will envelop Jerusalem in 1996. Managing Director of the Organizing Committee, Yossi Tal Gan, says, "Jerusalem 3000 is a year of events designed to bring Jerusalem to the world's attention and stress the long historic connection of the Jewish people to

this city."

To this end, the proposed schedule includes events which center on King David himself, most notably (*and unofficially as yet*) the musical on his life (written by the Oscar-winning team Alan Menken and Tim Rice), to be staged at the Sultan's Pool Amphitheater just below the magnificent Old City walls. In addition, Franco Zeffirelli, the Italian director, will direct a light and sound spectacular chronicling the history of Jerusalem since David, using the Old City as a magnificent backdrop.

King David is probably best known for his psalms, which are sung in synagogues and churches the world over. An open-air Gala Concert in honor of his psalms will take place at the Sultan's Pool, and Indian born Zubin Mehta, Music Director of the Israel Philharmonic, will conduct the



orchestra and a huge choir (*with a number of world-famous soloists*).

Still hungry for more? A gastronomic 12-course banquet catered by some of the world's leading chefs and set in the recreated ancient court of King David is planned. So, too, is an evening of selections from "Shir Hama'alot", written by King David, including stories about his life. A drama written by Israeli playwright Shmuel Hasfari about the famous struggle between the King and his rebellious son Absalom, is to be staged in the courtyard of the Tower of David in the Old City.

Should you still be looking for second helpings, Jerusalem is a microcosm of Jewish art and culture. Along with the annual festivals: the Israel Festival (*arts, music, dance and theater*); the Jerusalem Film Festival; the International Arabic Book Fair and the International Festival of Puppet Theater, visitors will witness a photography exhibition of the works of famous photographers from Israel and abroad; a Judaica 3000 exhibition of Jewish art; Arabic literature, arts and crafts; and a theatrical drama, "The Dissidents," written by Israeli playwright, Yehoshua Sobol.

In the play, Sobol depicts both the epic revolt of the Jews against the Romans that resulted in the destruction of the Temple and the internal struggle amongst the Jews, highlighted by the disparate viewpoints of Rabbi Shimon Ben Gamliel and Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakai.

For classical connoisseurs, Beethoven's 9th Symphony and the

opera "Fidelio" are both to be conducted by Israeli Daniel Barenboim, presently Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Berlin Opera. Verdi's opera, "Nabucco," based on the destruction of the First Temple, is to be performed by an Italian opera company. Between courses, sit back and watch some of the world's greatest players compete in the King David International Chess tournament.

Conventions and conferences will draw thousands of experts to Jerusalem to discuss and debate subjects that include Alternative Education, Economics, Law, Architecture, Numismatics and Health.

The Jewish Agency, in its liaison role with the Diaspora, is currently organizing an International quiz on Jerusalem, the final of which is to be held in Jerusalem. It is also producing a plethora of multi-media educational materials (*including posters, workbooks, CD-ROM etc.*) and encouraging correspondence between children in the Diaspora and Jerusalem children through its pen-pal program.

Moreover, the Youth and Hechalutz Department, which brings 15,000 Jewish children annually to Israel, is planning to double that number during 1996. To that end it has launched a project to build a massive camp site just outside Jerusalem which will host 5,000 children for two to three days during the summer of 1996 and run special programs on Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra has commissioned the composition

of three works in honor of Jerusalem. One from Polish composer Kristof Penderecki, and the other two from Israeli composers Noam Sheriff and Yinam Leef. These works will have their first performance during the year at the Orchestra's subscription concerts.

For the icing on the cake, rumors abound about possible star appearances from Barbara Streisand and Whitney Houston.

In Tal-Gan's eyes this feast of events cannot help but bring Jerusalem to the world's attention.

The city is also due to undertake a major and extremely costly project to light up some 150 historical sites, which will make the ancient City of David much more accessible to tourists; an amphitheater and a children's park are being constructed by the Jewish National Fund; and the World Zionist Organization is planning to build a model of the city- "Jerusalem in Miniature."

One cannot help but wonder at the cost of these plans. According to official sources, almost half of the budget, currently estimated at \$6.5m, will come from overseas investment (\$2.6m), \$1m should come from the Jerusalem Municipality and \$3m from the Israeli government.

Whilst questioning the budget is legitimate, there is no doubt as to the benefits to be accrued from increased tourism, economic development and improved infrastructure.

The secularity of the proposed program has also created waves, this time in the ultra-Orthodox community, which makes up roughly

25% of Jerusalem's population. The municipality, for its part, claims that the Haredi community was encouraged to participate in the festivities but showed no interest. Insult will be added to injury should King David be depicted in an unholy manner, for David in his relationship with Jonathan and Bathsheba, it is rumored, may be portrayed as a homosexual and an adulterer.

Deputy Mayor and Torah Culture Minister on the City Council, Haim Miller, Tal-Gan and Olmert are to meet to review the whole program.

Despite such minor setbacks, Jerusalem 3000 looks set to mark a major asterisk on every household calendar around the world. With almost every venue, convention center, theater, concert hall and hotel room already booked for the main part of 1996, coupled with the fact that almost every organization plans to bring more affiliates to Israel and particularly to Jerusalem than ever before, there seems no doubt that Jerusalem is on the verge of something overwhelming.

It is written in a tractate in the Babylonian Talmud, "Kiddushin" 49.B., that "Ten measures of beauty were bestowed upon the world; nine were taken by Jerusalem and one by the rest of the world." Throughout 1996 this unique city of beauty, unrivalled by any other in history, will host an educational, artistic and cultural feast of feasts - fit for the King himself.

OF EHUD MANOR

THE OTHER SIDE

OF YAM HAZIKARON

BY GERI FREUND

(WZPS) Throughout Yam Hazikaron, Memorial Day, the day preceding Israel's Independence Day, the airwaves are full of songs of mourning, many written by Ehud Manor, one of Israel's leading lyricists. Few people, however, are aware of Manor's painful and intimate connection with this sad day.

WZPS correspondent Geri Freund met with Manor to discuss his brother Yehuda, who was killed in 1968 during the War of Attrition, and the profound influence his death has had on his life and on his songwriting.

Ehud Manor, one of Israel's leading lyricists.

The Inner Sigh of Ehud Manor

by Geri Freund

(WZPS) Israel has yet to develop a thriving homegrown equivalent of the Broadway musical or the Italian opera, but it has excelled, for the saddest of reasons, in the art of public mourning. The death of soldiers unknown and known is daily on the minds of Israelis, but on Yom Hazikaron, Memorial Day, observed the day before Israel Independence Day, the nation rises to the sound of a piercing siren and remembers the dead in ceremonial fashion. The country's cemeteries and the roads leading to them jam to capacity, and television and radio stations devote the entire day to somber songs and tales of fallen fathers, sons and brothers.

But while emphasis used to be strictly on the heroic and the stoic, Yom Hazikaron in Israel today has an accompanying strain. We now hear not only the tales of bloody battles and brave soldiers, but also the sad stories of the children, parents and siblings left behind.

Ehud Manor, one of Israel's premier lyricists and for the past 20 years a major figure in television, radio and theater, is closely related to this gradual freeing up of personal expression. While most famous for such rousing joy-filled songs as "Chai!" and "B'Shana Ha'Ba'a." it was in fact his song, "Achi Ha'Tzair Yehuda" - "My Younger Brother Yehuda" - written when his 18-year-old brother fell in 1968, in the War of Attrition, that transformed the landscape of Israeli songs of mourning and almost as

surely of Israeli songwriting in general. "Can you hear?" his song asks his absent brother. "Did you know? The sun still rises every morning and the first rains just fell...and our mother is secretly waiting - perhaps a letter will come."

For Israelis in 1968, the song heralded a kind of revolution, and Manor's coming forward in subsequent years to talk about his brother's death helped to pave the way for others to tell their stories.

Yehuda is still a subject for Manor's songs. "Achi Ha'Katan" - "My Little Brother" - was written just last year, more than 25 years after his death. "It's my brother, year after year, still looking into my eyes. . .he won't be a father or a husband, just my little brother. . .what an illogical world." Many other songs refer less explicitly to Yehuda, but he is still their subject under the surface. A look at some of Manor's most memorable love songs reveals the implicit presence of the lost brother.

"He is always with me," says Manor. "I see his face every morning in the mirror when I shave. I imagine how he is getting older, how he would look today. And no matter where I am, as soon as I walk into a room, I can always sense the presence of someone bereaved. There is a sort of secret connection between us. We open up to each other. I can read his emotional map very quickly. I know what he's had to go through."

Manor himself went through a tortuous grieving process, a process he says will never end. Yehuda had been a young boy and Manor 15-years-old when their father died, leaving Manor to be a father to his

brother. Their mother, claims Manor died on the day Yehuda fell in battle. "I have no complaints against her. She was always such a loving mother, but her life stopped on that day." Yehuda's death also affected his own three children's lives: "I always had such fear, such panic, on their behalf. I hope I didn't damage them too much."

Manor today is 53 and a very busy man. He and his wife, singer Ofra Fuchs, preside over a sun-lit apartment in Tel Aviv, filled with books and music and lovingly selected Victorian furniture (a product of their years in England, when he was studying for a master's degree at Oxford University). He hosts several song and talk shows for television and radio, has just signed contracts to translate the musical "Grease" and Moliere's "The Miser" for the Israeli stage, had two songs competing in the pre-Eurovision song contest and is soon off to America for a two-week lecture tour.

As a child growing up in rural Binyamina, near Zichron Ya'akov, Manor's first love was American music, the songs of Gershwin and Porter in particular. But after learning to play many instruments and realizing very quickly that he didn't have the talent to pursue a career as a musician or a singer ("A great blow," he says ruefully), he turned to lyrics. His lyrics are in turn playful, passionate, serious, tender, sardonic, wistful, mischievous and haunting. In his research for singers who could best express his songs, he has worked with Boaz Sharabi, Natanella, Matti Caspi, Hanan Yovel, and Gidi Gov, to name only a few, crediting each of them with

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Tourism To Israel - Creating A New Reality

by Danny Ben-Tal

(WZPS) During 1948, the first year of Israel's independence, approximately 40,000 passengers passed through Ben-Gurion airport, the main gateway to Israel. By the end of 1994, that number had reached over five million.

With tourism to Israel growing in leaps and bounds, the country has begun to come to terms with a new reality - approximately 16 million tourists by the year 2010 in a country with a population of just over five million citizens.

Danny Ben-Tal reports on Israel's plans to accommodate the increasing number of visitors to the Holy Land and to improve internal travel.



(WZPS) With a record 2.7 million tourists visiting Israel in 1994, an increase of 12% over 1993, Israel's ports of entry are bracing themselves for an unprecedented influx in the coming years.

But Israel will be ready for them. January 1995 saw the inauguration of Ben-Gurion Airport's new \$7 million Arrivals Hall - part of the Ben-Gurion 2000 project - and plans are now underway to improve border crossings and ports, so that more internal flights can be scheduled for tourists and Israelis alike.

As in previous years, the United States provided the greatest number of tourists to Israel in 1994 - 386,000 - representing 21% of visitors - a 3% increase over 1993. In second and third place, respectively, came Germany with 200,000 visitors and the United Kingdom with 192,000, an increase of 13%. They were followed by France with 162,000 visitors - a 4% increase - and Italy with 2,000. Relatively large increases were noted in incoming tourism from Belgium (15%), Austria (12%) and Switzerland (22%). Some 90,000 visitors arrived from Scandinavian countries, an increase of 15% over 1993.

Of the 135,000 tourists to arrive from former Eastern Bloc countries, some 69% hailed from the CIS and 15% from Hungary. Another large increase was marked in tourism from Far Eastern countries, up 17% to 41,000. The largest relative increase, however, came from Egypt as the "cold peace" between the two countries gradually thaws. An unprecedented 22,000 Egyptian tourists arrived in 1994, up from 8,500 in 1993. In 1990, that figure was only 3,350.

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Israel's present terminal was designed to take a maximum of four million passengers a year, although a record 5,924,047 Israelis and visitors passed through the country's main gateway last year. The inauguration of the new 4,100 square meter, air-conditioned Arrivals Hall marked an important stage in the Ben Gurion 2000 project which will provide a long term solution for handling 16 million international passengers annually by the year 2010, as well as for improving infrastructure, luggage handling, maintenance facilities, service and support. The plan will also permit modular phases of development of the major components in the airport: runways, terminals and parking.

Transport Minister Israel Keisar's intention is to complete the first stage of the project at a cost of \$500 million, in time for Israel's 50th anniversary in May 1998. Phases two and three, estimated to cost \$330 million, are expected to be completed by 2010.

"Ben Gurion will become a five-star airport," he predicted, "and with Israel becoming the natural center of the new Middle East, it will be its busiest airport."

Israel Ports Authority General Manager, Motti Deri, hinted of further developments: "This is just

the beginning. The airport will certainly not be the country's only gateway." Some \$30 million will also be invested over the next two years in improving, and in many cases setting up, other border crossings and ports. The woefully inappropriate facilities at the Taba border crossing with Egypt, for example, are being upgraded with a view to opening this summer.

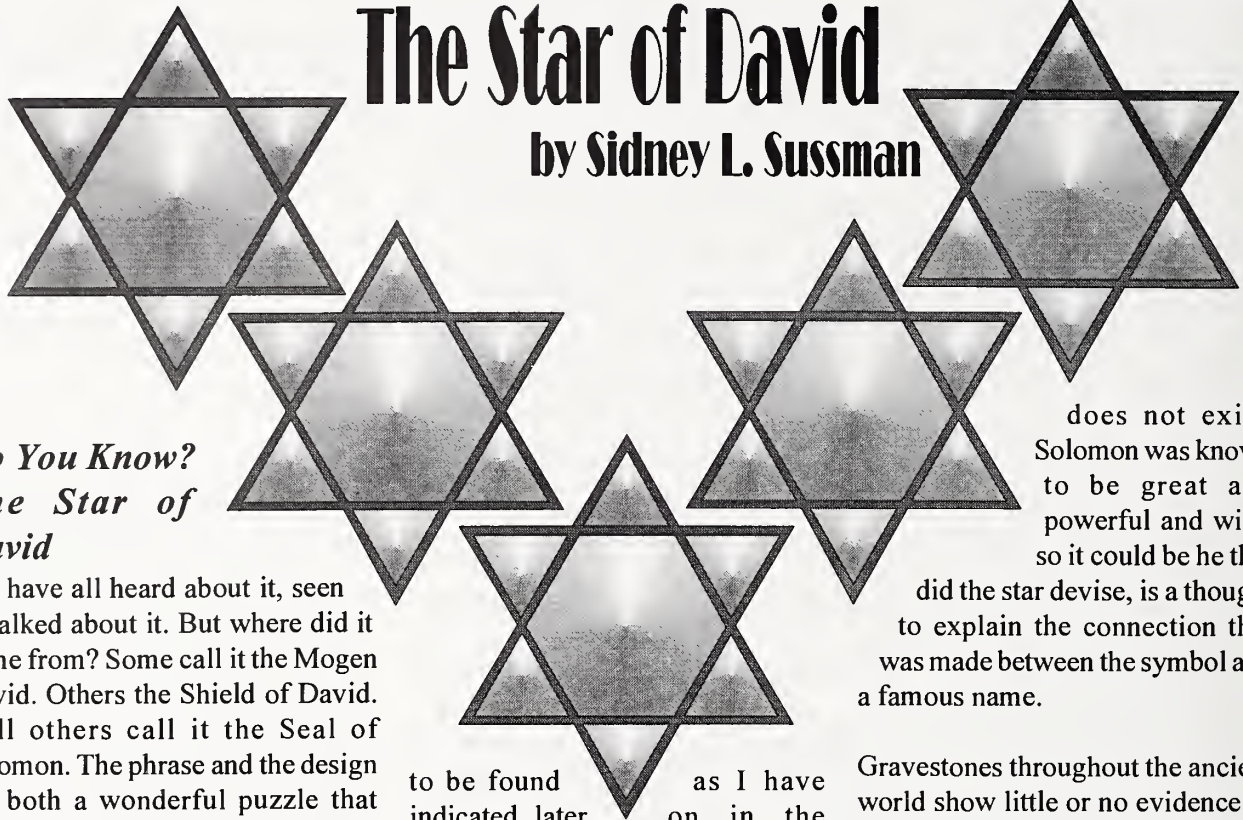
In the meantime, a network of some 20 airstrips has been set up for internal flights, which are becoming a regular feature of life in this era of gridlocked roads. In fact, some 1.5 million Israelis flew internally last year and the numbers are growing steadily by 5% a month.

Income from tourism rose 8% in 1994, to a record \$2.75 billion, with the average tourist spending some \$1,250 during his visit. The ongoing construction of new hotels and tourist facilities throughout the country is expected to pay extensive dividends over the coming years. Peace promises to pay further dividends. Last September's handshake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein on their previously sealed border spurred a flood of planned joint tourism ventures between the countries, although at present, much of the traffic is in one direction.



The Star of David

by Sidney L. Sussman



Do You Know? The Star of David

We have all heard about it, seen it, talked about it. But where did it come from? Some call it the Mogen David. Others the Shield of David. Still others call it the Seal of Solomon. The phrase and the design are both a wonderful puzzle that reads like one of the popular WHODUNITS.

Much has been written about this famous symbol. Most consistent of all the data seems to revolve around its time frame, which is much later than we all have thought. As a symbol, much evidence places it in more recent times than the Davidic period. General use comes into play in the Middle Ages.

The time frame that people have identified with the period of David, 1010-970 BCE, reaches far back into recorded history. Much in the way of graphic evidence just does not exist to bring the Davidic symbol back to that time. It is possible to conjecture that at some future date, other documents similar to the Dead Sea Scrolls may surface and provide additional information. Generally, the use of the Star of David seems

to be found as I have indicated, later on in the Middle Ages.

As to the early meaning of the Mogen David, the two triangles have been referred to as early evidence of some geometric source. This concept is generally dismissed. Some early researchers assigned the phrase "having a mystic quality" to the interlocking triangles. Many people think of the Star of David as a Judaic hallmark even though many researchers indicate that the menorah was more widely used.

The most popular name is the Star of David. Less widely used is the Seal of Solomon. Solomon, David's son, ruled in Israel in the 10th century BCE. The dating and naming of the symbol was probably backdated in time in order to find a probable source. As to hard data that would confirm this time frame, it

does not exist. Solomon was known to be great and powerful and wise, so it could be he that did the star devise, is a thought to explain the connection that was made between the symbol and a famous name.

Gravestones throughout the ancient world show little or no evidence of the star of David until the Middle Ages. Others conjecture that the symbol endures because of Christianity's use of the Cross, or that Jews needed a label.

The other approach to this thought is that the symbol was used by the non-Jewish community to identify the Israelites in their area. Jewish residents of most areas in Europe were required to be back in the Ghetto before nightfall. The yellow star made violators of the curfew ordinance easy to find.

Many of the legends that we previously have, be they this one or others that have come down through the years, have become encrusted with a thick cover of myth and error. One of the problems involved in analyzing data is the need to painstakingly peel away layer by layer of dross. Much care has to be

taken that the overlay does not include information of material fact that might be needlessly discarded.

As archeology has perfected the tools and techniques at its disposal, it has been able to validate many of the questions that surround stories from the past. Records that would have been kept in permanent settlement were either never kept or lost in a less permanent or nomadic society.

Sources of data in the Mideast are sparse due to a variety of additional reasons. Major destruction of archives, i.e. Alexandria, was done by armies and fire. In general there was a lack of either respect or recognition of document value by residents of the area. A piece of priceless papyrus was also valuable for starting a fire to cook or to keep warm. Other artifacts that seemed to have value were sold and in many cases broken up. Not knowing their exact discovery location lessened the research value tremendously.

There is much to interest those of you who may be fascinated with the use of two equilateral triangles to form the Mogen David. The concept of a mathematical relationship to the symbol has been rather exhaustively explained. Among the basic facts to be considered are the time relationships between the great geometric philosophers and the Star of David.

The two most referred to are Euclid and Pythagoras. Euclid who wrote about geometric concepts lived 700 years after the time of David in 300 BCE. Pythagoras, the father of the theorem relating to the triangle and whose data is constantly used in surveying and navigation, came upon

the scene 500 years (500 BCE) after the Davidic period.

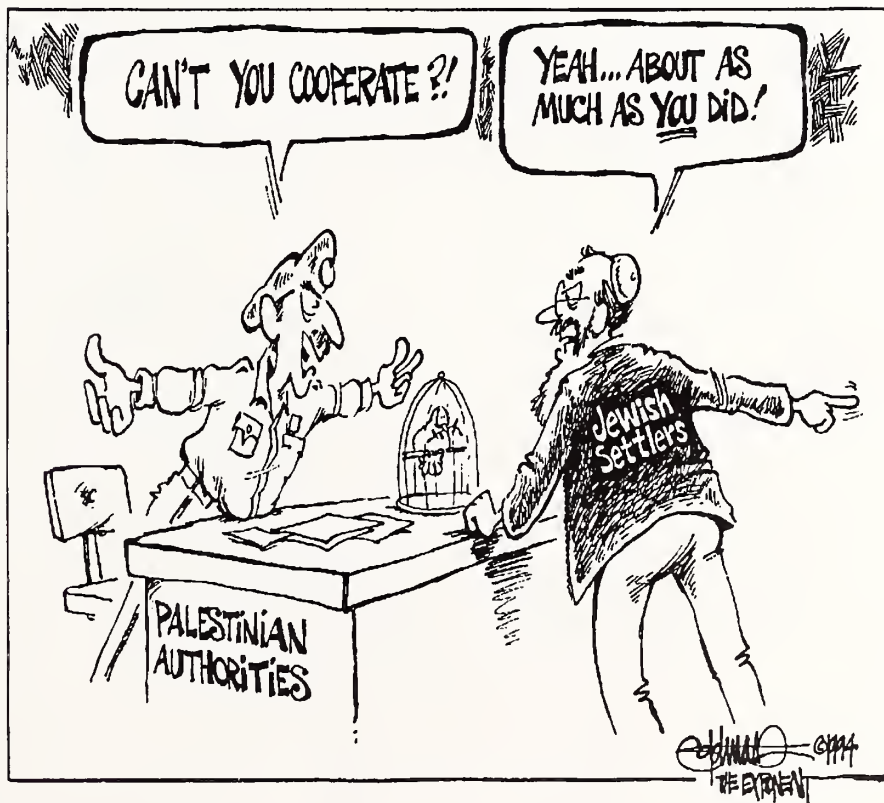
Even though geometry and mathematics were major studies in the Mideast, connecting them with the Mogen David is still stretching things a bit. Especially when you take into consideration the centuries that separated the activities.

There are other thoughts that have been proposed. Among them a connection with Astarte, also known as Ishtar or in Hebrew ASHTORETH. Astarte was a dominant religious theme throughout the semitic area. Babylon, Canaan and Phoenician communities were followed later by Romans and Greeks in venerating this goddess. Astarte's importance throughout the region cannot be

minimized. This was a major force in mid eastern life. Graphically the symbol of Astarte was a star, not two interlocking triangles. Good thought but still no prize for this one.

To conclude, there are a number of basic considerations. The most plausible data seem to emphasize the Middle Age concept. The story is not ended, but will continue to fascinate us until some definitive evidence is found. Meanwhile the State of Israel has taken a symbol of despair and oppression and made it into a mark of pride.

My appreciation and thanks to Professor Richard Cohen, Rabbi Michael Moskowitz and Rabbi Gershon Sholem for providing guidance and research on this topic.



From Russia with Love

The Shaliach Who Went In To The Cold

(WZPS) Most Jews are aware that there is a steady influx of Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel--some 65,000 each year in fact. But few are aware that 90 Jewish Agency shlichim (emissaries) have been entrusted with making all this happen.

Chaim Chessler arrived in Russia in 1993 with the daunting task of coordinating this network of shlichim. In late 1994, he presented a report on Jewish Agency activities in the CIS.

(WZPS) During the last days of 1994, the news media in Israel gave extensive coverage to the dramatic immigration of members of the small Jewish community of Chechnya who escaped to Israel from war-torn Grozny. This brought the number of Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel last year from the former Soviet Union to more than 66,000.

Since 1992, there has been a steady annual influx of between 65,000 and 67,000 immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union, a number almost taken for granted by Government and Jewish Agency officials, as well as by lay and professional Jewish community leaders abroad.

Certainly, little thought is given to the role of those entrusted with making all this happen--the network of 90 Jewish Agency emissaries (shlichim) scattered throughout the CIS.

Chaim Chessler, 45, who formerly headed the United States Aliyah Office and in the 1980's was Secretary General for Israel's Public Council for Soviet Jewry, arrived in Russia in 1993 with his wife and three children, with the daunting task of coordinating the shlichim who represent the departments of the Jewish Agency and Zionist Movement.

As head of the first Jewish Agency delegation to the CIS, he soon discovered that the vast distances between communities and poor infrastructure were not going to make his job any easier.

In his 1994 report on Jewish Agency activities in the former Soviet Union, Chessler praised the shlichim, who consist of youth workers, educators and aliyah consultants, and their all-out efforts to encourage aliyah, counsel potential immigrants, arrange flights and the transfer of personal effects. The shlichim, who put youth and students at the top of the agenda, also refer unaccompanied teenagers to boarding schools in Israel (2,000 in 1994) through the Na'aleh 16 program, and run summer schools and winter camps throughout the CIS for over 20,000 Jewish youngsters annually.

With the help of 18 shlichim, teachers by profession, some 130 ulpanim have been set up throughout the CIS, which are run by 600 local Hebrew teachers. Two pedagogic centers were also set up. Shlichim in the CIS, Chessler notes, require great dedication, energy and determination. They have no choice but to buckle down and adapt despite

often highly unstable political, economic and social conditions which often lead to rampant crime and the lack of simple everyday necessities such as water and heat.

But this instability had its pulses, at least in terms of aliyah. In the Ukraine and Moldavia, for example, the deteriorating economic situation, the lack of law and order, and the rise of Ukrainian nationalism have resulted in a

dramatic increase in aliyah. In Central Asia, too, the combination of Islamic fundamentalism and an unstable economy are forcing entire Jewish communities to leave for Russia, Israel and elsewhere.

Said Chessler, "I was privileged to be involved during the climax of the struggle for the freedom of Soviet Jewry, and I am again privileged to be part of the new climax of Jews arriving in Israel."





On Being A Jewish Feminist: A Reader

by **Susannah Heschel**,
editor and writer of forewords
 Schocken Books 288 pp. \$15.00
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Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A collection of essays is gathered by Susannah Heschel in *On Being A Jewish Feminist*. She is the prominent speaker, daughter of the revered Joshua Heschel, who was rabbi, philosopher, author and teacher.

The book is divided into three parts: "Old Myths and Images," Forging New Identities," and "Creating a Feminist Theology of Judaism."

Susannah Heschel's background in Judaism is irrefutably excellent, making her introductions, as well as her preface, convincing. These women speak out against the status of women in Judaism, as well as in Western society, and all societies, for that matter, throughout history until today.

The comparison of Jewish women to those in other cultures is taken into consideration, but truth is factual, and if we face it, there is ample cause

for the anger voiced in most of these writings.

Because Cynthia Ozick is probably best known of all of the contributors to *On Being A Jewish Feminist*, I cite her argument that we do not pose the right questions. Referring to the Bible, there are always the questions about a God who is male, with answers undeniable by believers in the One God. What, would we have goddesses reminiscent of pagans who surrounded our ancient ancestors?

No, the nature of divinity is not what we need to discuss. The status of women is a sociological fact, according to Ozick. She begins with Eve, "the First Woman, an inferior moral creature." But, she contends, Eve's sin is necessary to Christianity, not to Judaism. The fall of Man due to Eve's sin is a Christian notion, with the ensuing need for Redemption, without which there would be no crucified Christ for the salvation of all.

But in the Jewish tradition, the human race continues under conditions less than paradisiacal. Eve is "irrelevant to the survival and continuation of Judaism."

Over the centuries, Judaism developed *halakhah*, a system of justice on earth. In that system, however, women continued as a "subdivision" of humanity, outside of the main class, which was male.

Cynthia Ozick goes on to list items of women's inferior status, with the arguments offered by Jews, trying to demonstrate that there is no discrimination, only consideration for women. She notes the concern over the loss of millions of Jews in every pogrom, in the Holocaust of our own time, the mourning, the commemoration. Yet, she cries out, throughout Jewish history, one-half of our Jews were "excised." These were the women. There has been "no grief at the loss." They were lost "in the sense of isolation, confinement away from the main stage of Jewish communal achievement."

The Torah abounds with commandments and "thou shalt nots," but there is no consideration of the injustice against women. Ozick calls for change.

Claire R. Satlof's essay, "History, Fiction, and the Tradition," is another important part of this book. She points out that the very writings of feminists is a form of rebellion. She protests the separations and the faults that lie in the language of our tradition.

Judith Plaskow reminds us that "Women have not contributed to the formation of the written tradition, and thus tradition does not reflect the specific realities of women's lives."

Rita M. Gross calls our linguistic forms "a massive skewing and programming of religious

consciousness." She also says, "Though language about God cannot really tell us about God, because of the limitations of language and the nature of God, it can tell us a great deal about those who create and use the God-language."

She believes that the alienation and resentment of women stretches back to the origins of our religious tradition.

If these women sound angry, I believe they truly are. The rest of us who are resigned to the "way things are" are not among those women who think that they can make a difference that would make us equal; maybe separate, but not equal.

Myth and Meaning: Cracking the Code of Culture

by Claude Levi-Strauss

*Pantheon Books (Schocken) 58 pp.
\$10.00 paperback*

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This slim book is heavy with thought. Its well known author is anthropologist and mythologist, the first having led him into the second field of study.

With a deep interest in science, Levi-Strauss believes science leaves many questions unanswered. Since the start of human history, people have tried to explain mysteries of life and the universe with what we refer to as myth. When similar beliefs are found in varied cultures, it seems a basic truth or thought process must exist, and *Myth and Meaning* deals with such ideas.

The relationship between myth and history is a close one. More interesting and unusual is the chapter entitled, "Myth and Music."

Of especial interest to me is the chapter, " 'Primitive' Thinking and the Civilized Mind." This delves into the intellect and thinking of people without writing, which is the description the author prefers to "primitive." Just as we cannot understand what may be in the minds of animals, because of their inability to speak, we have great difficulty in understanding a culture without its own writing.

In his quest of wisdom, Levi-Strauss examines the differences and similarities between varied cultures in the world's society. He explores the role of science in society, and he believes that science is beginning to encompass the realities of life and to take into consideration the processes of mythological thinking.

Myth and Meaning: Cracking the Code of Culture is a fascinating book which merits reading time after time.

The Fountain of Age

by Betty Friedan

*Simon & Schuster Touchstone Books
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Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

It has been my conviction that Americans never stopped searching for The Fountain of Youth, since the early Spanish explorers pursued that goal. In my lifetime, it has taken the path of foods and other ingested substances like vitamins and minerals, and most recently, a belief in "natural" remedies and aids to good health.

It reminds me of a line in a piece I learned in elocution class in my childhood, "And immediately, I shall live forever."

The obsession with retaining youth is encouraged pervasively in all that we see and hear every day. People do not state their age after thirty, and do not resign themselves to wrinkles or gray hair. They adjust better to losing youthful slimness of body (if such was their condition) by ignoring their appearance below the chin.

Even Betty Friedan struggled to accept the reality of her approaching sixtieth birthday. As a result, she launched into an extensive research of aging in humans. In *The Fountain of Age*, the well known author of *The Feminine Mystique* and founder of the National Organization for Women, she has performed a great service for everyone who fails to remain young.

To her credit, she realized that gerontologists and others engaged in the field of aging perform their studies amidst colonies of old people, in retirement villages or centers, in nursing homes and hospitals. She also perceived that a small minority of the aged wind up in such places. Only 5% of people over 65 have Alzheimer's disease or reside in institutions, she found.

Betty Friedan's research for this work was in society as a whole, with aging people who are actively living. She worked with the Center for Social Sciences at Columbia University, the Center for Population Research at Harvard University and the Andrus

Gerontology Center at the University of Southern California. Her research continued over more than a decade; she is now 74 years old, speaking with authority from experience and countless interviews.

She views the unprecedented youth market which had its greatest impetus in the 1960's as society's final solution to aging, which is denial. Since we have had the idealization of youth, we do not see age as continued development. "We have therefore averted our eyes from the face of age."

Studies show that deterioration in mental ability, life satisfaction and participation relate to nearness to death, not with chronological age. That is something to think about.

In this long and detailed examination of the process of aging, there is convincing evidence that general and long held beliefs in the ideal of staying young are not helping anyone to cope with the relentless flight of time. "People who cope, grow."

In *The Foundation of Age*, we are encouraged to accept change and to make changes. It is impractical to cling to the past. We need to move, to acquire new activities, new friendships, new routines and interests.

In the acceptance of one's life as a product of past choices and experience, we can come to terms with life. This is important, because in Friedan's words, "Failure to achieve this 'integrity' leads to despair, vindictiveness, depression, suicide, or a deep fear of old age and death." When we gain the wisdom

that should come with old age, we can overlook the shallow values of our society. These are harsh words, but helpful.

Admitting that we cannot live as we did when we were thirty, forty, or even fifty will help us to make the changes we need to accommodate to new circumstances and conditions, whether they be external, physical, or as in most cases, both.

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everyone needs to read *The Fountain of Age*. It will help achieve new strengths and attitudes. It will help make new choices, to find new dimensions of work and love, to care for one's mental and physical health. These are subjects governing some of the chapters of this book.

Too often, people refuse to contemplate the prospect of growing old. The paradox is that most of the same people really want to live a long time. It doesn't make good sense.

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A 'Frivolous Old Gal'

In a lighter vein, somebody left the following on my desk the other day. It is in the form of a letter from an old lady to a friend:

"Remember," she writes, "Old folks are worth a fortune. We've got silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys and gas in our stomachs.

"I have become a little older since I last saw you and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen everyday.

"As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then, I go to see John. Next, Charlie Horse comes along and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention.

"When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. However, he does not like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

"After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay.

"P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

"I told him I did that all the time. No matter where I am -- in the parlor, upstairs, downstairs or in my kitchen -- I ask myself, 'Now what am I here after?'"

Thanks to Phyllis Weinstein for sharing this poem.

NEWS

ADL Survey Finds School Prayer Amendment Opposed by Majority of Top Newspapers

New York, NY March 31--Ninety per cent of the nation's 50 largest-circulation daily newspapers that editorialized (31 papers) oppose a Constitutional amendment to permit organized prayer in the public schools, according to the Anti-Defamation League's *Big 50 Press Survey: Proposed Constitutional Amendment To Permit Organized Prayer In Public Schools*.

"The results of our survey clearly indicate that a substantial majority of responsible public opinion continues to support the 1962 Supreme Court decision that ruled school prayer violates the constitutional prohibition against state establishment of religion," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. "While we understand the need for teaching moral and

religious values to our youth, we believe state-sponsored prayer in public schools is not the way to do it. Schools are not houses of worship, and teachers are not spiritual advisors."

Foxman said public school students already have the right to pray privately in school or discuss their religious beliefs with others. "We only oppose prayer in the school that is officially organized," he emphasized. "A school prayer amendment would improperly extend government power and also diminish the freedom of religion all Americans cherish so deeply."

The ADL survey revealed that of the top 10 daily newspapers in the country, nine opposed the proposed amendment and one--*The Wall*

Street Journal--was the principal supporter. Three of the 31 newspapers that responded to the issue--which was raised by Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA) following the Nov. 8 elections--favored the amendment while five of those opposing it indicated some support for a "moment of silence" concept.

The survey was prepared by the ADL Civil Rights Division's Research and Evaluation Department.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

American Jewish Committee Reports: Violence, Hatred, Conspiracy Theories Part of Growing Militia Movement

New York, April 17--"In a little over a year, since the coming to light of the Militias of Montana (MOM) in February, 1994, a well-armed and dangerous anti-government militia movement has been spreading with lighting pace across the country, 'preparing for war with the government'."

So writes Kenneth S. Stern, program specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism for the American Jewish Committee, in his newly-released background report: "Militias: A Growing Danger."

The report is compiled from press accounts, militia documents, and postings on the Internet. A separate 600-page volume including 124 items documenting militia activity, ideology and threats serves as an appendix to the publication.

"Militias," writes Mr. Stern, "have either direct or indirect connections with organized white supremacists and are using new forms of communication such as the Internet, faxes, national shortwave radio, and video, to share their information and warfare training exercises. The militias constitute a new manifestation of violent hate-group activity that targets not only the traditional victims--racial and religious minorities--but even more

so, government and government employees."

Mr. Stern maintains that ordinary people are being drawn to militias through such issues as gun control and fear of the federal government, with the siege of the Branch Davidians at Waco and that of Randy Weaver in Idaho, as the rallying points. The militia movement presupposes that it is defending American freedom while the government and government employees are threats to that freedom. Beliefs in wild ideas, such as imminent government attack or that foreign policemen are training in the American wilderness to "take guns away" from Americans, fuel the movement. Anti-Semitic ideas and literature are also present in many militias.

Recent militia-related activity includes shooting at police officers, gathering to try to down a national guard helicopter, armed confrontations, and the pronouncement by the leader of one militia group that members should "Go up and look legislators in the face, because some day you may have to blow it off." Judges and others--including the 7-year-old son of a state legislator--have also been victims of death threats. Ordinary citizens report that they are

intimidated from participating in local government.

Mr. Stern cautions that while the militia movement "is not a clear and present danger to American society, it is quickly spreading [and] is a dangerous movement with an ideology of contempt for government laws, including criminal laws. Militia activity is not provided for by the Second Amendment. Private militias are in violation of paramilitary training laws, state constitutional provisions that reserve the right to form a militia to the state, and possibly other provisions of state and federal law. . . Some estimates suggest that there are now over 10,000 people of state and federal law. . . Some estimates suggest that there are now over 10,000 people connected with the militia movement, in thirty five states."

Mr. Stern concludes that militias should "not be viewed as a localized problem, but as a national one. . . Laws must be enforced, and where not in place, enacted, to make organized armed citizens militias illegal. People have a right to state their claims and organize in the marketplace of ideas; no one has the right to intimidate others with a choking atmosphere of fear, violence, and threat."



Michele Heller is Chairperson of the "Light of the Torah" Committee along with Marlene Breger-Joyce and Lillian Wellisch. The recipient of this award will be announced in the next bulletin.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS

Dr. Joseph Schandler was honored in the Community News section of the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, "Relishing A Life Of Service." Volunteerism has been a way of life for him. In high school, he was active in Boy Scouts, De Molay, and Jewish Youth. Later in college, he worked almost full time as Youth Director for the Zionist Youth Commission. He is, at present, active in the Lions Club, Michael Wellisch Children's Cancer Service (recently merged with the Eblen Foundation) and other organizations.

SISTERHOOD

Michele Heller, Nominating Committee Chairperson, announces the new Executive Board for next year: Maggie Rotman, President, Beth Sutton, Administrative Vice President, Liz Nigrosh, Programming Vice President, Alice Green, Corresponding Secretary, Lorraine Silverman, Recording Secretary, Hilda Ehrlich, Treasurer, and Michele Heller, Immediate Past President.

On March 10, a successful "getting to know you" lunch was given by Sisterhood at the Savoy Restaurant. This successful affair prompted all to call for another social lunch.

PURIM

Purim night was a night to end all nights. Hilarity ran rampant with deafening noises at the sound of the "unmentionable" HAMAN, including popping of balloons by two of the congregants (in their balloon costumes). Original songs and original poetry contributed to the "meshugeness." The Megillah was read with some congregants giving their rendition of their own interpretation. And who led the services? None other than cowboy Clint Eastberg, a.k.a. Rabbi Birnham. Many adults and children were in colorful costumes, too numerous to enumerate, including the Rebitzin, Sara, who came as cowgirl "The Cisco Yid."

The mood translated into further silliness and merriment at the "Hamantaschen Ball," held on March 18, sponsored by Sisterhood.

ADULT EDUCATION

On March 29, in "Women and Judaism -- Part III, "Rabbi taught about the fascinating process of the development of women's legal rights over the past twenty-five years.

On March 28, we had text study, discussion, and lunch -- "Nosh and Drosh" -- at noon with Rabbi Birnham.

On Saturday, April 1, all were invited to join in a study group (a Rosh Chodesh Program) that was Sisterhood sponsored, about the phases of the moon. The significance of moon cycles in other religions and how the celebration of the "new moon" is special for Jewish women. Debi Miles and Sara Birnham led the program. A Havdalah service followed.

April 26 was the Community Yom HaShoah Memorial Program at Beth Israel. The speakers were Dr. Walter Ziffer and Mr. Julius Blum, with a new service by Yosi Knight.

SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER (Family Style)

The Community Seder was held on the first night with record crowd participation, led by our Rabbi.

MEMBERSHIP

Toby Cohen, Membership Chair, reports on the "twinning program." A volunteer twinning family is matched with a new member on the basis of some common thread. The match lasts a year, enough time for the new member to acclimate to life at Beth Israel. The program is going well.

On April 29, an all family membership Ice Cream Social after a special Sundown Havdalah was held at the Shul.

Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Upcoming Events

Jerry Levin and Stacy Gorelick, co-chairs of the Temple Israel 100th Anniversary Committee, have announced a slate of exciting celebrations to commemorate this important event. On April 2, Moishe Klein, a Torah scribe, traveled to Charlotte to explain the mitzvah of writing a Torah and to demonstrate how a Torah scroll is constructed. On May 16 and 17, he will return to allow the children of the Hebrew school to write in the Torah.

On April 30, the children of Temple Israel were treated to their own celebratory gala. Grades K-2 enjoyed lunch, prizes, games, and a magic show. In the evening, grades 3-7 celebrated with dinner, a D.J., games, stories, prizes and an ice cream bar.

Other festivities this year will include, on September 17, a showing of the 100th Anniversary Video and an opportunity for all who have contributed to the Torah Fund to write in our new Torah; on October 17, which is Simchat Torah, the presentation of the new Torah to the congregation; on November 17, a community Shabbat dinner and services; on November 18, Shabbat services and a luncheon attended by state and local dignitaries; and on the evening of November 18, a black tie dinner dance at the Marriott City Center.

Recent Events

Sisterhood's Pre-Passover Spaghetti Dinner was again a great success this

year. The annual event allows Temple Israelites to socialize and enjoy a delicious "chametz" meal before the onset of matzo season.

Temple Israelites again lit candles on April 26, erev Yom HaShoah, in memory of victims of the Holocaust. Candles were supplied by the Men's Club.

The Social Action committee has been busy with a variety of community activities. On February 11, 17 volunteers served dinner to the homeless at the Men's Emergency Winter Shelter. In March food was served to 87 at Hope Haven, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, while Daryle Ryce performed.

The "Celebrating Life: The Art of Jewish Aging" series continued on April 20, when Rabbi Ezring presented a program entitled, "Passover Trivia: Where Did This All Come From?" The Celebrating Life programs, geared to the mature adults in our community, have become vastly popular. On the third Thursday of every month, participants first enjoy a kosher lunch. Then, they are treated to a program addressing Jewish issues, often with a humorous slant. For more information about the series, please call the Temple office (362-2796).

The Jewish Books Discussion Group met on April 24 to talk about *The Merchant of Venice*. The Jewish Books group is open to all members of the Jewish community. Call Linda Levy at (h) 366-6362 or (w) 377-8982 or Ruth Warat at (h) 542-8278 or (w) 522-6488 for more information.

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Sara Isabel Mond, daughter of Elizabeth and Jered Mond, was born on January 6, 1995. The proud grandparents are Rita and Irving Mond of Charlotte, Susan Breines of West Jefferson NC, and Jules Epstein of Farmingdale NY. Abraham Yitshak Weinstein, son of Sara and Rabbi Shmuel Weinstein, was born on January 29, 1995. The proud grandparents are Zava and Tom Rosenberg of Charlotte and Eleanor and Leroy Weinstein of Richmond VA. Jenny Baikovitz of Charlotte is the proud great-grandmother. Adrienne Marlo Kronovet, daughter of Gail and Neal Kronovet, was born on February 15, 1995. The proud grandparents are Marion and David Kronovet of Charlotte and Carolyn and Al Leventhal of Delray Beach FL. Daniel Aaron Willenzik, son of Marci and Richard Willenzik, was born on March 8. The proud grandparents are Dorothy and Morton Wizer of Richmond VA, and Mrs. Carla Willenzik. The proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Meyers of Pembroke Pines FL, and Hortense Levich of Mississippi.

Congratulations also to the following B'nai Mitzvah: Erin Goldstein, daughter of Ellen and Shelton Goldstein, became a Bat Mitzvah on April 1. Adam Pesach Dubin, son of Ellen and Daniel Dubin, became a Bar Mitzvah on April 29.

Finally, mazel tov to the following new brides and grooms: Dr. Marla Shapiro and Dr. Rene Kapik were married at Temple Sinai in Atlanta GA, on March 4. Marla is the

daughter of Marilyn Shapiro and of Sol Shapiro. Rene is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Kapik of Kalamazoo MI. The couple resides in Atlanta. Debbie Britton and Warren Binnick were married at Temple Israel on December 31, 1994. The couple resides in Charlotte.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. David Van Glish, Ms. Anne Platt; and Mr. David Wolitzky.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Lepow

On Sunday, April 2, fifty Temple Beth El members participated in a brand new program, "Pathways to Passover," a series of workshops designed to enhance everyone's Passover experience.

In the kitchen, Cherie Flitton, Suzie Gladstone and Helaine Bowles organized "Preparing the Seder Table," which was designed to delve into the culinary mysteries of the Seder feast. The workshop included samples and tips on making the Seder a memorable occasion, and each participant left with a book of our kitchen-tested recipes. Lunch included homemade chicken and matza ball soup, vegetarian matza lasagna, Ahskenazi and Israeli charoset, and flourless chocolate cake.

Susie Lepow led a workshop entitled "Navigating the Hagaddah," designed to provide tips and techniques to those charged with leading their family Seders. Participants went through the

Hagaddah and left with new-found confidence and enthusiasm for the task at hand. Members also shared "family secrets," and the exchange of ideas was helpful to everyone.

Rabbi Bennett led "Opening up the Hagaddah" and "Making Music on Passover." The first was a guided excursion through the Hagaddah, a goldmine of historical and philosophical interest. The second workshop included the teaching and singing of the traditional songs that have been part of Passover for generations, as well as the introductions of some new tunes, bound to become family favorites.

According to Rabbi Bennett, "This series had something for everybody, from the seasoned veteran of many Seders to the novice about to experience a first Passover. I am grateful to the Adult Education Committee and the Temple Beth El Sisterhood for their help in designing and offering these workshops."

Mazel Tov to our May B'nai Mitzvah, Rose Miller, daughter of Joy Ann and Fred Miller on May 6, Rebecca Ferry, daughter of Debra and Michael Ferry on May 13, Danielle Goldfischer, daughter of Iline and Michael Goldfischer on May 20, and Sara Blazek, daughter

of Beth and Gary Blazek on May 27.

A hearty Mazel Tov to Marcel and Susan Stark on the birth of their son, Dylan Robert, and to Susan Aronson and Andrew Ouslander on their recent marriage.

Shalom and welcome to our newest members, Jonathan and Debra Gould, Robert Krasow, Marvin and Marilyn Woronov.

Mazel Tov to our youngsters who were called to the bima as B'nai Mitzvot during the month of April, Michael Raburn, son of Cindy and Chuck Raburn on April 1, Dana Gottheim, daughter of Merle and Alan Gottheim on April 8, Emily Moore, daughter of Madelon Moore on April 22, and Adam Ciaramella, son of Hedda Ciaramella on April 29.

A hearty welcome to our newest members, Nomi and Neal Bergman, Debra and Jonathan Gould, Rob Krasow, Traci Taylor and Marilyn and Marvin Woronov.

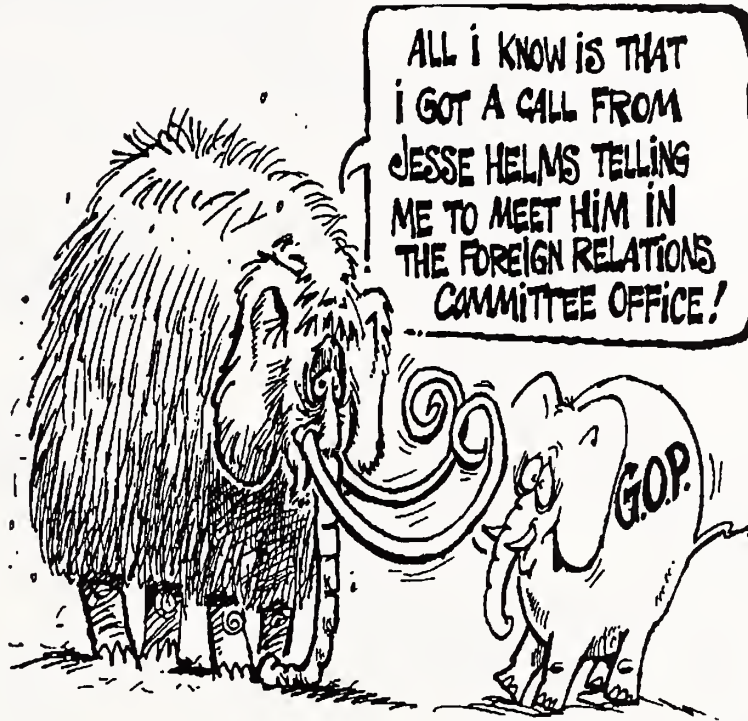
Mazel Tov to Cheryl and Kevin Slane on the birth of their daughter Rachel, to Marrene and Seth Twery, on the birth of their son Zachary, and to June and Jonathan Levine on the birth of their son Evan.



Continued from page 9 - Ehud Manor
bringing out a different facet of his
own gifts.

Having just received a life's work
award from the Israel association of
songwriters for, among other things,
introducing the pronoun "I" into
Israeli songs, Manor explain his
unique style: "I've learned that
happiness in life comes from the
connection with other people. In all
of the Jews I've met abroad I hear
that inner sigh. No matter how
successful they are, they still have
a certain vulnerability, a certain
insecurity about their identity."

Known as perhaps the kindest
interviewer on today's Israeli
cultural scene, he attributes this to
a heightened sense of awareness of
the person being interviewed. "I am
grateful that all my life I've been
able to do what I want. It could have
been otherwise. And when I'm
sitting across from someone in an
interview, I remember that I'm not
God. I see in front of me all the
things I've done myself that were
not perfect. It keeps me humble."



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*As a child, I remember that
whenever
I was hurt or afraid, you would
come to me,
try to comfort me, and tell me
everything
was going to be all right. It
seems the
world was simpler then.*

*As I grew, I began to seek
answers
for myself, often determined to
make my
own way, and frequently feeling
that mine
was the only soul to ever endure
such
troubled times. We didn't
always see eye
to eye -- you and I -- your
visions were
tempered by experience, while
mine were
reigned by youth. . .but under-
neath it all,
a bond of family always re-
mained--kept us
tied together--and love was ever
present.*

by Rowland R. Hoskins, Jr.

ORGANIZATIONS

ORT IN Brief

by *Linda B. Hindel*

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IN ISRAEL

ORT Israel is the flagship of the world ORT network. From Katzrin in the north to Eilat in the south, an ORT school features in major towns and cities throughout the land. The full range of ORT's vocational and technical programs is found in Israel. These programs run the gamut from helping disadvantaged youngsters move into the mainstream of Israeli

society to offering an advanced high-tech curriculum at the Joseph Hartz ORT School of Engineering and at the ORT Braude International College of Technology. ORT has spearheaded Israel's educational system since 1948. Between 80,000 and 90,000 students are enrolled annually in more than 140 schools. More than one-sixth of the nation's total work force has studied in ORT schools. A large percentage of the work force employed by Israeli high-tech industry are ORT graduates. Special training and retraining programs have been established to meet the needs of recently arrived Ethiopian and Soviet immigrants.

IN THE U.S.A.

ORT operations U.S.A. is now the fastest growing ORT network in the world, doubling its enrollment each year. In 1977, New York's Bramson ORT Technical Institute opened its doors as the first U.S. junior college under Jewish auspices. In 1985, ORT established the Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute (LAOTI). The latest addition is the Zarem/Golde ORT Institute, which opened in Chicago in 1991. Programs also operate at the Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School in North Miami Beach FL, and in four Jewish day schools in Atlanta.

ORT IS EDUCATION

Today, ORT's the largest voluntary network of vocational education and technological training in the world. Its 800 schools and projects accommodate 250,000 students in more than 100 fields. Students of all ages are enrolled in ORT's worldwide network of secondary and industrial schools, as well as in

ORT apprenticeship programs, technical institutes, junior colleges, and teachers' institutes. Adapting its programs to the diverse needs of students and host communities in keeping pace with the latest developments in science and technology, ORT constantly expands and updates its curriculum, pedagogical materials, and technical equipment. The ORT system, which has always featured courses on Judaica and Hebrew language instruction, has made rapid strides in applying technology to the teaching of Jewish studies. Special ORT language instruction programs are conducted for immigrants to accelerate their acculturation to their new homeland. During 113 years of existence, ORT has trained some 3 million people, thus enabling them to earn their living and to become productive members of society.

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women's rights, the members of Women's American ORT help to sustain democratic values and work for progressive change.

The Crown City Chapter is made up of a dynamic and diverse group of women who are proud of their

contribution to ORT. New members are always welcomed and quickly incorporated into the organization. If you are interested or know someone who might like more information about ORT, please call Ellen Wismuller (543-8844) or Brenda Lutz (588-2258).



District Five of B'nai B'rith Announces its 1995 Institute of Judaism at Wildacres



Greenville, NC -- District Five (Southeast Region) of B'nai B'rith announces its 48th Institute of Judaism, held annually at Wildacres Retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina near the town of Little Switzerland. This year's Institute, from August 10 through August 13, will focus on the theme: "Jewish Identity and Continuity."



Featured are two well-known figures in Jewish and public life, Diane and Michael Medved. The former is a clinical psychologist and author of numerous articles and three books on family life, including *Children: To Have or Have Not?* and *The Case Against Divorce*. Dr. Medved is currently collaborating with former Vice-President Dan Quayle on a book entitled *Family Values*. Michael Medved, her husband, is a nationally recognized film critic and author. He serves as cohost of the Public Broadcasting System's popular half-hour weekly movie review show, *Sneak Previews*. His most recent book, *Hollywood Vs. America*, has created some controversy. The Medveds are deeply involved in Jewish life both at home and in their community in Southern California.

The District Five Institute will be held at Wildacres, a 1400 acre mountaintop retreat in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. For three days participants will attend lectures, question-and-answer sessions, informal meetings with the faculty members, small group discussions, meals, religious services, and other activities. The Institute offers a special blend of scholarship and companionship that makes for a memorable experience.

Total cost of the institute, including meals and lodging, is \$220 per person for the three days.

The Institutes of Judaism are the core of the B'nai B'rith Continuing Education Program. B'nai B'rith brings together Jews from all over the world, uniting them to promote Jewish continuity, to enhance Jewish culture, to defend Jewish interests, and to work for the betterment of society.

Interested persons may write Todd Savitt, 3101 Ellsworth Drive, Greenville, NC 28734 or phone 919-355-6580 (answering machine after four rings).

I am interested in learning more about the District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism to be held at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, NC, August 10-13, 1995. Please send information to:

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***1995 Date Set for
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Personals

Fabricant & Corwin Wed

Lisa Michele Fabricant, Chapel Hill NC, daughter of Mrs. Sheldon (Nancy) Corwin, Waxhaw NC, and Mr. Neil H. Fabricant, Tampa FL and Dr. Benjamin David Sutker, Chapel Hill NC, son of Mrs. Judith F. Sutker and Mr. Stephen W. Sutker, Charlotte NC, were united in marriage on Saturday, the fourth of March, 1995, at seven o'clock in the evening at The Grove Park Inn, Asheville NC. Officiating at the Ceremony was Dr. Israel J. Gerber, Rabbi, Charlotte NC. Dr. Frederick Brody, Washington DC, and Dr. Raynor Casey, Durham NC served as Best Man and Ms. Leslie A. Verkauf, New York NY, served as Maid of Honor. Ben's niece, Miss Kaylah Rowlett, Charlotte NC, and Lisa's cousin, Miss Saskia Fabricant, Springfield VT, served as Flower Girls and Saskia's brother, Jeroen Fabricant was the Ring Bearer.

Dr. Sutker is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and is an Orthopaedic Surgeon at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill NC. Lisa is a Graduate of Emory University, Atlanta GA and will graduate from the University of North Carolina School of Law in May, 1995.

Ben and Lisa left on Sunday Evening for their Honeymoon in the Virgin Islands and will reside in Chapel Hill NC.

Professor With Local Ties Trying To Revolutionize Rice Industry

A man with ties to Hickory is doing research that could revolutionize the rice-growing industry in the United States. Dr. Lawrence E. Datnoff, son of Mrs. Phillip Datnoff of Hickory and the late Phillip Datnoff, is an associate professor at the University of Florida.

He and colleague George Snyder are studying applications of silicon, in combination with fungicides, in an effort to make rice more disease-resistant.

Rice is being grown commercially in Florida. Datnoff and Snyder are conducting their research in Colombia, South Africa, as well as in Florida.

A Brazilian agricultural organization, EMBRAPA, is seeking to participate with Datnoff, Snyder and other researchers on expanding the research effort. EMBRAPA's participation would provide another laboratory for research.

Because the diseases being studied occur more frequently in Latin American than in Florida, the scientists can reduce the duration of experiments by working with other scientists.

"The rice industry is going to expand in Florida, and this information will be very useful," Datnoff said. "It takes a team effort to obtain one piece of information. If we have people working on several aspects of this problem from different parts

of the world, we can more quickly draw conclusions for better implementation."

EMBRAPA officials first learned of the research when Datnoff was invited to present a paper at the Ninth International Conference on Rice, held last year in Latin America.

Rice diseases such as blast and brown spot are usually controlled with fungicides, but these products are perceived as potential threats to land and water. In rice, silicon can suppress the severities of blast, brown spot and stem root.

Datnoff's research is partially sponsored by the Conservation, Food and Health Foundation. It began in 1993 when Datnoff was selected as one of eight college faculty members in the United States to receive a National Science Council fellowship grant for scientific exchange.

First Place

David Schulman received a first place award from the North Carolina Press Club for his work in *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. Congratulations to Mr. Schulman from all of us at *The American Jewish Times Outlook!*



Mother's Day Breakfast

Serves 4-6

Crispy Waffles with Maple Syrup
or Raspberry Sauce

Pink Drink - double recipe

Banana Bread or Muffins

Sliced Fresh Fruit

Coffee or Tea

Brown Rice Pudding

Brown Rice Pudding

Melinda Strauss

This pudding has a bit more character than the smooth comfort food we are used to when white rice is used. It tastes rich although the ingredients are not heavy, and it is a filling, chewy snack or dessert.

1-1/2 cups cooked long-grain brown rice
 1-1/2 cups skim milk
 1/4 cup honey
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 large egg, beaten
 1/3 cup currants (optional)
 1 tablespoon butter
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Dash of cinnamon

Combine cooked rice, 1 cup of the milk, honey, and salt in a 2-quart saucepan, and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. In a bowl, beat egg with remaining milk and stir into rice mixture. Add currants, if desired, and

cook over low heat for 3 to 4 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in butter and vanilla until butter melts. Spoon into serving dishes, sprinkle lightly with cinnamon.

Leave to set and serve slightly warm or refrigerate and serve cold.

Serves 4-6

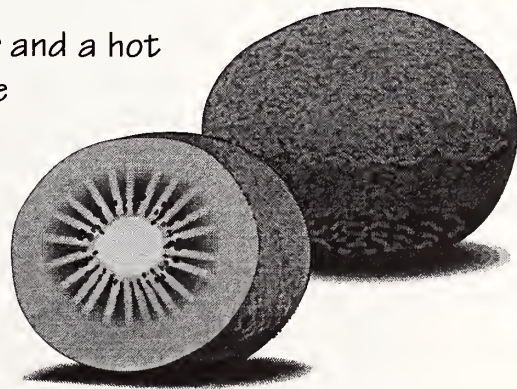
Crispy Waffles

Peggy Glass, Home Cooking Sampler: Family Favorites from A to Z, Prentice Hall Press, 1989

This rich batter and a hot waffle iron make greasing the iron between waffles rarely necessary. If you can't find your mother's old, seasoned-

with-love, waffle iron, check a good cookware store for one that's made of heavy cast iron. If there are any extra waffles, cool them on a wire rack and freeze them in a plastic bag. They can be heated quickly in a toaster for early school breakfasts.

1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 cup quick or old-fashioned rolled oats
 1/4 cup fine yellow corn meal
 1/4 cup unprocessed wheat or oat bran
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 tablespoon double-acting baking powder. *cont. on pg 34*



1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 eggs, at room temperature
 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
 3 cups buttermilk
 Maple Syrup

In a bowl, combine the flour, oats, corn meal, bran, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In another bowl, whisk together the eggs, butter, and buttermilk. Heat the waffle iron and use about 1/2 cup batter for each waffle. Cook to a golden crispness. The waffle iron should stop steaming from the sides when the waffles are ready. Let the iron get hot again before adding more batter. Serve with maple syrup.

Yields 12 6-inch waffles

Pink Drink

Nancy Gans
 2 cups pineapple juice
 1 banana
 5 strawberries
 Sugar, to taste (optional)

Combine all ingredients

except sugar in blender or food processor. If the banana is ripe enough, you may not need the sugar.

Serves 1-2

Banana Bread or Muffins

Linda Jason

This recipe is great for those weeks when the kids eat fewer bananas than usual. The bread and muffins are moist and sweet.

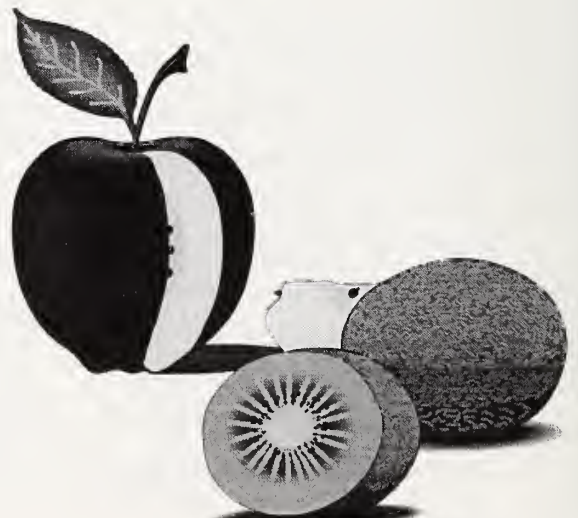
3 large or 4 small ripe bananas
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 large egg
 1-1/2 cups flour (any combination of white and whole wheat pastry flour)
 1/4 cup melted butter or pareve margarine
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 Dash of salt
 3/4 cup raisins, mini-chocolate chips, or nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees and grease and

flour one loaf pan, 3 mini-loaf pans, or one 12-cup muffin tin.

Mash bananas with fork in a bowl or in a food processor. Stir in remaining ingredients in the order given. Pour into the pan and bake for 1 hour or until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean. For muffins, pour into muffin cups and bake about 30 minutes or until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

Yields 1 loaf, 3 mini-loaves, or 12 muffins



Blumenthal Jewish Home Chai-lights

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Taking care of the whole person is a major component of the health and wellness program at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Without leaving the facility residents in the Nursing Home and in Fair Oaks can have the majority of their physical, emotional, social, spiritual and recreational needs met. In addition to primary nursing and medical care provided to residents the Home also insures that an individual's related health and wellness needs are met. From the Beauty shop to the Podiatrist, residents are assured the opportunity to be as fit as possible from head to toe.

Looking good can be as important to one's wellbeing as feeling good and certainly enhances one's mental health and wellness at any age. Lines outside the BJH Beauty Shop on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday at Fair Oaks surely attest to the shop's popularity. Joy Daniel, beautician and manager of the shop and Debbie Bergmann, beautician, have been working in the Home for seven years. They provide a full-service salon for the residents offering hair cuts, perms, shampoo and sets and color as well as men's hair cuts and beard trims. According to Joy the residents enjoy their visit to the shop. It is an outing for many and for some a chance to wash away the gray and feel better and perhaps younger.

Residents' appointments start early, right after breakfast at about 7:30 and the shop is opened until the last person is done, often until 5:00pm. Both Joy and Debbie have been trained and have worked as Nursing Assistants and are able to assist residents from wheel-chairs to the

From Head to Toe



Debbie Bergman, beautician, assists residents in the BJH beauty shop.

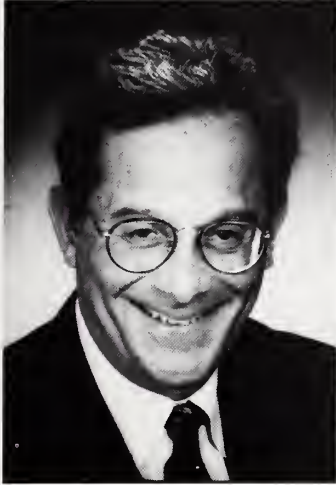
salon chairs. A trip to the Beauty shop can often brighten the day and is easy medicine for anyone to take.

Not wanting to step on any toes, we cannot overlook the importance of Podiatry service at BJH. Dr. Grady Dunn provides excellent geriatric foot care to the residents at the Home twice a month. Medical foot care is as vital to health and well-being as it is to comfort and appearance. About 80% of the Home's residents visit the Podiatrist on a regular schedule every ten weeks. The podiatry clinic, located in the B-

wing of the Home, is kept hopping every other Monday with Dr. Dunn seeing approximately twenty-five residents on each visit.

Enhancing the quality of life for the residents is the goal of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Providing services at the Home which will enable all our residents to look and feel better from head to toe is something BJH is proud of. Additional allied health services offered at BJH, Physical therapy, the Dental Clinic and Ophthalmology will be featured in future issues.

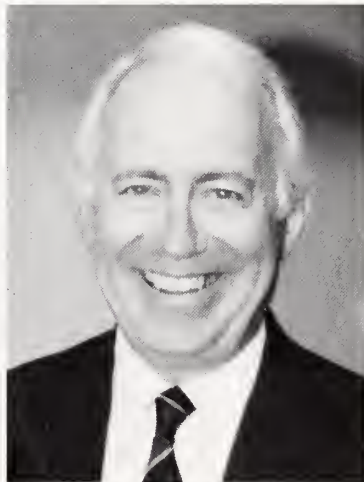
MEET THE BJH TRUSTEES



Stanley Greenspon joined the BJH Board of Trustees as a Presidential Appointee in 1993 and in 1994 was elected to serve a two year term as a trustee. Stanley received his BA from UNC Chapel Hill and his MA degree from the University of Georgia. He is in insurance sales at Greenspon and Associates in Charlotte N.C. Active in the Charlotte Jewish Federation, Stanley has served as Allocations Chairman and Major Gifts Chairman, is a Past President of the Federation and is at present on the Charlotte Jewish Federation Board. Stanley is a member

of Temple Israel in Charlotte and has been the Membership Co-chairman and the Chairman of the Israel Bonds Drive. Stanley is a member of the BJH Development Committee and has chaired the Charlotte Campaign for the Home. He lives in Charlotte N.C. and has three sons Keith, Lawrence and Michael.

Dave Plyler joined the BJH Board as a Presidential Appointee in 1993 and was elected to a three year term as a trustee in 1994. Dave is Vice President and General Manager of WTOB Radio station in Winston-Salem N.C.. An active member of his community, Dave serves as a Forsyth County Commissioner and is a member of the Forsyth Airport Commission, the Forsyth County Park Authority and the Forsyth County Board of Health. Involved in both community and civic organizations, Dave is a Mason and a



Shriner, Chairman of Crime Stoppers and on the Board of the National YMCA. As a member of the BJH Board of Trustees Dave serves on the Admissions, Finance and Resident Services committees. He lives in Kernersville N.C. with his wife Nancy. They have two daughters, Suzanne Plyler and Amanda Seig.

WELCOME

May you have a long, happy, healthy life.

Florence Blumenstein

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Dorothy Rogat

Hendersonville, NC



Ella Blachman leaves the beauty shop with a smile and a lovely new hairstyle.

BJH
Chai-lights Editor
Sue Clein

BJH

The West Forsyth High School Anchor Club kicked up their heels when they presented a talent show for residents at their monthly visit in March. Talented entertainers, the students sang, played guitar and piano and brought a cheery note to the Home with a show stopping cheerleading performance. These warm hearted students introduced their youthful spirit into a cold March day.



Anchor Club students give a cheer for BJH residents.



Ziva London, B'nai Shalom teacher, leads her students as they sing for the residents.

The whole Megillah took place for the celebration of Purim at BJH in March. There were services in the Synagogue on the 15th and 16th, the reading of the Megillah and the Purim party on the 17th. Residents and staff enjoyed this festive holiday highlighted by Purim music and noshing some Hamantaschen.



Left: George Carp enjoys an assist to the party by a student from the B'nai Shalom Day School

Right: BJH resident Sara Feen chats with one of the students who entertained for the birthday party.



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro put people in a Passover frame of mind when they entertained at the April birthday party. Hebrew and Judaica teachers Ziva London and Cookie Cohen brought the students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades to BJH on April 4. After setting just the right mood with a beautiful program of Passover music, the students presented flowers to the residents and visited with those attending the party.

Sue's News

April Began with A Funfilled And Foolish Trip



Students from Temple Emanuel in Gastonia take a bow with their puppets following the entertaining play.



Residents enjoy meeting both the students and their puppet characters after the performance.

BJH residents took a trip to the village of "Chelm" on Sunday, April 2. They met the wise old Rabbi and the foolish villagers of Chelm who came alive under the talented hands of students from Temple Emanuel in Gastonia, NC. Rabbi Leah Benamy of Gastonia's Temple Emanuel introduced the third, fourth and fifth grade students who presented an enchanting and clever puppet show based on a tale of the Village of Chelm. Residents were delighted with the engaging puppets and the talented students who gave them life. Following the performance the students introduced both themselves and the puppets to the residents and everyone enjoyed the interaction.

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Our thanks to Rabbi Benamy and to the students and the parents who not only drove from Gastonia but also assisted with the production and created the beautiful backdrop for the show. Having a good time was the true spirit of the day and BJH was happy to welcome these volunteers from Temple Emanuel in Gastonia. First time visitors to the Home, both students and parents enjoyed lunch and a tour of the Home before saying goodbye.



Greensboro volunteer Marsha Glazman chats with Fair Oaks residents Irene Mendelson and Fannie Simon at the monthly birthday party.



Greensboro volunteer Anita Rubin delivers flowers to the residents attending the birthday party.

Calendar Highlights May

- 1 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.
- 2 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 4 Israel Independence Day Celebration Reception, Upper Commons, 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 5 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 9 Leave for VFW Hall in Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Resident Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Schmoozing with Seth, Pre-Assembly Room, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 to 21st "National Nursing Home Week"
- 15 Anchor Club Visit, "Fashion Show," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 16 Performance by "The Snappy Tappers," A-Wing Dining Room, 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, 10:15 a.m.
- 19 Mayfest, Activities in Courtyard All Day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 25 Leave for Winston-Salem "Spring Celebration," 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Music with Jan Sawyer, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 26 General Store with BJH Volunteers, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Brenner Concert, Alan Kaufman, Pianist "Favorite Tunes", Commons Auditorim, 3:00 p.m.

Employee of the Quarter

Sally Terreni *Activity Therapist*

Sally Terreni joined the BJH Resident Activities Department in August 1992 and has served primarily as the activity therapist for the B-2 skilled nursing wing. For residents with severely limited abilities, whose normal means of expression have been lost to illness, Sally provides opportunities to express feelings through art, music and movement. Sally has spent most of her career as an elementary and secondary school art teacher and has taught in New York, New Jersey and in Italy. She attended school in New York state, graduated from SUNY in Buffalo and spent one year studying art and Italian in Sienna, Italy. It was there that she was first to meet her husband to be Umberto Terreni. She later returned to Italy as assistant to the director of the International Program in Sienna, married and lived in Italy for some years.

Sally brought to BJH her love of art, her musical abilities and a keen sensitivity to individuals and to their needs. She speaks of her work at BJH with true satisfaction and a great deal of pleasure. "I have grown to love the residents and I am very happy to have this experience of working with older people to such a depth. This has been a new avenue for me and I am glad to have this time to get to know this



generation," states Sally. According to Sally, developing her flute and piano playing and being able to share this with the residents has also been personally very rewarding for her.

As a member of the activities department, Sally has also provided art and music programs for residents throughout the Home. However, her primary focus is those individuals with special needs. It is to these individuals who Sally says "inspire her with their responses to music or to painting" that she provides her greatest gift. She nurtures personal expression through creative sensitivity and in her words "moves beyond disabilities to see the beautiful person."

BJH is pleased to congratulate Sally Terreni as Employee of the First Quarter of 1995. She is a deserving recipient and we are proud to have her on our staff.



Sally assists Fair Oaks resident Louise Brown during a class in ceramics.



Fair Oaks resident Syd Kastel works on a hand built vase in the ceramic class taught by Sally.



Fair Oaks resident Helen Labell concentrates on her design for a free form sculpture.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Sarah Blau

Peggy Cole

Nettie Geltman

Ira Gutman

Harold Miller

Jacob Terkeltaub

*May their cherished memories
bring comfort to their loved ones.*

Happy Anniversary

***Congratulations to the following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries of
employment in May***

20 Years

Pauline Allen, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

18 Years

Esther Peay, Dietary

15 Years

Vicki Brown, LPN, Fair Oaks

12 Years

Phillip Money, Nursing Assistant, B-1

10 Years

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing

7 Years

Lois Slater, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

6 Years

Genevieve Yankus, Dietary

5 Years

Lynda Edmondson, Administrator

Virginia Martin, Nursing Assistant, B-2

Fredia Roach, Director of Recreation

Martha Smiley, RN, B-2

4 Years

Charlotte Brown, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

Barenda Mauney, Nursing Assistant, B-2

Susan Williams, Medical Records

2 Years

Winnie Harris, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

Wanda Riddle, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

Carol Robbins, Social Services

1 Year

Allan Bacon, Dietary

Terri Kelsey, Nursing Assistant, B-1

Lori Reavis, Nursing Assistant, B-2

Charlotte Slater, Housekeeping



What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg

Director of Development

THE JOY OF GIVING

The day after I received the latest edition of *The American Jewish Times Outlook* at my home, Dr. Carl Hoffman of High Point called to say, "you have your video camera." He was responding to our "Wish List" call for help and wanted to give us a new camera, better than the one we were seeking.

Two days later, I received a call from Esther Frank, representing the Carolina Association of Jewish Women and Men. She said, "the Association wants to underwrite the cost of the outdoor barbecue cooker, canopy tent and video camera." When I told her that we had received an offer of a new video camera already, she agreed to help us underwrite the cost of three concerts that will be held before the end of the year.

It is great to hear the joy in people's voices and see the happiness on their faces when they give. That is why I do what I do.

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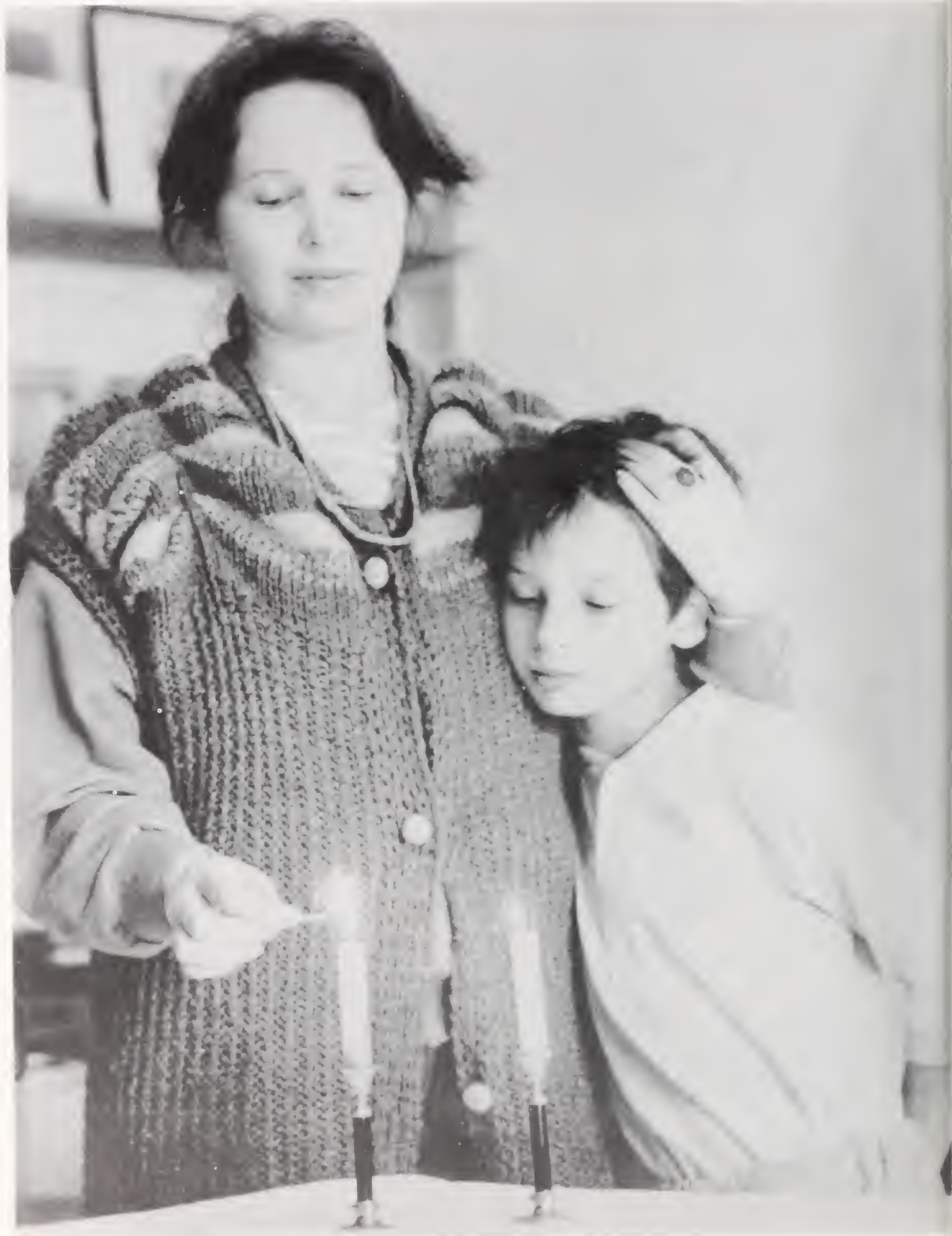


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--Sandra Sturtz

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The Center of Jewish Art

(WZPS) As more and more Jewish communities die out or leave for Israel, the work of the Center of Jewish Art (CJA) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is becoming increasingly urgent.

Devoted to documenting extant Jewish art--including ritual objects, synagogue architecture, Hebrew illuminated manuscripts and ancient and modern Jewish art--the Center is currently involved in extensive efforts in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The fear is that, particularly in the war-torn areas, there may soon be very little left to document.

by Gail Lichtman

(WZPS) In the Ukrainian shtetl of Zholkiev, an elderly man is the last Jew left, unwilling to leave because "someone has to look after the synagogue." In Grodno, Belarus, a city which before World War II had a Jewish population of some 25,000 and boasted 40 synagogues, only five of the original pre-war residents remain to recall the splendor of the synagogues and Jewish community institutions. And in Uzbekistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldavia, hundreds of years of Jewish history

are drawing to a close as whole villages and communities leave for Israel.

Since 1979, the Center of Jewish Art (CJA) at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, established by art history Professor Bezalel Narkiss, has been preserving Jewish visual heritage through the documentation of all extant Jewish art--ritual objects, synagogue architecture, Hebrew illuminated manuscripts and ancient and modern Jewish art.

The only institution of its kind in the world, CJA's work is carried out by history graduate students under the supervision of University staff. Of top priority is the documentation of Jewish art in "danger areas", where Jewish communities are at risk of disappearing. Since 1990, the Center has been engaged in extensive efforts in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and has conducted expeditions to Poland, the Czech Republic, the Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, Russia and



Uzbekistan. This summer, expeditions are planned to the Caucasus Mountain region, Moldavia, the Ukraine and Poland.

“At present, the political situation is extremely uncertain in the Caucasus region and Moldavia,” says Dr. Aliza Cohen-Mushlin, CJA director and editor of the Center’s prestigious annual magazine, “Jewish Art”. “There are wars going on and we hope to be able to carry out these expeditions. By next year I’m afraid there won’t be much left to document.”

Documentation is entered into a computerized database, the Jerusalem Index of Jewish Art, where it is accessible to students, scholars, curators and collectors around the world.

“We are a non-invasive form of documentation,” says Cohen Mushlin. “We photograph, draw, describe and measure artifacts. We are not a museum and we do not collect, transfer or remove artifacts. But we do pass on information to others to help preserve what we have found.”

On an expedition to Lithuania in 1992, for example, researchers discovered six wooden shtetl synagogues. “This was a most extraordinary find,” says Cohen-Mushlin. “It was previously believed that no wooden synagogues had survived World War II. These synagogues had not been in use since the war but they were never vandalized. They are being used today as warehouses and cinemas

and are in very poor condition.”

The CJA notified a Lithuanian open-air museum of wooden churches about the synagogues in the hope it will be able to preserve at least one of them as part of its collection.

The discovery of the synagogues and numerous other finds in shtetls and museum storehouses around the former Soviet Union, are the result of close cooperation between the CJA and the Jewish University in St. Petersburg in recent years. Members of the Jewish University have served as the Center’s eyes and ears in the field and its people are instrumental in arranging the expeditions to the CIS and the Baltic states.

The CJA has conducted documentation training courses in both St. Petersburg and Israel for East European scholars, curators and Jewish leaders. The second two-week course on documentation, held recently in Jerusalem, brought some 40 participants from all over the former Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary. And at the end of June 1994, a course on Jewish art was given in St. Petersburg with more than 100 participants.

The amount of Jewish art remaining in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union is staggering. In the Jewish Museum in Prague alone, there are at least 32,000 artifacts. The items were gathered by the Nazis from 132 different communities in Bohemia and Moravia, with the intention of creating “a museum of the inferior

race,” according to Yarona Pinhas, a fifth-year master’s student in art history who recently returned from a one-month expedition Prague.

“We worked in the same offices the Nazis used. The artifacts were meticulously numbered and catalogued. Our aim was to concentrate on the metal ritual objects. We knew we couldn’t document the entire collection so we tried to select artifacts which would create a microcosm of ritual items for home and synagogue.”

Much of what was collected in the Soviet Union was registered to museum storerooms during the 70-plus years of Bolshevism. Even museum curators are often not aware of what they have. During a CJA seminar in 1991 in St. Petersburg, one of the participants revealed that in the storerooms of a St. Petersburg museum were the remnants of the An-Sky expedition—a collection of photographs and artifacts depicting the daily life of Jews in the shtetls of the Ukraine and Belarus in the year just prior to World War One. This collection is now on display at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and is considered an invaluable source of documentation of that period.

The search for Jewish art is often complicated by the fact that synagogues which did survive have been converted to other uses. “We are in a race against the clock,” noted Ariella Amar, a master’s student who heads the Center’s synagogue and ritual art section. “Synagogues are being used as warehouses, theaters, archives, private homes and even pigsties. Many once-grand synagogues are disintegrating and

others are extremely difficult to trace without the help of older residents of the area.”

“It’s very difficult to conduct systematic documentation under these conditions,” says Cohen-Mushlin. “But if we don’t, they will be lost forever.”

Ironically, now that there are almost no Jews remaining in Eastern Europe, many countries are discovering their own national roots in Jewish visual art. “In Poland, Germany, the Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Belarus, Lithuania and

Uzbekistan, there has been an upsurge of interest in Jewish art among the non-Jewish population,” Cohen-Mushlin notes. “At our fourth international seminar on Jewish art in May 1994, many of the participants were non-Jews. Jewish art exists in almost every country. This is what makes it so universal. Maybe that’s why it has sparked the interest of so many scholars around the world.”





Chicken
Meiv and A
Total
Cultural
Experience

by Galen M. Karten

(WZPS) Jerusalem's recently opened Art Village is offering new immigrant artists assistance in promoting themselves and gaining recognition in their field.

The Village, which combines an art gallery, an artist workshop and a restaurant, is trying, according to its director and founder veteran Russian immigrant Lucy Brener, "to create a total cultural atmosphere; a place where people can go to eat, listen to music, browse through exhibits and watch artists at work."

(WZPS) In a Jerusalem mall in the bustling Talpiot industrial zone, Israel's first "incubator" program to help promote new immigrant artists, recently opened its doors. Combining an art gallery, an artist workshop and a restaurant, the Art Village is, according to its creator and director, veteran Russian immigrant Lucy Brener, "trying to create a total cultural atmosphere; a place where people can go to eat, listen to music, browse through exhibits and watch artists at work."

Brener realized the need for an Art Village while working at the Absorption and Enterprise section of the Chamber of Commerce. "My job was to help new immigrants set up their own businesses and give them the tools necessary to succeed. Many of them clearly had no basic entrepreneurial skills. Here I want to teach them how to sell their crafts, make connections, and market their products."

Brener approached the Department for Immigration and Absorption in the Jewish Agency with her idea, who agreed to donate \$50,000 towards the center's creation, the Jerusalem Municipality, who gave \$33,000, the Joint Distribution Committee, who gave \$40,000 and the Ministry of Absorption who agreed to pay employees' salaries for two years. Sixty percent of the total cost--\$400,000--came from Brener.

The Village itself is a large, illuminated hall with high ceilings and white halls adorned with tapestries and oil and watercolor paintings--all creations of the 30 artists (two Ethiopian, the remainder from the former Soviet Union)

displayed at the center. Cases featuring a variety of ceramics, jewelry and weavings are on display in the center of the room, surrounded by rows of wooden cafe tables topped with yellow carnation centerpieces. A musician plays on a stage at the front of the hall. Two arches in the back lead into the workshop area, which provides studio space for about 10 artists and a gallery to display their work.

Inside, Luba Stepanyan and her daughter Dina, who made aliya in 1994 from Armenia, are making ceramic wall hangings--platters of tiny ceramic vegetables. "I had various jobs as a nursemaid and cleaning floors," says Luba. "I would paint at home but didn't have the skill to go out and market my works. One night I heard Lucy on a Russian-language radio program (REKA) talking about a new project. Though I was skeptical, I phoned her that same evening. With the setting up of the Art Village, my daughter and I were both offered the opportunity to sculpt at the workshop."

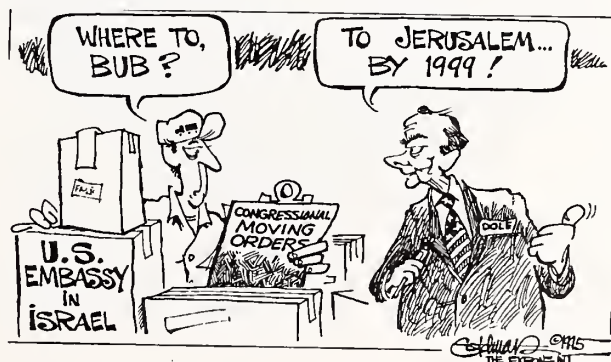
Moshe Himein, a recent immigrant from Khazan, 800 kilometers from Moscow, and a former director of Jerusalem's Shatz art gallery, selects the center's art and coordinates the various exhibitions. "These", he admits, "can be rather difficult. On

the one hand we want to make well orchestrated exhibits, on the other hand, we want to help everyone we can."

Of primary concern to Himein is marketing the new center abroad. "While support from local residents is important, the Village's real strength will come from abroad," he says. Their aim, adds Brener, is to bring tourists to the center to enjoy the cultural experience and, hopefully, to buy. She is currently negotiating with the United Jewish Appeal to have the center before a regular stop on the organization's Israel tours itinerary.

Brener also has plans for musical evenings emphasizing different musical genres, which will include dinner in the center's restaurant. Here, several different cultural platters will be available, including an American steak dinner, Italian spaghetti, Moroccan cous-cous and, last, but by no means least, the Russian platter-Chicken Kiev.

Looking to the future, Brener is full of optimism. Despite the fact that the Art Village will prove to be a meeting place for immigrant artists, she says, "at its heart it's an 'artist incubator', offering support to artists so they can promote themselves, gain recognition, and eventually, move on."



No Sour Grapes In Our Desert

by Dan Goldberg

(WZPS) Golan, Gamla and Yarden are Israeli synonyms for good wine. In late March, an unusual experiment was launched by the Jewish Agency—a vineyard in the Negev desert irrigated with salt water! Should it succeed, another name may be added to the fine wine list.

The 30 dunams of vines were planted near Kibbutz Sde Boker on the Beersheva-Eilat highway as part of the Jewish Agency's Negev-Arava rural and development activities. The success of this experimental vineyard may lead to the planting of another 500 dunams in nearby Ramat Ovdah, at a cost of \$1.8m. It will create new jobs in the area and could also prompt the construction of a new "wine route" in the desert which would be integrated into both high-tech agriculture, tourism and industry.

Yet, the most intriguing part of this project is that the vines will be irrigated by salty water, pumped locally from the Qinoman Aquifer. "The last grape-growers in this region were the Nabateans (300 BCE to 100 CE)", says Yigal Yerushalmi, Director of the Negev Region in the Rural and Urban Development Department of the Jewish Agency. "And no-one has ever irrigated grapes with salty water. This will represent a major breakthrough in agriculture, and, particularly, in viticulture."

The salt water irrigation system, he claims, not only overcomes the natural problem of the availability of sweet water in the arid Negev desert, but also has other advantages. According to experimental research, the salt water will actually enhance the level of natural sugars in the fruit and since it is pumped directly from a depth of 1,000 meters, the salinization of adjacent sweet water reservoirs—where traces of salt water were recently detected—will be prevented.

If skepticism still glues your lips together at the thought of a throat-full of salty wine, Professor Colette Serruya, Director of Research and Development for the Negev-Arava region in the Jewish Agency's Department of Rural and Urban Development, claims otherwise. "The quality of the wine—most of

which is slated for export—will depend on a combination of the height of the vines, the difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures in the desert, and the salinity of the water." If all goes according to plan, she adds, the results will come in the shape of vintage Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot—at three different degrees of salinity. Its success may also prompt the establishment of a local winery with subsequent employment and tourism spin-offs.

Still dubious? Well, according to Serruya, several quality wineries have already expressed interest in the first yields before planting has even commenced. Whilst the plan on paper seems far from dry, medium dry, or even sweet, the wine in the glass will be the litmus test for the connoisseurs.



Osteoporosis: The Bone Thinner

One in four women over age 60 and nearly half of all people over 75

suffer from osteoporosis, the bone thinner. Osteoporosis is a major cause of fractures in the spine, hip, wrist, and other bones. To help prevent this condition, steps can be taken early in life and during the middle years. Also, treatment is available that may help older people who already have the disorder.

Osteoporosis develops over a period of many years. Gradually and without discomfort, the bones thin out until some of them break, causing pain and disability.

Bones maintain themselves through a process known as remodeling in which small amounts of old bone are removed and new bone is formed in its place. Beginning in the thirties, however, a little more bone is lost than is gained. This bone loss continues throughout life. In women, bone loss speeds-up around menopause--so that an early menopause, particularly when caused by the surgical removal of the ovaries, results in a greater risk of osteoporosis.

The cause of osteoporosis is not fully

known. Falling hormone levels, too little calcium in the diet, and a lifetime of inactivity all play a role.

Who Gets It?

White and Asian women most often develop osteoporosis.

Among this group, women who have had an early menopause or who have a family history of osteoporosis are at highest risk.

Women with fair skin or small frames are also at greater risk than other people. Men are less

likely than women to get osteoporosis for a variety of reasons such as

their greater bone mass, and because they have no biological counterpart to menopause. However, men may face osteoporosis in their later years.

Diagnosis

An early sign of osteoporosis is loss of height. This happens when weakened bones of the spine (called vertebrae) collapse. Later, as these fractures mount up, a curving of the spine (often called "dowager's hump") may occur.

Osteoporosis may go unnoticed until there is a loss of height, the spine curves, or a fall results in a hip, wrist, or other fracture. Even a minor fall can result in a broken bone.

Tests are available to diagnose osteoporosis. The most common are single and dual-photon absorptiometry and dual-



energy x-ray absorptiometry. Before an osteoporosis screening, consider factors such as insurance coverage and available equipment. Talk with your doctor if you are interested in a diagnostic test.

Prevention

Diet and exercise can help prevent osteoporosis. Foods that are high in calcium--such as lowfat cheese, yogurt, and milk--should be a regular part of the diet.

Although the current recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for calcium is 800 mg daily, women who are nearing or have past menopause may need 1,000 to 1,500 mg. If the diet alone does not provide enough calcium, use a supplement. Keep in mind that some people--those who form kidney stones, for example--need to be careful about suddenly increasing their calcium intake.

It is also important to get enough vitamin D every day because it is needed by the body to absorb calcium. The RDA for vitamin D is 200 IU daily for people over 25. Vitamin-fortified milk and cereals, egg yolk, saltwater fish, and liver are high in vitamin D. Fifteen minutes of mid-day sunshine may also meet the daily need for vitamin D.

Regular exercise is another important preventive measure. Walking, jogging, dancing, and bicycle riding are helpful because they place stress on the spine and the long bones of the body.

Women with osteoporosis risk factors (who have an early menopause or family members with

this condition) should ask their doctor about tests to measure bone mass when nearing menopause. They should also discuss using an estrogen supplement.

Treatment

The goal in treating osteoporosis is to stop further bone loss and prevent falls, which are common in older people. Such falls often result in a fractured hip that causes hospitalization, both temporary and long-term disability, and dependence. Prevention and treatment for osteoporosis are based on similar goals. For example, exercise helps stimulate formation of new bone.* (*Exercise may also strengthen muscles and help prevent falls.) If you already have had a fracture, a doctor should explain the type and amount of activity to be done.

Many doctors prescribe hormones, such as estrogen, which slow the rate of bone loss. Scientists are studying other drugs and combinations of calcium, vitamin D, and estrogen in the hope of finding a way to stop bone loss.

Research

Scientists are conducting studies on osteoporosis at universities, medical centers, and other research institutions around the country. In 1991 the National Institute on Aging (NIA) began a series of clinical trials, called STOP/IT (Sites Testing Osteoporosis Prevention/Intervention Treatments), to test promising ways to lessen, prevent, or reverse osteoporosis in older people. This is one of the first osteoporosis studies to include large numbers of people over age 65.

Resources

More information on osteoporosis is available from NIA, Part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), NIA supports research on osteoporosis and offers information on a range of health issues that concern older people, including Age Page on estrogen therapy and preventing fractures. For a free list of publications, call 1-800-222-2225; or write to the NIA Information Center, P.O. Box 8057, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8057.

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, part of NIH, also supports osteoporosis research. Contact the NIAMS Clearinghouse at Box AMS, Bethesda, MD 20892; or call (301) 495-4484.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases is part of NIH. Contact the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse, Box NDDIC, Bethesda, MD 20892.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation offers nationwide programs to educate the public and health professionals about osteoporosis and related research. Contact NOF at 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20037; or call (202) 223-2226.

Hearing & Older People

It is easy to take good hearing for granted. For people with hearing impairments, words in a conversation may be misunderstood, musical notes might be missed, and a ringing doorbell may go unanswered. Hearing impairment ranges from having difficulty understanding words or hearing certain sounds to total deafness.

Because of fear, misinformation, or vanity, some people will not admit to themselves or anyone else that they have a hearing problem. It has been estimated, however, that about 30 percent of adults age 65 through 74 and about 50 percent of those age 75 through 79 suffer some degree of hearing loss. In the United States alone, more than 10 million older people are hearing impaired.

If ignored and untreated, hearing problems can grow worse, hindering communication with others, limiting social activities, and reducing the

choices of leisure time activities. People with hearing impairments often withdraw socially to avoid the frustration and embarrassment from not being able to understand what is being said. In addition, hearing-impaired people may become suspicious of relatives and friends who "mumble" or "don't speak up."

Hearing loss may cause an older person to be wrongly labeled as "confused," "unresponsive," or "uncooperative." At times a person's feeling of powerlessness and frustration in trying to communicate with others results in depression and withdrawal.

Older people today more often demand greater satisfaction from life, but those with hearing impairments can find the quality of their lives reduced. Fortunately, help is available in the form of treatment with medicines, special training, a hearing aid or an alternate listening device, and surgery.

Some Common Signs of Hearing Impairment

Words are difficult to understand

Another person's speech sounds slurred or mumbled, worsening when there is background noise.

Speech can be hard or impossible to understand, depending on the kind of hearing impairment.

Certain sounds are overly loud or annoying.

A hissing or ringing background noise may be heard constantly or the sound may be interrupted.

TV shows, concerts, or social gatherings are less enjoyable because much goes unheard.

Diagnosis of Hearing Problems

If you have trouble hearing, see your doctor for treatment or a referral to an ear specialist. By ignoring the problem, you may be overlooking a serious medical condition. Hearing impairments may be caused by exposure to very loud noises over a long period of time, viral infections, vascular disorders (such as heart conditions or stroke), head injuries, tumors, heredity, certain medications, or age-related changes in the ear.

In some cases, the diagnosis and treatment of a hearing problem may take place in the family doctor's office. More complicated cases may require the help of specialists known as otologists, otolaryngologists, or otorhinolaryngologists--all whom are trained to perform surgery on the head and neck. These specialists are

doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathy with extensive training in ear problems. They will take a medical history, ask about problems affecting family members, conduct a thorough exam, and order any needed tests.

An audiologist is another health professional who is trained to identify and measure hearing loss and to help with rehabilitation. However, audiologists do not prescribe drugs or perform surgery. To measure hearing they use a device that produces sounds of different pitches and loudness (an audiometer), as well as other electronic devices. These hearing measurements test a person's ability to understand speech. The tests are painless and can in a short time locate a hearing problem, allowing the doctor to recommend a course of treatment.

Type of Hearing Loss

Conductive hearing loss occurs in some older people. It involves the blocking of sounds that are carried from the ear drums (tympanic membrane) to the inner ear. This may be caused by ear wax in the ear canal, fluid in the middle ear, or abnormal bone growth or infection in the middle ear.

Sensorineural hearing loss involves damage to parts of the inner ear or auditory nerve. When sensorineural hearing loss occurs in older people, it is called presbycusis (pronounced prez-bee-KU-sis). Changes in the delicate workings of the inner ear lead to difficulties understanding speech and possibly an intolerance for loud sounds, but not total deafness. Thus,

“don't shout--I'm not deaf!” is often said by older people with this type of hearing impairment.

Every year after age 50 we are likely to lose some of our hearing ability. The decline is so gradual that by age 60 or 70 as many as 25 percent of older people are noticeably hearing impaired. Just as the graying of hair occurs at different rates, presbycusis may develop differently from person to person.

Although presbycusis is usually attributed to aging, it does not affect everyone. In fact, some researchers view it as a disease. Environmental noise, certain medicines, improper diet, and genetic makeup may contribute to this disorder. The condition is permanent, but there is much a person can do to function well.

Central auditory dysfunction is a third type of hearing loss that occurs in older people, although it is quite rare even in this age group. It is caused by damage to the nerve centers within the brain. Sound levels are not affected, but understanding language usually is. The causes include extended illness with a high fever, head injuries, vascular problems, or tumors. A central auditory dysfunction cannot be treated medically or surgically; but for some, special training by an audiologist or speech pathologist can help.

Treatment

Examination and test results from the family doctor, ear specialist, and audiologist will determine the best treatment for a specific hearing problem. In some cases, medical treatment such as cleansing the ear

canal to remove ear wax or surgery may restore some or all hearing ability.

At other times a hearing aid may be recommended. A hearing aid is a small device designed to make sounds louder. Before you can buy a hearing aid, you must either obtain a written statement from your doctor (saying that your hearing impairment has been medically evaluated and that you might benefit from a hearing aid) or sign a waiver stating that you do not desire medical evaluation.

Many hearing aids are on the market, each offering different kinds of help for different problems. Professional advice is needed regarding the design, model, and brand of the hearing aid best for you. This advice, which is part of your hearing aid evaluation, is given by the audiologist who considers your hearing level, your understanding of speech in each ear, your ability to handle the aid and its controls, and your concern about appearance and comfort.

Remember that you are buying a product and specific services, including any necessary adjustments, counseling in the use of the aid, maintenance, and repairs throughout the warranty period. Before deciding where to buy your aid, consider the quality of service as well as the quality of the product.

Buy an aid with only those features you need. The most costly hearing aid may not be the best for you while the one selling for less may offer more satisfaction. Also, be aware that the controls for many of the special features are tiny and may be

difficult to adjust. Practice will make operating the aid easier. Your hearing aid dealer (usually called a "dispenser") should have the patience and skill to help you through the adjustment period. It is a good idea to take advantage of his or her help since it often takes at least a month to become comfortable with a new hearing aid.

People with certain types of hearing impairments may need special help. Speech-reading allows people to receive visual cues from lip movements as well as facial expressions, body posture and gestures, and the environment. Auditory training may include hearing aid orientation, but it is also designed to help hearing-impaired persons identify and better handle their specific communication problems. Both speech-reading and auditory training can reduce the handicapping effects of the hearing loss. If needed, counseling is also available so that people with hearing impairments can understand their communication abilities and limitations while maintaining a positive image.

If You Have Problems Hearing

If you suspect there may be a problem with your hearing, visit your doctor as soon as possible. Medicare will pay for the doctor's exam and hearing tests that are ordered by the doctor. Medicare will not pay for the hearing aid.

Ask your doctor to explain the cause of your hearing problem and if you should see a specialist.

Don't hesitate to ask people to repeat what they have just said.

Try to reduce background noise

(stereo, television, or radio).

Tell people that you have a hearing problem and what they can do to make communication easier.

If You Know Someone With a Hearing Problem

Speak at your normal rate, but not too rapidly. Do not overarticulate. This distorts the sounds of speech and makes visual clues more difficult. Shouting will not make the message any clearer and may distort it.

Speak to the person at a distance of 3 to 6 feet. Position yourself near good light so that your lip movements, facial expressions, and gestures may be seen clearly. Wait until you are visible to the hearing-impaired person before speaking. Avoid chewing, eating, or covering your mouth while speaking.

Never speak directly into the person's ear. This prevents the listener from making use of visual cues.

If the listener does not understand what was said, rephrase the idea in short, simple sentences.

Arrange living rooms or meeting rooms so that no one is more than 6 feet apart and all are completely visible. In meetings or group activities where there is a speaker presenting information, ask the speaker to use the public address system.

Treat the hearing-impaired person with respect. Include the person in all discussions about him or her.

This helps relieve the feelings of isolation common in hearing-impaired people.

For More Information

If you would like further information about hearing problems, contact the organizations listed below. Please be sure to state clearly what type of information you would like to receive.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Inc., is a professional society of medical doctors specializing in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat. They can provide information on hearing, balance, and other disorders affecting the ear, nose, and throat. Write to One Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the National Association of Hearing and Speech Action can both answer questions or mail information on hearing aids or hearing loss and communication problems in older people. They can also provide a list of certified audiologists and speech language pathologists. Write to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 10801 Rockville Pike, Dept. AP, Rockville, MD 20852; or call the National Association of Hearing & Speech Action at (800) 638-8255.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc., is a national self-help organization for those who are hard of hearing. SHHH can help with information on coping with a hearing loss and new hearing aids and technology, and they publish

the *Shhh Journal* bimonthly. Write to SHHH, 7800 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

The National Information Center on Deafness at Gallaudet University provides information on all areas related to deafness and hearing loss including educational programs, vocational training, sign language programs, law, technology, and barrier-free design. Write to the NICD, 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at the National Institutes of Health provides information on research on hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. Write to the NIDCD, Building 31, Room 1B62, Bethesda, MD 20892. Their National Information Clearinghouse also provides information to health professionals, patients, industry, and the public. Write to the NIDCD Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 37777, Washington, DC 20013-7777.

The National Institute on Aging offers information on a range of health issues that concern older people. Write to the NIA Information Center, P.O. Box 8057, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8057.

For All Those Born Before 1945

We are survivors!! Consider the changes we have witnessed:

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees, and the pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens, before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioning, drip dry clothing--and--before man walked on the moon!!

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our times, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits--and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeannie, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during lent, and outer space was the back of the local theater!

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and computer marriages. We were before daycare centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and the guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness--not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware; and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "Made In Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on an exam. Pizzas, "McDonalds", and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 stores where you brought things for five and ten cents. The corner drug store sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car--make a phone call, buy a Pepsi, or enough stamps to mail one letter and two post cards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one; a pity, too, because gas was only 11 cents a gallon!

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the principal's office.

We were before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap!

But we survived!!!!

Author Unknown



Self, Struggle & Change

by Norman J. Cohen

Jewish Lights Publishing 209 pp.
\$21.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The theme of *Self, Struggle & Change* is well expressed by its subtitle: *Family Conflict Stories in Genesis and Their Healing Insights for Our Lives*.

The author, Norman J. Cohen, who is Dean of the New York School of the Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion, declares he is sharing his life and struggles with us. As Professor of Midrash, interpretations of the Scriptures is natural for him, and in this book he offers a modern Midrash.

He writes about the opposite traits in each person and of the struggle to balance or unite them. Once again we are reminded of the importance of myth and of the meaning of that word. Myth is explanation of the way things are, and every human culture has its own. In fact, similarities exist in myths of divergent cultures.

Our quest is to find meaning in the Bible that is relevant to our lives and our time. He poses these questions:

“What does it mean to be a human being created in God’s image? How can we make our personal lives better? Can we perfect our world?”

Dr. Norman Cohen encourages us to recognize repressed tendencies in our personalities so that we may direct ourselves toward growth. This he believes we can attain by combining the opposite elements in our character, thereby achieving “a better functioning whole.”

In every subject, chapter by chapter, we are given the example of tension between our God-like potential and human nature. Beginning with the creation story, with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he portrays the struggle between good and evil. He addresses the question of why good is not always rewarded and discusses our ability to change.

The constant conflict inherent in our personalities is pursued through the stories in Genesis, with the struggle between Isaac and Ishmael, between Jacob and Esau, Jacob and Leah, Leah and Rachel, then the conflict between Jacob’s children--those whose mother was Leah vs those of Rachel.

The biblical characters are portrayed so well that we can, indeed,

understand their motivations and their attitudes. Their problems are like the problems we encounter in our own lives, and the author repeatedly reveals to us his own relationships with siblings, parents and children.

Opposite the chapter listings is our Family Tree, pictured with Adam and Eve atop the drawing, down through Cain, Abel and Seth, then (where did those three find wives?) succeeding generations down through the sons of Jacob who headed the Twelve Tribes. This helps the reader in reviewing the history of our ancient ancestors, and the author is to be credited for thoughtfulness in providing the reminder.

In the final chapter, our search for meaning in our lives and the help we may find in the Bible is portrayed. With contemplation of the biblical stories, and with knowledge of legends and rabbinic interpretations, we may find the understanding and insight to improve our lives and society.

For me, Chapter Three about Isaac and Ishmael is the finest. It contains the trials of Abraham and family members of his generation. So much is omitted from the account in the Bible, that the author attempts to provide us with what is missing. From Abraham’s journey after leaving home to the birth of his two sons by different wives, Hagar and Sarah, the “binding” of Isaac, the great separation between the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael, we are led from heartbreak and turmoil through the human struggle.

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Dr. Norman Cohen, the author, is an acclaimed teacher and his interpretation in today's light of the stories which are ages old serves to prove that human nature has not

changed, even though customs and attitudes are different now. His *Self, Struggle & Change* is convincing of the fact that the Bible is truly a Book for all time.



“Anne Frank Remembered”

will Premiere on June 8 during the Disney Channel’s Free Summer Preview

Kenneth Branagh Narrates The Special, Which Features Eyewitness Accounts of Anne’s Life and Excerpts from the newly released translation of Her Diary Read by Glenn Close

The Special also contains Never-Before-Aired Film Footage of Anne Frank Herself

Burbank, CA--”Anne Frank Remembered,” a special which uses moving, first-person accounts to illuminate the life and legacy of this inspiring Jewish teenager, will premiere on Thursday, June 8 at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT during The Disney Channel’s Free Summer Preview, announced Douglas Zwick, senior vice president of original specials and acquired programming for the premium cable network.

The special is narrated by actor/director Kenneth Branagh, with renowned actress Glenn Close reading excerpts from the newly-translated best seller, “The Diary of a Young Girl,” by Anne Frank. In addition, the documentary includes remarkable, never-before-broadcast film footage of Anne Frank herself.

Since the publication of her famous diary, Anne Frank’s words have made her a worldwide symbol of courage and resilience of spirit amid the horrors of the Holocaust. To her friends, however, she was a living, breathing person, and with their moving recollections, this special reveals the complex young woman behind the symbol.

To capture Anne’s story fully, “Anne Frank Remembered” relies



Among the eyewitnesses interviewed is Miep Gies, who was an employee of Anne's father Otto and served as a primary lifeline for those hiding in the annex. In one of the special's most moving moments, Mrs. Gies comes face-to-face for the first time with Peter Pepper, the grateful son of one of those whom she sheltered.

"Anne Frank Remembered" is a documentary not just about one Holocaust victim but represents the lost potential of millions of individuals and the staggering impact on those who survived.

"Anne Frank Remembered" is a Jon Blair Film Company Production in cooperation with The Anne Frank House Amsterdam and in association with The Disney Channel and the BBC. The special is written, produced, and directed by Jon Blair, who created the British Academy Award-winning documentary, "Schindler." The original musical score is by award-winning composer Carl Davis ("The French Lieutenant's Woman").

The Disney Channel is a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company.

exclusively on the eyewitness accounts of those who knew her best--her family, friends, relatives, classmates, and finally, her fellow concentration camp inmates. Many of these interviews are conducted at the original sites where the events took place, including Westerbork, Auschwitz, and Bergen-Belsen, where Anne Frank died about three weeks before the camp was liberated.

"Anne Frank Remembered" is the first production made with the complete cooperation of The Anne Frank House Amsterdam, which has provided the filmmakers with access to the secret annex in which Anne and seven others went into hiding

when the Nazis stepped up their persecution of the Jews in 1942. Filmmaker Jon Blair also received special permission to refurbish the annex as it had been when the Franks were in hiding.



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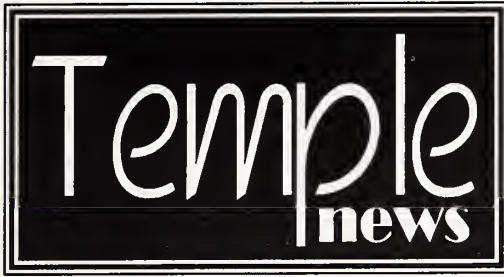
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Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Scholar-In-Residence--June 23-25

Introducing Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz, spiritual leader of the Havurah of South Florida, a unique nondenominational education organization. The Havurah has over three hundred active members. Rabbi Chefitz is considered a pioneer in the development of new systems of Jewish study and prayer. It will be a wonderful weekend of study, meditation, and prayer.

Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Memorial Services

The service was held on April 26 and was an incredibly moving service and program commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of the camps. This year, Beth Israel presented Holocaust survivors, Dr. Walter Ziffer and Julius Blum. A liturgy by Yosi Knight was heard by all. In addition, the Asheville High School sang. All of the local Jewish organizations participated in a moving candlelighting ceremony. It was an evening to remember.

Business Person's Breakfast - Study Hour

This was held on Wednesday, April 12, and participants continued to

read and discuss tough issues. Rabbi guides the lively discussions.

Passover Seder

Our Passover Seder was Friday, April 14, with an overflow crowd of congregants. Richard

Harrison previously had led three sessions in studying the Passover Haggadah and learning how to celebrate our own Seders. The Annual Pesach Picnic was held following services on April 22, on the lawns of Beth Israel.

Fast and Feast of the First Born

Jewish Law mandates that any first-born child must fast on the day before the Seder begins to commemorate the deliverance of the first-born Israelites in Egypt. As in the past, the Rabbi taught the concluding passage of a Tractate of Talmud (Siyyum) giving cause for a mandatory and joyous meal (Seudat Mitzvah). At this meal, the first-born who was present joined in and broke their fast.

Yishar Koach

Yishar Koach to our new B'alei Tefilah (Prayer leaders) and B'alei (Torah Readers): Jake Cotler, Richard Harrison, Susan Hedgepeth, Caren Kessler, and Richard Nielsen.

Shomrei Adamah Update

Shomrei Adamah has sent for hand-outs to be distributed at the Whole Life Expo at the Civic Center. Back issues of their newsletter have come back from the National Office for this purpose. Also, ten nurseries have been solicited for three seedlings to give away to children so they can leave the event with something live

to plant. Susan Hedgepeth was in charge of these happenings.

Synagogue News

Thank you--to Roy Schwarz, for his donation of the book *A Place Among the Nations* by Benjamin Netanyahu.

Rabbi's Busy Schedule

The Rabbi's schedule includes representing us in the larger community. Here are some of his activities: Board Meetings of Planned Parenthood - Rabbi was selected as a member of the four person Clergy Oversight Committee at Memorial Mission Hospital-- At United Way, he is the new Chairperson of the Religious Involvement Committee and being on the Board of "Children First" - Taught about Judaism with two honors classes at Owen High School in Black Mountain - Spoke at the Men's Breakfast at Oak Forest Presbyterian Church - Spoke at the new Al Galgalim program, which is part of our local Hadassah Chapter's activities - Rabbi participated in the Allocations Commission of the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation lobbying for a joint Shul and Temple Educational Program and, hopefully, laying the groundwork for a future joint Shul and Temple Jewish "High School" - He led a "Seder" at St. Mary's Parish on Charlotte Street - He participated in Woven Youth's Tu Bishvat Seder and led a meditation.

Sisterhood

Maggie Rotman, President, reports on the very successful Hamantaschen Ball and Auction. The following people assisted in making it a success. Auction: Joann

Feingold, Barbara Pasternack, and Adele Rose. Decorations: Teri Siegel, Beth Reiser, Michele Heller, Ellen Kaplan, Lorraine Silverman, and Evelyn Landsberg. Publicity: Linda Brandt and Muriel Gelbert. Food: Barbara Pasternack, Linda Brandt, Arlene Schandler, Toby Cohen, Carl Deutsch, Rochelle Neuringer, Lillian Wellisch, Sherrie Traub, Lorraine Silverman, Susan Stader, Joann Feingold, Ileana Grams, Ellen Kaplan, Ellie Schlager, and Teri Siegel. Carnival: Maggie Rotman, Toby Cohen, and Norma Schwarz. Money Management: Hilda Ehrlich and Evelyn Landsberg. Extra Hands The Night of the Ball: Rich Laibson, Shmuel Birnham, Dr. Joseph and Arlene Schandler, Sherrie Reiz, Natalie and Gary Kramer, Ron Cohen, Greg Siegel, Barry Landsberg, and Jamie Feingold. She also thanks the following persons who helped make Hamantaschen for Purim: Rochelle Neuringer, Chairperson, Elaine Bronstein, Toby Cohen, Hilda Ehrlich, Roz Freedman, Beatrice Gullotta, Betty Rosenthal, Arlene Schandler, Joseph Schandler, Sherrie Traub, and Lillian Wellisch. Sisterhood members met at the China Palace for a second successful "Just Social Lunch."

Beth Israel congregants were stimulated still more to attend Minyans.

Recent Letters From Church Groups Visiting Beth Israel

"Dear Rabbi Birnham: Thank you so much for the warm welcome and generous hospitality towards our group at your services on Friday evening. It was a very meaningful experience for us which we are still talking about with joy and

enthusiasm. Thank you for taking time with us and for making us feel so welcome and included in your service. . ." Kim Dodson, Brevard First United Methodist Church. "Dear Rabbi Birnham: Our youth and their adult leaders from the confirmation class have been buzzing with discussions of their most enlightening trip to worship with you and to hear your teaching about some of the traditions of your faith. Thank you for the time and, more importantly, the blessing which was bestowed upon all of us who attended. I was especially blessed as the experience brought back memories of Israel which I visited a year ago. And when I teach or preach on the Sabbath, I shall have much to share about the joy of the gift of the Sabbath from our God. Blessings and peace to you, your family, and our congregation." Rev. William Garrard, Rosman-Selica United Methodist Church.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte, NC

by Susan Lepow

Temple Beth El continues to be a vibrant institution where its members enjoy a vast diversity of programming. During the month of May, our Rosh Chodesh women's group observed two services. These gatherings afford the participants an opportunity to explore Reform Judaism fully, from a feminist perspective. Each month, a different individual leads this spiritual experience. The next service is scheduled for June 28.

People in need of spiritual and emotional uplifting might be

interested in our monthly Service of Healing, led by Rabbi Bennett. The service is intimate and relaxed, filled with music, prayer and warm camaraderie. Our last service was held on May 17. Our June service will be announced.

Fridays were very special during the month of May. On May 5, Rabbinic Intern Mike Moskowitz was honored at our First Friday Family Service for his wonderful work with Temple Beth El during the past year. May 12 marked Jewish Education Shabbat, during which our dedicated religious school teachers were given the special recognition they deserved. May 19 marked Sisterhood Shabbat when Sisterhood members planned and executed a service dedicated to those who work so hard to raise funds for Charlotte Jewish preschool and Camp scholarships, our beautiful ones, and many other worthwhile Temple projects. That same evening, all of our graduating high school seniors were honored and called to the bimah.

June 3 marks our Shavuot Confirmation Service. Mazel Tov to our Confirmands: Stacy Apar, Katie Benfield, Stacey Blacker, Blair Blitz, Marni Britton, Bryan Crossan, Lorraine Flitton, Daniel Gormet, David Grossman, Derek Hoffman, Adam Horner, Meredith Katz, Craig Kirsch, Jessa Kopecky, Lisa McGinley, Sarah Moore, Mollie Neumann, Cami Nore, Jeremy Ordan, Justin Oxman, Gregory Rocco, Meghan Russ, Andrew Schatz, Daniel Simon, Richard Wilson and Amelia Zimmern.

Mazel Tov as well to our May and June B'nai Mitzvah: Rose Miller,

daughter of Fred and Joy Miller, Rebecca Ferry, daughter of Mike and Debra Ferry, Danielle Goldfischer, daughter of Mike and Ilene Goldfischer, Sara Blazek, daughter of Gary and Beth Blazek, Alissa Abel, daughter of Jane Abel, Brian Keene, son of Lee and Sharon Keene, Nandi Cohen, daughter of Arthur and Maria Cohen and Jacob Komisar, son of Mitchell and Kim Komisar.

Mazel Tov also to the following members: To Betty and Brad Rosenbaum on the birth of their granddaughter, Jule Kathryn Hicks on March 21 in Atlanta, to Jill and Michael Sisskind on the naming of their daughter, Maren Rose, on April 5, to Judith Katzenstein and Ellison Berlin on their marriage on April 29, to Jennifer Levenson and Ken Roberts on their marriage on May 13, to Murray and Estelle Rosen on their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20, to Mark Resnik, son of Alan and Ana Resnik, on being accepted to the Honors Program at UNC, Chapel Hill, to Ruth Kossove and George Hall on their marriage on May 21.

A warm welcome to our newest members: Neal and Nomi Bergman, Patrick Cleary and Sandi Koenigsberg, Abner Firestone, Steven and Holly Gainsboro, Jonathan and Debra Gould, George and Ruth Hall, Sanford and Kristy Kaplan, Steve and Caryn Kopnick, Rob Krasow, Adam Lichtiger, Beth Linderman, Ron and Rhona Nadel, Steve and Marsha Pepper, Traci Taylor and Marvin and Marilyn Woronov.

Our S.P.I.C.E. Program (Services and Programs of Interest and

Concern to Elders), capably chaired by Elsa Multer, Claire Krusch and Beverly Tirsun, has planned an exciting schedule of events for our Senior University on Wednesday, June 21. Claire Krusch will present, "Journaling Down Memory Lane," Arthur Kramer will present, "Where Have All the Heroes Gone?," and Rabbi Bennett will focus on "Spirituality and Aging." Register by calling the Temple office.

Bring the little ones to a warm and wonderful Shabbat experience with Bim and Bam on Saturday, June 17 at 9:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat is held on the third Saturday of each month.

Our Social Action Committee is busier than ever under the inspiring leadership of Sue Schneider. During May and June the members served lunch at the Center for Urban Ministries, picked peaches at a local farm, continued to collect canned goods for Metrolina Food Bank, participated in the ongoing Habitat Day Project and sorted clothing at Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Temple Beth haTephila Asheville, NC by Marjorie Schachter

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met on March 4 to consider "Community: What Constitutes community? Is it a Jewish concept?" A satisfying discussion, which turned out to be largely about our own community, and satisfying refreshment supplied by Mark Boyd. On April 8 the topic was "Modernism, and Postmodernism in

Jewish Philosophy." The discussion, usually led by Rabbi Ratner, was led by Mark Boyd in the Rabbi's absence. This reporter **thinks** that in this instance Modernism means a withdrawal from traditional practices, and Postmodernism is return to these practices.

This time Lillian Bieber was responsible for the refreshments.

THE SISTERHOOD held its March meeting on the 13, when Simon Wiesenthal's powerful book *The Sunflower* was reviewed by Rabbi Ratner and discussed, under the Rabbi's leadership, by the audience. The story, about a dying Nazi who wants to ask a Jew for forgiveness and is spurned by the Jew, who simply walks out of the room, raises questions about whether the Jew was right, and whether forgiveness was possible. This consensus was that forgiveness was, and is, impossible.

Judy Haller and Sylvia Meyer were in charge of refreshments.

The April 21 Passover Oneg was sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Fred and Hilde Hoffman, who are moving to Atlanta on a trial basis after having lived in Asheville for 49 years, and who will be much missed. The couple, she a nurse and he an engineer, met in Germany and were married in London during the war. During services the couple, who sat on the bima, were deservedly praised for their long-time devotion to the Temple and to the community. For many years Fred played the viola in the Asheville Symphony Orchestra--and Hilde, who has been widely sought out for her first-hand recollections of the Holocaust, was

said to have taken care of practically all the Jewish children in Asheville at one time or another. Rabbi Ratner referred to them as a gentle couple, and so they are, and lovable and wonderfully brave besides.

THE BROTHERHOOD presented its classic brunch on March 26 featuring Temple member Dr. Allen Sher's view of Tarheel Humor. All proceeds went to the Jewish Chautauqua Society for Community Interfaith Programs.

THE TEMPLE PASSOVER SEDER on April 15 was, to quote one of the guests, wonderful. The attendance, considering the size of the congregation, was huge; about 180 people were there. The seder was chaired by Julie Lee.

THE YOUTH GROUP proved again that it's much better for everybody, young and not so young, to be part of the group's doings when they're invited. Those who weren't

at their Purim masquerade dance on March 18 missed one of the funniest sights of the century: first prize winner for costume (created by Sarah Cohen) David Cohen as Bertha Miami Beach, complete with rosebud lips and his own big black moustache, on the arm of the Rabbi as General Ratner, pride of the Confederacy. A big success and a successful fundraiser, with many laughs, many happy raffle winners and a lot of fun for everyone.

On April 9 the Youth Group went hiking at Rattlesnake Lodge.

THE NEW ELEVATOR is making life a lot easier, at least on Friday nights, for members of the congregation who have trouble getting down the stairs to the Onegs in Unger Hall and up again afterwards. Many heartfelt thanks go to those who helped make it possible, and to those who continue to contribute to the Elevator Fund.

OUTREACH met at Anna and Kerry Friedman's in January. Janet Grant said in the Temple Bulletin, "There were several new faces which we hope to see again." The next meeting, on March 25, was at the home of Barbara and Don Whitaker.

A WARM WELCOME to new members Larry and Sandra Layton and their children Cory and Chelsea.

MAZEL TOV AND CHEERS to Kathy and Larry Rosenberg and Samuel on Samuel's Bar Mitzvah, and Mary Ann and Mark Jaben on the birth of their daughter Molly Frances, and on her naming, "Moriah," to Arnold Sgan "on his great editing of a fine piece of scholarship concerning the teaching of the Holocaust" (North Carolina English Teacher, Winter 1995), to Josh Ratner who is a National Scholarship finalist, and to Rachel Sellinger and her family on her Bat Mitzvah.



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Temple Israel

Charlotte, NC
by Lisa Taub

Recent Events

Temple Israelites are gearing up for a warm welcome of their new cantor. Elias Roochvarg, who will arrive in August. Cantor Roochvarg, originally from Newark, NJ, will move to Charlotte from Congregation Beth Israel in Owings Mills, Maryland. He has served Beth Israel as their Cantor for the past 15 years. Cantor Roochvarg earned his Bachelors Degree in Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and he earned his Masters Degree in voice from Boston University. He received his cantorial training at the School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. He spent three years at Hebrew Union College's Jerusalem campus, the last two of which he served as Cantor and Music Director. Since 1982, Cantor Roochvarg has served on the faculty of Baltimore Hebrew University, and he sings and lectures widely, including at the Smithsonian Institution.

Cantor Roochvarg is married to Linda Roochvarg, a pediatrician specializing in Adolescent Medicine. They have one son, Aaron, who is five years old. The Cantor's father, Michael Roochvarg, is a retired optometrist and Hebrew School teacher and will be moving to Charlotte with the Cantor and his family. The Roochvargs are looking forward to becoming part of the Temple Israel family.

Past Events

Temple Israelites welcomed Rabbi Neil Gillman as Scholar-in-Residence May 5-7 for stimulating discussions on Conservative Judaism, the "new spirituality," and resurrection and immortality. The congregation also enjoyed a delicious Sunday brunch. Sisterhood held its annual Installation Brunch on May 10. On May 22, the Social Action Committee provided dinner for young mothers involved with the Florence Crittenton Home. The "Celebrating Life: The Art of Jewish Aging: series concluded for the year on May 18 with a "Grand Finale" program. The Jewish Books Discussion Group closed its 1994-1995 season on May 22 with a discussion about *Literary Murder* by Israeli author Batya Bur. After a summer hiatus in June and July, the book club will resume its stimulating discussion meetings on August 28.

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Stephanie Jody Zulman, daughter of Colleen and Richard Zulman, was born on January 26. The proud grandparents are Rosemary and Arnold Zulman of South Africa. Evan Robert Levine, son of June and Jonathan Levine, was born on February 21. The proud grandparents are Shirley and Sol Levine. Jacob Louis Felton, son of Lizann and Scott Felton of Atlanta GA, was born on March 9. The proud grandparents are Deane and Larry Boxer. The proud great-grandparents are Dorothy and Ike Ashendorf. Lindsey Anne Zimmer, daughter of Rosie and Alan Zimmer of Wilmington NC was born on March 17. The proud grandparents are Roberta and William Zimmer of

Wilmington and Mary and Simon Wojnowich. Frances Emily Cohen, daughter of Marsha and Jeffrey Cohen, was born on April 2. The proud grandparents are Cynthia and Herbert Cohen of Long Island NY, and Burton Peetluk of Mobile, AL. The proud great-grandparents are Rose and Nat Cohen of Del Ray Beach FL.

Congratulations also to the following B'nai Mitzvah: Andrew Klein, son of Carol and Jeffrey Klein, became a Bar Mitzvah on May 6. Josh Gerber, son of Marti and Larry Gerber, became a Bar Mitzvah on May 13, Abigail Nathanson, daughter of Helene and Saul Nathanson, became a Bat Mitzvah on May 27.

Finally, mazel tov to Marcelle Gorelick and Daniel Peck, who were married at Temple Israel on April 1. Marcelle is the daughter of Patty and Bill Gorelick and the granddaughter of Elsie and Jack Karro. Daniel is the son of Rosann and David Peck of Richmond, VA.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Lillian and Stanley Bridge; Robin Greenberg; Joshua Bernstein; Emily Tanenbaum and Lawrence Nylin; Elena and Eugene Zilber; Anne and Barry Mendelson; and Leon Golynsky.

ORGANIZATIONS

Summer Break is No Vacation for NC Hillel Darin Diner, Program Director

As students packed up their dorm rooms and apartments and headed home for the summer months, the activity was buzzing at North Carolina Hillel. Over 70 Jewish students graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill this year, several more bid farewell to NCSU, UNCG and other campuses. We will surely miss these students who played such an important role in the development of NC Hillel and we wish them the greatest luck! As these graduates headed down new paths, hundreds of new Jewish students were making their way to Colleges and Universities across the Tar Heel state. The summer is an important time to welcome them in to our Jewish family. New and returning students are able to connect to one another at several orientation programs and through welcome letters. Each day new families stop by the Hillel building in Chapel Hill to see the excitement and vibrance of Jewish life on campus. We welcome everyone to stop by or give us a call!

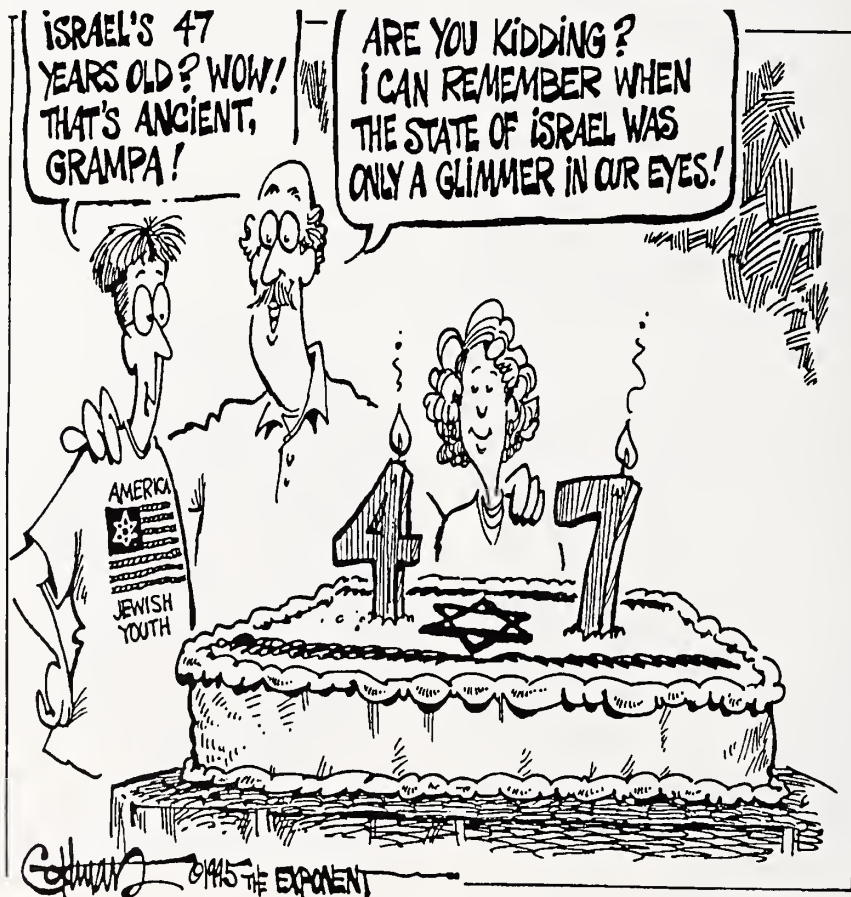
Monthly summer shabbat services and dinners along with other programs are certainly keeping everyone busy. The Fall semester is already shaping up to be yet another exciting one as well. Dates are already in place for some great programming and the student boards

are eagerly awaiting everyone's return. Mark your calendars now for such exciting events as the Annual North Carolina Hillel state-wide retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland, October 27-29 and the Annual Hillel Hanukkah Bash set for December 2. Also in the books is a truly exciting night of culture and beauty March 12, 1996. Join the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish community for a special celebration followed by a magical concert by world-famous musician Itzhak Perlman on the UNC-CH campus. It's all part of the every-growing Jewish Life on North Carolina Campuses. . .see y'all soon!

Hillel Activities at Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina
by Dr. Richard Klein
Faculty Director

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1995 semester with a Sunday Bagel Brunch on January 15, held at the home of Richard and Joyce Klein. The special guest for this event was Dr. Hassan Behary, a friend of the Kleins and a Professor in Clemson's School of Textiles. A native of Egypt, Dr. Behary is now an American citizen. The topic of Dr. Behary's talk was "A Moslem View of the Middle East Peace Process," and he gave an extremely interesting and warm presentation which

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Continued from page 25 - Hillel, Clemson included insights on Islam, the peace prospects, and the dynamics of politics in that part of the world. Twenty four students attended this event and enjoyed the food and fellowship as well as the talk and the ensuing question and answer period.

The next activity was a Sunday evening Jewish discussion group held again at the Klein residence. The discussion for this session centered around the similarities and differences between Christianity and Judaism. It was conducted by Mrs. Joyce Klein, a trained Jewish educator.

On Friday evening, January 27, Hillel held an Informal Teaching Sabbath Service. Dr. Susan Wallace, the newest member of the Hillel Faculty Advisory Board, assisted Mrs. Joyce Klein in conducting the service

and preparing the refreshments. The service was held at the nearby Clemson Methodist Student Center which was made available for our use by the Reverend Ron Singleton. The **Likrat Shabbat** prayer books which we used, has excellent readings in both English and Hebrew. The service was designed for all Jewish students, whether they are Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox or non-observant.

On the weekend of February 18 and 19, eleven Hillel members and two other Clemson students attended the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs

Committee (AIPAC) along with Dr. and Mrs. Klein. The Clemson delegation was the second largest delegation from around the Southeast, second in size only to Emory University, site of the Conference. Speakers included U.S. Congressman John Linder (R. Georgia), members of Georgia's House of Representatives and Senate, the Israeli Consul General and a number of other stimulating and distinguished individuals. The purpose of AIPAC's Conference was to teach the students the skills necessary to take the U.S.-Israel



relationship into the 21st Century. Essentially, this well-designed and well-run meeting was to train political leadership for the future, and it was highly successful. Equally important (I feel) was the opportunity for Jewish students from throughout the Southeast to meet, socialize, and exchange ideas. Especially meaningful for my wife, Joyce, was a surprise birthday party for her which was given by the Clemson Hillel students during lunch time when they presented her with a cake and encouraged all 150 participants to sing "Happy Birthday."

On Tuesday, March 14, the Clemson

Hillel co-sponsored the all-day visit of the Israeli Consul General, Arye Mekel. First, Hillel hosted the informal luncheon for Mr. Mekel, his accompanying staff members, and members of the Clemson Campus Ministers Association. Then at 4:00 pm, the Clemson Hillel co-sponsored a private and informal round table meeting with Hillel students and the Clemson Model United Nations (UN) Student Delegation. (The Clemson Model UN group ably represented Israel at the Collegiate Model UN in New York in April.) Mr. Mekel talked for about a half hour and then answered a number of thought-provoking questions that were offered by the students. The round table discussion was very educational and informative. Twenty-four Hillel students attended this event. Next, at 5:30 pm, Hillel co-sponsored a buffet dinner for invited guests which included the

students as well as the Consul General and his staff. Finally, Hillel co-sponsored the 7:00 pm public presentation by Mr. Mekel, the topic of which was entitled "Israel and the Road to Peace in the Middle East." It was held in the main auditorium of Clemson's Strom Thurmond Institute. Two students, Joey Levy and Adam Schwartzman, represented Hillel as panelists, submitting questions to Mr. Mekel. Also, Hillel students Steve Afrin and Eric Levy coordinated all the technical arrangements for this event, including the sound and lights. Over 150 people attended the public presentation.

During the day, Mr. Mekel met with the President of Clemson University and the media, lectured in front of a couple of classes, and spent time with agricultural researchers. Everyone felt that the visit was a great success, especially since the Consul General is a dynamic speaker and has a great sense of humor.

For the first night of Passover, which was April 14, Pamela Wolfe, a graduate student, volunteered the use of her apartment for a Passover Seder for those Hillel students who were not going home. (Dr. and Mrs. Klein traveled to Atlanta the Sunday before to purchase Passover foods for the event.) In addition to Pam, the cooking "crew" included Alissa Gayle, Nicole Rossi, Simon Leiderman and Adam Schwartzman. According to the ten students (mostly undergraduates) who attended this Hillel-sponsored event, the Passover Seder was very traditional. Those who participated reported that it was a very warm, friendly, relaxed and memorable experience. Everything was delicious, especially the "fluffy" matzoh balls. I felt that it was fantastic to see Jewish students take it upon themselves to prepare the Seder, to conduct their own service, according to tradition, and to consider themselves "an extended family."

The final event for the 1994-1995 academic year was an Interfaith Model Seder which Hillel co-sponsored with other members of the Clemson Campus Ministers Association. It was held on April 19 in the Clemson United Methodist Church Social Hall. Mrs. Joyce

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Klein conducted this very meaningful and relevant celebration and meal, which took place during the week of Passover. Fifty-five people attended, including three Ministers and a Priest, as well as eight Hillel students. Interestingly, the four questions were sung in Hebrew by Freshman Hillel student Tyler Schwartz and read in English by the young son of a Presbyterian Minister.

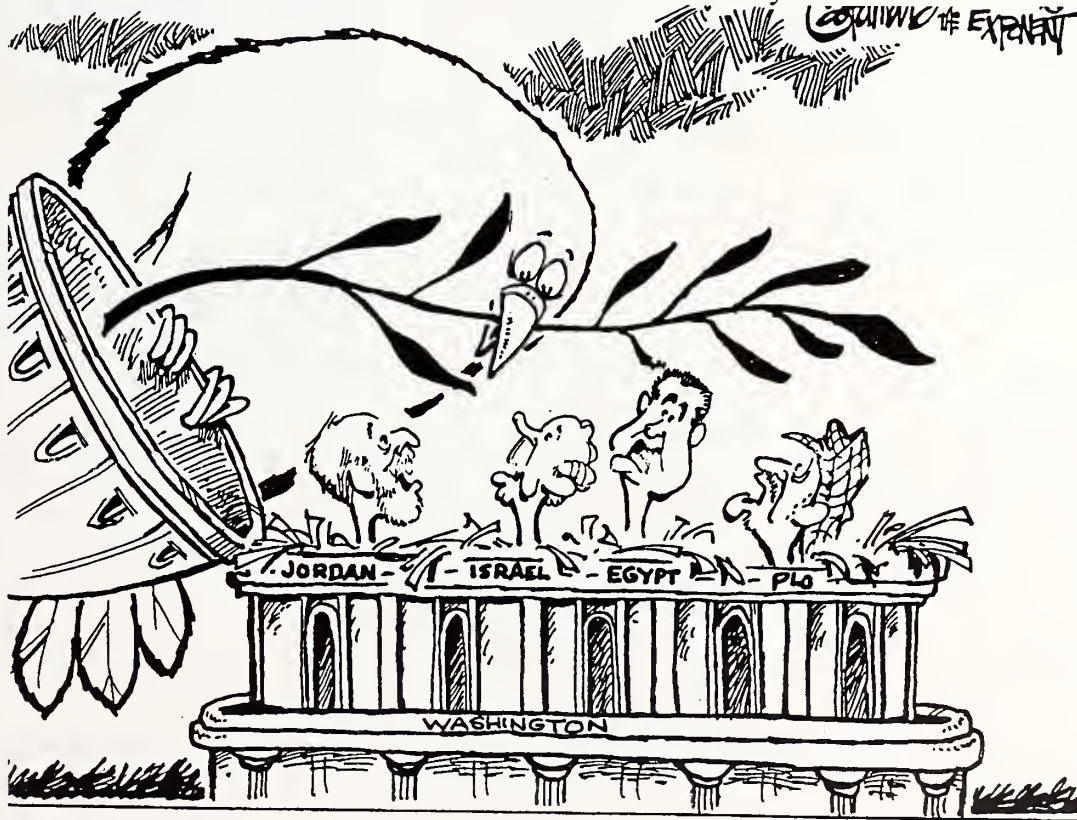
This Seder was a wonderful



opportunity for Jewish students to bring their roommates and friends of all religions to experience a Seder. Each of the religious organizations involved, namely Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist,

Lutheran and Jewish had specific responsibilities in order to make the Seder a success.

The Hillel students are looking forward to a successful 1995-1996 academic year.



B'nai B'rith Women in Charlotte

by *Wendy Rosen*

At the recent South Atlantic Region B'nai B'rith Women Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, HaLailah Chapter and Charlotte Chapter jointly received some very high honors for the Judaism Institute: An Open House of Jewish Customs. B'nai B'rith Women sponsored the "J.I.", held at Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and the JCC on Sunday, October 30, 1994, in conjunction with all of the Jewish Organizations and Institutions in Charlotte. With the wonderful response from everyone, both Jewish and non-Jewish, our plan is to repeat this in a few years and again have everyone participate.

B'nai B'rith Women in Charlotte are very proud of these awards and would like to again thank all of the people who worked so hard to make the "J.I." possible. The "J.I." was truly a community effort and it is with all of you that we share these awards.

AWARDS:

Community Impact - 1st place
Best Chapter Program for attracting non-member attendance-1st place
Special Citation for Public Relations
National BBW Media Award - 1st Place

HaLailah Chapter also received an Honorable Mention for their Chapter Bulletin.

In April, B'nai B'rith Women in Charlotte, was one of many BBW Cities around the country to participate in the "Let the Children

Remember" program. "Let the Children Remember" was started in a Chapter in New York after a child came home from Sunday School and asked his Mother "How many are 6 million?" She then thought about it, talked to other women in the Chapter, and they came up with the idea of coloring sheets with 50 little figures. Then they took the finished sheets and made a design with it depicting something from the Holocaust or something Jewish (ex. A huge shirt worn in the camps, or the Western Wall). Their hope is to have 6 million colored figures by BBW's Biennial Convention in March 1996. They also developed a dialogue to go along with this so that discussions can take place with the children.

Here in Charlotte, this program was introduced in October at the "J.I." and then in March the sheets were done through our Religious Schools. The sheets were then put together to form a train, which represented the trains that carried the Jews to the Concentration Camps. This was hung in photo gallery at the JCC along with the Holocaust Exhibit.

Again, this year, members provided traditional Passover items for families who could not provide for themselves. This was done through Jewish Family Services and was chaired by Randy DeFilipp. Thanks go to Randy and to all of the members who provided food. If anyone is interested in more information or joining B'nai B'rith Women, please contact Wendy Rosen (364-9765) or any member of B'nai B'rith Women. Or if you already belong and would like to help in the coming year - give us a call.

Chabad of Myrtle Beach by Rabbi Doron Aizenman

New Classroom

Spring was a time of blooming and flourishing for Chabad of Myrtle Beach. The long awaited new classroom, that was donated by Horry County School District for a nominal fee, finally arrived. It was set up in our backyard. The fifth and sixth grade moved out to the portable and made a place for our new nursery class. The class filled up quickly and brought the total number of students to 95.

Passover

The Jewish Day School of Myrtle Beach prepared the children for Passover. We baked authentic matza in our schoolyard, and the children participated in a model seder.

Holocaust Memorial Day

For the past two months, fifth and sixth grade studied about the Holocaust as part of their Jewish studies. As a culmination for the unit, they created a play based on Eve Bunting's book. *Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust*. The fifth grade of Myrtle Beach Elementary School was invited to join our students in performing this play in the public school. The performance had excellent coverage by the local media.

As a result of the wide interest in this subject, our students will travel with this play to other local school and churches. In addition, Chabad of Myrtle Beach took it upon themselves, as a project for the next year, to create a research library and media center to serve as a source of information for the community at large.



Rabbi Yossi Naparstek is baking matza with fourth grade.

Personals



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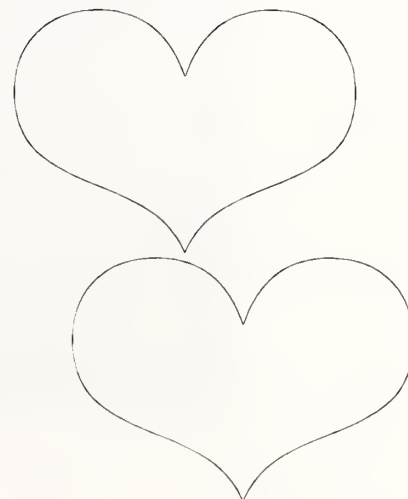
Jill Susan Weinstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Weinstein of Greensboro NC and Dr. Craig Marshall Spector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spector of Valley Stream NY, were married at Beth David Synagogue on April 1. A reception and dinner-dance followed the ceremony.

The bride is the granddaughter of Shirley Goldklang of Greensboro and the late Julius Goldklang, and of Laura Weinstein of Greensboro and the late Sol Weinstein. The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Anna and Morris Gross, and the late Ida and Samuel Spector, all formerly of Brooklyn NY.

The bride is a graduate of Grimsley High School and the University of Georgia where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Kappa Delta Epsilon Educational Honor Society. She is also a member of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. Until the time of her wedding, she was employed by the Gwinnett County, GA public schools as a second grade teacher.

The bridegroom is a graduate of New York University and the Medical College of Virginia School

of Medicine in Richmond. He completed his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Florida School of Medicine. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He is Chairman of Anesthesiology at Peachtree Regional Hospital in Newnan, GA and is a Clinical Instructor of Anesthesiology at the Emory University School of Medicine.



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BJH To Celebrate **30th** Anniversary

The Blumenthal Jewish Home will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in October 1995. Almost 30 years ago on Wednesday October 20, 1965, the Blumenthal Jewish Home opened its doors to the first five individuals to become residents of the Home. On that day the mezuzah was placed on the doorpost of the main entrance of the Home by Rabbi Rose of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and the dream of a Jewish Home for those in need became a reality. In that same week seven more of our Jewish elderly moved into their new home and Blumenthal Jewish Home began providing the quality of care for which it has become known.

The Board of Trustees of the Home is planning a celebration weekend, October 28 & 29 in honor of the Home's excellent service for the past thirty years to the Jewish communities of North and South Carolina. A dinner and program is planned for Saturday October 28, 1995 at Bermuda Run Country Club in Advance NC near the Home. The 30th Annual Meeting featuring a Gala Anniversary Brunch will be held at the Home on Sunday morning October 29th.

Please mark your calendars with the dates October 28&29, 1995 and plan to honor the Blumenthal Jewish Home, the only Jewish nursing home in the Carolinas, by attending these festivities. To insure that you are on the invitation mailing list call or write the Home, giving your name and address for BJH's 30th.

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*Greensboro volunteer Ruth Jacobs with
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Greensboro, at the Starmount Luncheon.*

IN MEMORY

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*May their cherished
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their loved ones.*



MEET THE BJH TRUSTEES



Herman Blumenthal is chairman of the Board of Radiator Specialty Company in Charlotte, NC. He is a Life Member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Trustees, has served on the Board since 1979 and is a member of the Finance and Executive committees. Dedicated to the Home for many years Herman has been an active fundraiser and supporter of BJH as well as being actively involved in the Charlotte community. He is currently affiliated as Vice President and

Treasurer of Wildacres Retreat, Director of Nations Bank Charlotte Board, on the Board of Visitors of both Johnson C. Smith University and of Mercy Hospital, is the First Honorary Life President of Temple Beth El in Charlotte, is the Founding President of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community and is a Trustee of the Blumenthal Foundation. Herman Blumenthal attended UNC in the class of 1937 and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Queens College Graduate School in 1986. Herman and his wife Anita live in Charlotte NC. They have three sons, Alan, Philip and Samuel and seven grandchildren.

Ellis Berlin is a Life Member of the BJH Board of Trustees and has served on the Board since 1977. He has held the offices of Treasurer, Vice President and was President of the Board from 1990 to 1992. Ellis is chairman of the Home's Investment Advisory committee and is a member of the Admissions, Finance, House and Grounds, Personnel, Planning and Executive Committees. Ellis is a retired accountant and has a BS Degree from UNC Chapel Hill. An active member of his community Ellis has been involved in numerous organizations including the Kiwanis Club, the Institute of Management Accountants, the Telephone Pioneers and the Winston-Salem Jewish Community Council. He is a member and past President of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, NC. He and his wife Ellen live in Winston-Salem ; they have two daughters, John and Debra Lewis and Joseph and Carol Silverman and three grandchildren.



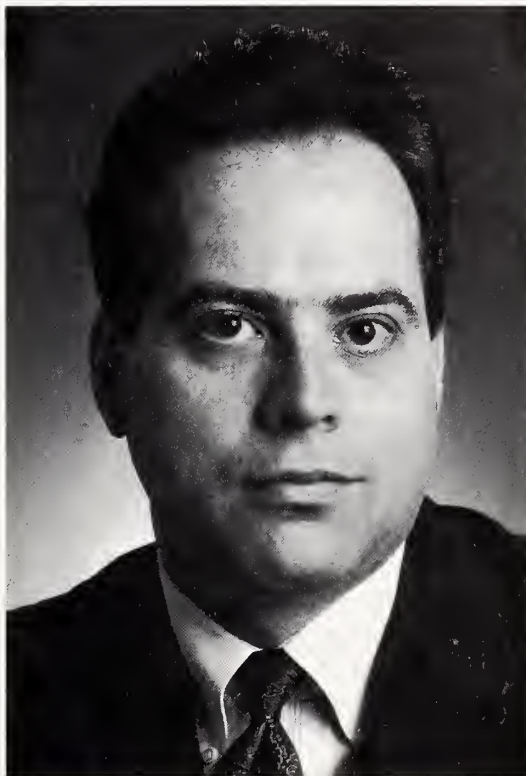
A message from Ron Weiner

In January 1989 I relocated to Charlotte to start a new job. I left my wife and three young children in Connecticut to sell our house and make the other necessary arrangements for our move. I began the much easier, and more pleasant task, of getting to know our new community. Jan and the kids (Aaron, Rebecca, & Jordana) joined me in April in our new home, in our new community, the day before the first night of Passover. My good friend, Phil Joffe, invited us all to a Seder with his and several other families and, I will never forget how "at home" we all felt that evening.

When I first arrived in Charlotte I was warmly greeted by many people, Jew and non-Jew alike; however, my greatest comfort came in the company of my fellow Jews, particularly during the four months that I did not have my family with me. It is really no surprise that I felt that way. I have learned from others who have relocated as I did, how similar their experiences were. We share not only a common religion and heritage, but values as well. Several of our values are expressed in a single word, **TZEDAKA**.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home (BJH) was created from the efforts of many individuals living these values, and it will continue as a viable Jewish institution as long as we Jews continue to practice tzedaka.

It is a bit surprising to me that I have become so involved with the BJH. I had very limited experiences with nursing homes prior to the BJH, and



they were not altogether positive. In college I was a volunteer companion at a nursing home. I did not continue with that because the facility and the condition of the residents were simply too depressing for me. Another experience I had was visiting my grandfather in a nursing home after he suffered a stroke. That was a much better facility and my grandfather received good care. It was difficult, however, to see how age and illness effected him.

It is largely my loving memories of my grandfather that makes my work on behalf of the BJH so important to me. My son Aaron is named for my grandfather and so I think of him often. I remember my last visit with "Grandpa", feeding him chocolate ice cream. I'm not sure he knew it was me, but I do know that he enjoyed that ice cream. Every

resident at the BJH is someone's grandmother or grandfather or loved one, and here they are cared for with that in mind.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deep respect for, and appreciation of, our staff at the BJH. Together, with the support of the Board of Trustees and all the members and supporters of the BJH, our staff provides not only the highest quality care possible, but truly loving and compassionate care as well.

Finally, I want to encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved with the BJH to do so. Please call me or any board member, or call the Home directly. We need your involvement and you will feel enriched performing this mitzvah.

Sue's News

Dr. Andrew Ettin of Winston-Salem and Rabbi Murray Ezring of Charlotte were welcomed additions to the Rabbi's Hour Programs at BJH this year. Andrew Ettin, who is serving as the interim religious leader of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem during this past year has been conducting Rabbi's Hour programs monthly for residents in the Fair Oaks Synagogue. Andrew Ettin has been a volunteer at the Home for many years assisting with holiday observances and services. On May 4th Dr. Ettin led a special program in celebration of Israel Independence Day.

Rabbi Ezring joined Temple Israel in Charlotte this year and we were

happy to also welcome him to BJH. Rabbi Ezring visited the Home in April, met the residents and conducted a spirited discussion during his Rabbi's Hour Program.

Rabbi Eli Havivi of Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro and Rabbi James Bennet of Temple Beth El in Charlotte continued their participation in BJH's religious programming this year with presentations at Rabbi's Hour. The visits and educational and inspirational programs conducted by visiting Rabbis augment the regular religious observances at the Home and bring a vital spiritual dimension to activities at BJH.



Andrew Ettin conducts a Rabbi's Hour program for residents in the Fair Oaks synagogue.



Rabbi Murray Ezring visits with Fair Oaks resident Hannah Hockfield following a Rabbi's Hour program in the Fair Oaks synagogue.

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Calendar Highlights June

- 1 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 2 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 4 Shavouth, Services, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 5 Shavuoth, Yizkor Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 6 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 8 Schmoozing with Seth, 1:30 p.m., Pre-Assembly Room
- 9 General Store with BJH Volunteers, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 11 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 13 Leave for VFW Hall in Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:15 a.m.
- 13 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:15 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert, Centinal Squares, "Square Dancing", 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium



ABOVE: Members of the BJH 30th Anniversary Planning Committee meet at the Home to coordinate the exciting plans for the celebration weekend on October 28 & 29. Pictured from the left are: Shirley Lynch - Greensboro, Florence Jaffa - Charlotte, Sandy Deckelbaum - Raleigh, Sheila Herman - Greensboro, Ruth Goldberg - Charlotte, and Ellen Berlin - Winston-Salem.

BELOW: West Forsyth High School student Rachael Richards chaired the Anchor Club's service project for BJH this year. She is shown following the fashion show with resident Irene Mendelson.



BJH *Briefs*

Residents honor Sam Jacobson with a leaf on the Tree of Life. Sam Jacobson, Religious Director at the Home for many years, was surprised with a presentation ceremony in his honor on April 7th. In appreciation of his dedication to the Home and to the residents and as a thank you to Sam for the concern, devotion and inspiration which he brings to them each week, BJH and Fair Oaks residents presented Sam with a leaf to be placed on the Tree of Life in the Fair Oaks lobby. As Religious Director, Mr. Jacobson conducts Shabbat and holiday services, participates in holiday observances and visits weekly with residents both at the Home and in the hospital. He has been a spiritual leader and a comfort to many.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: Sam Jacobson receives a leaf to be placed on the Tree of Life, presented in his honor by the BJH and Fair Oaks residents.



Anchor Club student Sara Shouse shares a hug with resident Shirley Shane.

The Anchor Club Spring Fashion Show has become a tradition at BJH. About 40 members of the West Forsyth High School Club presented their annual Fashion Show for the residents on April 24 in the Fair Oaks Commons. The students modeled the latest in fashions for school, work, parties and play, definitely for the fit and the young but great fun for all to see. After the show there was time for the residents to meet the models and chat with the girls whom they have come to know through the club's monthly projects at BJH and with the new members of the club.

Clemmons Sertoma Club honors Hearing and Speech Month at BJH. On April 25th in honor of National Hearing and Speech Month to be observed in May the Clemmons Sertoma Club presented the gift of an assistive listening device to BJH Director of Nursing, Patsy Petree and Administrator Lynda Edmondson. The Club whose mission is "Service to Mankind" provides community service with an emphasis on hearing and speech problems. Through the distribution of hearing devices the Sertoma Club works to improve the quality of life for those with hearing loss.



Clemmons Sertoma Club member Ray Bedsaul presents a listening device to BJH Director of Nursing, Patsy Petree.





Enjoying the Blumenthal Jewish Home beautiful landscape are students and advisors from the Temple Israel Youth Group in Charlotte, NC.

Temple Israel Youth Group Visits the Home on Sunday April 9th. A bus filled with students from Temple Israel in Charlotte arrived early enough for the students and the Youth Group advisors to picnic on the BJH lawn on this bright spring day. The visitors carried the sunshine into the Home with them as they dispersed throughout the Home visiting residents, renewing friendships from prior visits and dispensing good cheer. Residents welcomed the students and the Director of the Youth Group, Robert Gliberman, and enjoyed the bright addition to a Sunday afternoon.

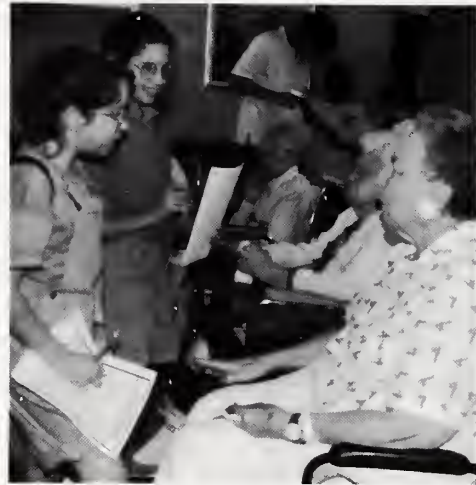
Fair Oaks resident David Linial leads members of the Temple youth group in an impromptu musicale.



A creative Shabbat Service conducted by the second grade class from Temple Israel in Charlotte brightened the Fair Oaks synagogue in April. Participants in the joyful and spiritual service pictured are Alan Sussman, second grade teachers Denise Sussman and Robert Feingold and the pupils in the second grade. The young and the young at heart shared a beautiful Shabbat together in prayer and in pleasure with the delightful service and kiddush which followed.



Hosting Winston-Salem Temple Emanuel Sisterhood's Sunday Sweets program in April are seen counter clockwise: Fran Thull with her sister Ellen Clark and her son Danny Thull, who is a member of the Winston-Salem BBYO



Students in Temple Israel's Youth Group play a game of Chai Bingo with the BJH residents on Sunday April 9th. All had a good time finding out a few facts about each other through this interpersonal game.

Happy Anniversary

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

8 Years

Lydia Sparrow, Administration
Alicia Vaughn, Administration

6 Years

Linda Smith, LPN, Fair Oaks
Arlene van de Rijn, Administration

4 Years

Mary Horton, CNA, B-2
Linda Johnson, CNA, B-1

3 Years

Barbara Simmons, CNA, Fair Oaks

2 Years

Suzy Atkins, RN, B-2
Kathy Rucker, CNA, Awing

1 Year

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What's Developing

by Bruce Schlosberg
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CREATING/RENEWING THE VISION

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

In the early 1950s, the North Carolina Jewish Women met and passed a resolution that a Jewish home for the elderly needed to be established. This resolution was the formalization of a dream or a vision of the North Carolina Jewish community to have a nursing home where you didn't have to give up your Judaism. In the early 60s, that vision became a reality. Over five hundred men and women contributed a minimum of \$1,000 each to build a nursing care facility in Clemmons, North Carolina.

Being a Jewish institution, the early Board of Directors believed that it is our obligation to take care of aged regardless of their financial circumstances and their ability to pay. To this day, the Board has reaffirmed this policy. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet our financial obligations. Since 1991, the percentage of residents receiving indigent care has increased from 43% to 62%. The cost to the Home annually is close to \$750,000, or an average of \$10,000 per resident. We are working with the relatives of the residents to raise more money. So far our efforts have been successful, but it is not enough. We are receiving close to \$200,000 from the Jewish Federations, but it is not enough.

We are committed to build our Endowment Fund to be able to generate more interest income for indigent care. From August 15 to October 31 we shall conduct our Annual Endowment Campaign. We shall have both personal and direct mail solicitations. It is our hope that the original vision of the founders will be able to be sustained. By renewing this vision, we are affirming our belief in the Fifth Commandment:

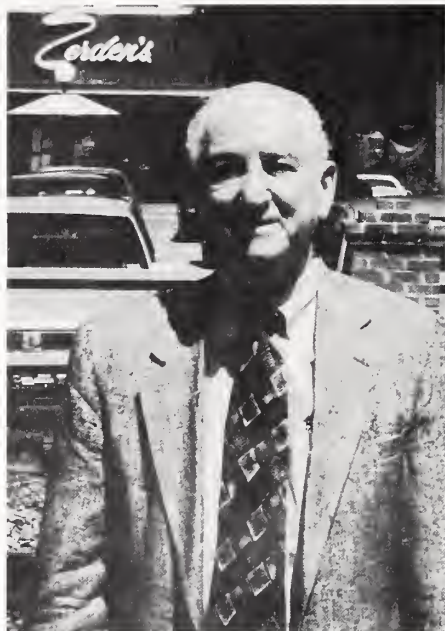
Honor Thy Mother and Father.

One of the newer programs started by the Development Department in 1995 is the Family Development program. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for the relatives of residents to understand more about the care of their loved ones, and to raise funds to underwrite the cost of indigent care.

In January, we published the first issue of a newsletter entitled "Relatively Speaking," and sponsored a brunch. The second issue will be sent to the relatives this month and another brunch will also be held.

We are having some success in fundraising. We are informing the relatives of the cost of indigent care to the Home and asking for their help. Like many campaigns, some people feel that it is their obligation to give. We ask them to search their conscience so that we can continue to do the good work which we do.

THE JOY OF GIVING



Marvin Zerden

The Blumenthal Jewish is fortunate to have friends who not only give contributions, but also give of themselves. Two such individuals are Marvin Zerden of Hickory and Jack Doloboff of Asheville. I had the fortune of being in their company in April when I went prospecting in the West.

Marvin Zerden is a very successful clothier who has been on the Blumenthal Jewish Home's Board of Trustees in the past. He is active in the Synagogue in Hickory and once ran for City Council. Over the past several years, Marvin and I have visited businessmen to explain the needs of the Home. I could not have seen these types of people without Marvin's help. Because of their respect for Marvin, these men have given to the Home. When one of them asked why he raises money for the Jewish Community, Marvin's answer was quick and succinct... "because I am a Mensch."

Jack Doloboff is in the true sense an entrepreneur who has given a lot back to his community. Besides his business interests, he spends a considerable amount of time working for the Federation and Beth Israel Congregation. I asked Jack

to accompany me as I called on business leaders. Jack's dynamic leadership made it easier to see these people. His love and interest for the Home were instrumental in our raising new monies for our Endowment Fund for indigent care. When he was telling one of his

Gentile friends about the Home, the man volunteered to give \$500.

Being in the presence of these two men, you feel their energy and you share in their joy of giving. That is why I do what I do.



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Editorial

American Jewish Committee Calls Michael Jackson's Decision to Re-Record Troubling Song "Very Welcome News"

New York, June 23--The Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee called Michael Jackson's decision to record a new version of the song "They Don't Care About Us," which will remove anti-Semitic lyrics, "very welcome news."

David A. Harris, in a personal letter sent to Mr. Jackson yesterday, noted that the original lyrics, "have caused pain for many people of good will, myself included, who simply could not understand why such distasteful language as 'Jew me' and 'kike me' was introduced into this song.

"My own children, ages 16, 13 and nine, all of whom are your enthusiastic fans, did not even know what these two expressions meant," added Mr. Harris. "Now they do. The controversy has not escaped them. Frankly, they are bewildered."

Mr. Harris stated that Mr. Jackson's decision to re-record the song sends two powerful messages. "First, that adults, even prominent adults, do make serious mistakes from time to time and are prepared to correct them, and second, that your goal is to use every possible opportunity to contribute to a world which

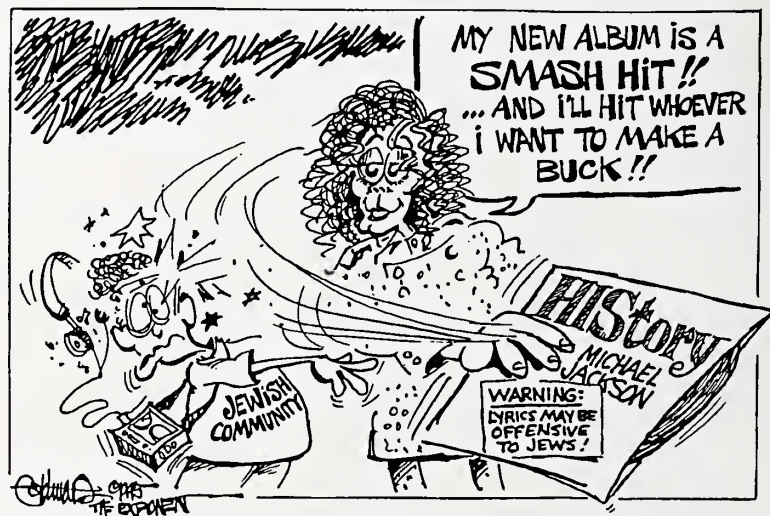
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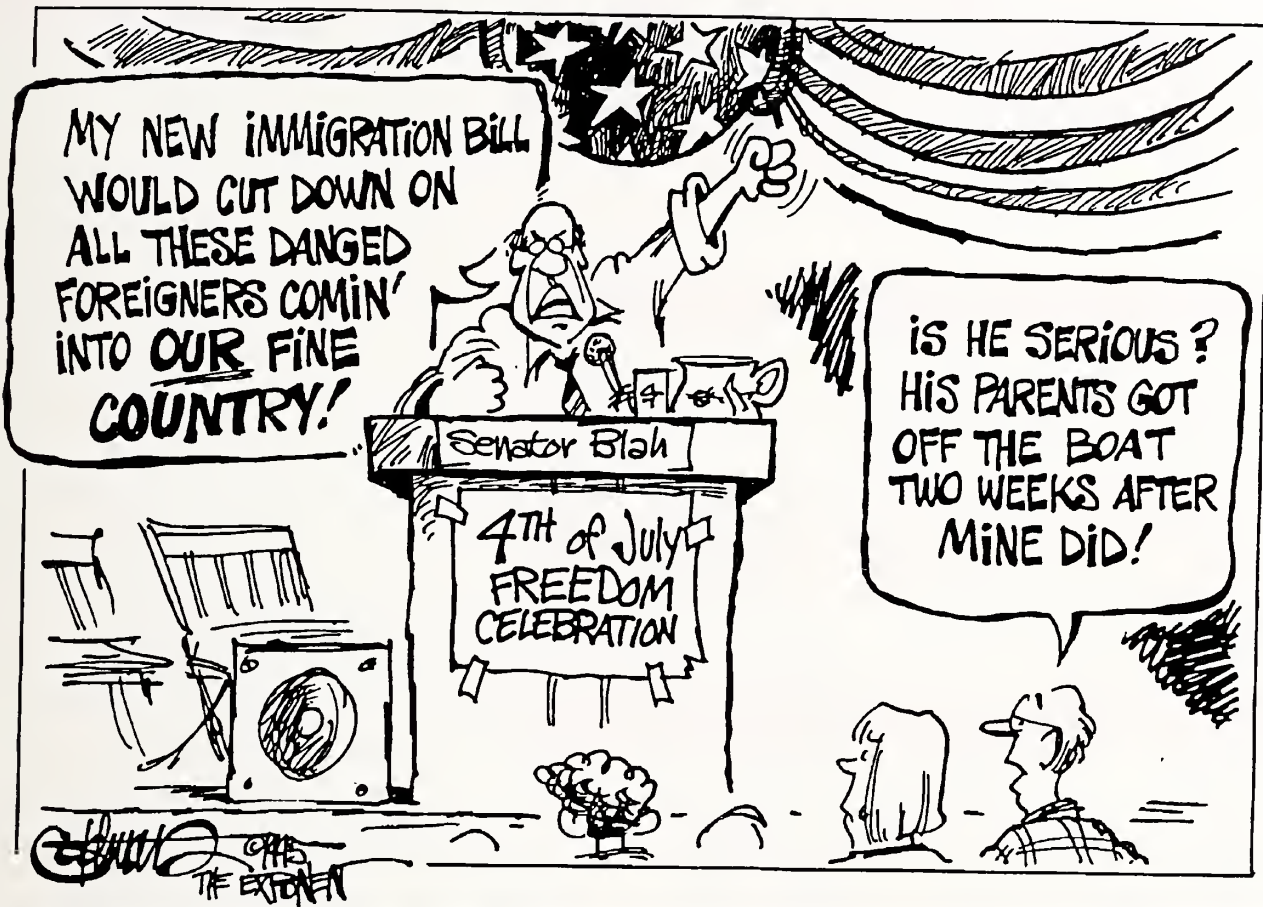
The American Jewish Committee has been outspoken on this issue since the controversy erupted, stating publicly that such language is totally unacceptable by anyone at any time, but is especially dangerous when used by an internationally-known public figure who exerts as much influence on children as does Michael Jackson. At a June 21 AJC press conference to release the findings of the *Antisemitism World Report 1995* (a joint survey of AJC and the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs), the issue of Jackson's song was cited as an example of the power of anti-Semitic expressions.

Mr. Harris' letter to Mr. Jackson reads, in part:

"Is Michael Jackson an anti-Semite, [my children] asked? 'No, I'm sure he's not,' I replied. 'Then why would he say such things? Doesn't he understand the power of words, especially his words which are listened to by so many young people? Doesn't he know that anti-Semites tried to kill our grandparents in Europe and managed to kill millions, which makes us sensitive to negative language about Jews?' 'I wish I knew the answers,' I replied. 'I want to believe that the lyrics were simply a case of bad judgment or bad advice. I can only hope so. Otherwise, it would be too sad to contemplate.'

"You are admired by many young people around the world. Acknowledging an error and rewriting the troubling parts of your song would send two very powerful messages: first, that adults, even prominent adults, do make serious mistakes from time to time and are prepared to correct them, and second, that your goal is to use every possible opportunity to contribute to a world that promotes greater harmony and mutual respect among us all."





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Children.

Estelle Mason

I was at Duke University among those privileged to listen to Nobel Peace-Prize Winner, Elie Wisel. He charmed us with wisdom and grace as he told us story after story, including one story that illustrated the need to ask the right questions. Then it was time for the audience to ask questions. A blonde bearded young man in the balcony stood straight and tall as he identified himself as a child of a Holocaust survivor. The beautiful face of the questioning student haunts me and brings back vividly another haunting time.

It was a lovely, crisp Saturday in October 1984 that I met this strange woman. I do not know her name and shall probably not see her again, nor do I want to. We had both attended the yearly Great Books conference held this year at Dana Hall in Wellesley, Mass. All this diverse, highly literate group had in common was that we had all read the same books. The sixty or so people had separated into four small groups. We met in separate rooms, getting together for lunch and again for wine and cheese, to socialize and talk a bit before we went our separate ways.

We spent the morning discussing *The Myth of Sisyphus* by Albert Camus. "The Gods had condemned Sisyphus to ceaselessly rolling a rock to the top of the mountain, whence the stone would fall back of

its own weight. They had thought with some reason that there is no more dreadful punishment than futile and hopeless labor." According to Camus.

In the afternoon session we discussed *The Pilgrims at Sea* and *The Holy Land* by par Lagerkvist, two books that, for me, might have been written as one. These two books told the story of a blind man's search for the promised land, and the death of an innocent child.

For six hours our group shared our thoughts and our feelings about the books, and the author's feelings about life and death, and in so doing we revealed our selves and a bit of our own feelings about life and death. Does life have meaning? Is there a Holy Land? Can one ever arrive at the Holy Land? Is the very struggle to arrive meaningless? We talked about the Christ Child and religious feelings. God? Fantasy? The futility of war. These were some thoughts we discussed in our group, as revealed in these thought-provoking books. I did not really know what came to the fore in the other several groups.

The formal discussions were over and now we all came together for wine and cheese. No one wanted to let go this inspiring day. "Wonderful leaders." "See you again next year."

I had a glass of wine and reached for a piece of cheese. A slender, beautifully groomed, blonde woman, about sixty years old, also reached for a piece of cheese from the same dish. I smiled and shared the cheeses with her.

She did not smile. She took the

cheese, nibbled, and sipped her wine. "I'm human."

She had not been in my group. I did not know her at all. I was not even sure that she was talking to me. "What did you say?"

"I'm human."

"Interesting day." I commented.

"I'm German," she said.

I smiled, "I live in Newton. Is this the first time you have come to a Great Books meeting." I was friendly, too.

"My daughter married a Jew!" she said apropos of nothing at all. The urgency of her voice made me stop my chatter and listen more closely. "I'm human."

"What did you say?"

She repeated with a plea in her eyes. "I'm huuman."

I had never seen the woman before. Why was she telling me this? Of course she was human. Aren't we all human?

"I'm huuman." She said the words at least five times. Her blue eyes shed no tears. The tears were in her voice. She was begging me for forgiveness. But I did not understand her plea.

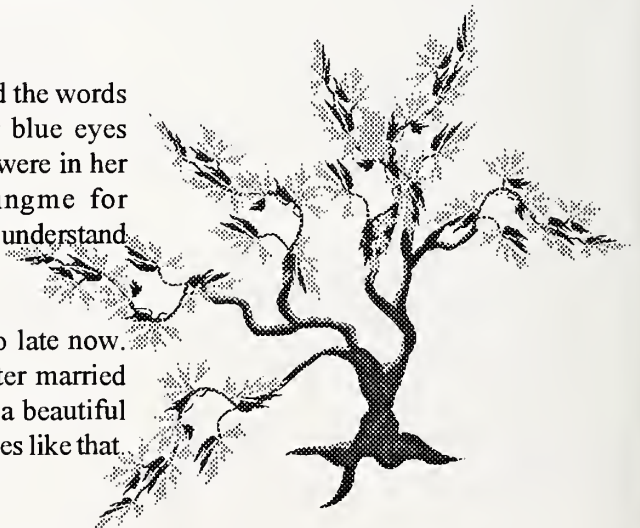
"I'm human and it is too late now. I'm German. My daughter married a Jew. My daughter has a beautiful little baby. We killed babies like that. I'm human."

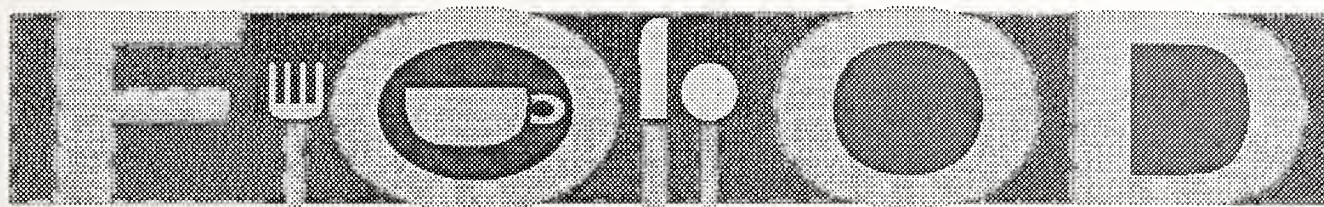
When I realized what this woman

was really saying I froze in horror, started to sweat, and my heart pounded. This woman had been part of Hitler's Germany. I looked again at her pale face, pale eyes which could no longer cry tears. I was too stunned to ask, "Were you at Auschwitz? Dachau? Treblinka?"

Why? I wish I had been able to ask her at the time, but the moment passed too quickly, and I had run away from the intensity of her feelings and the intensity of my own emotions. It is too late now. I can find it in my heart to pity her. Yet I feel it is only just that she suffer.

It is more than fifty years since the Holocaust. Still the human hearts of the world are burdened with futile wars. Are we not all children of Survivors? As I listened to Elie Wisel I wondered if this wise man and the handsome questioning young students would, indeed, help us to ask the right questions. I came home with hope. Together we could plant trees so that the children of our children's children will harvest the sweet fruits of peace.





Gazpacho

1 large can peeled tomatoes
 1 cucumber
 2 onions
 1 green pepper
 6 stalks celery
 1/3 c. red wine vinegar
 Salt and pepper
 1 can tomato juice
 1 can tomato puree
 1/3 c. oil
 Dash of cayenne
 Garlic
 Croutons

Chop cucumber, green pepper and onions. Blend 1/2 of the following ingredients in a blender: Peeled tomatoes, cucumber, onions, green pepper, celery and tomato juice. In a large bowl, add remaining ingredients, plus blended mixture. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Top with croutons.

Cold Zucchini Soup by Geri Zhiss

4 small zucchini (2 lb.)
 2 cloves minced garlic
 4 Tbsp. chopped shallots
 2 Tbsp. butter
 2 tsp. curry powder
 1 tsp. salt
 1 c. heavy cream
 3-1/2 c. chicken broth

Scrub zucchini and slice thin. Do not peel. Melt butter in saucepan. Add garlic, shallots and zucchini. Cover tightly. Simmer gently until

squash is almost tender, but not brown. Put this through blender until smooth, using enough of the chicken broth to keep it liquid. Stir in the remaining liquids and chill overnight. Serve with chopped chives.

Spring Sorrel Soup (Schav)

Dairy
 Serves 6

This is a pareve soup until yogurt or sour cream is added. The egg thickens the soup, and although it adds fat and cholesterol, this one egg serves 6. Two egg whites could be substituted to cut the fat even more.

1 pound sorrel (schav)
 (If sorrel is not available, add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice to 1 pound of spinach to achieve the sour flavor.)
 6 cups water
 1 cup chopped onion
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 1 egg or 2 egg whites
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt or light sour cream (for garnish)
 1/2 cup finely chopped cucumber for garnish

Wash sorrel carefully. Separate stems from the leaves and chop each separately. Add the water

to a 3- to 4-quart pot. Bring the water to a boil and add the chopped sorrel leaves. Cook for 20 minutes. Cook the chopped stems separately in a cup of water for 20 minutes until all the water is absorbed. Mash the sorrel stems through a sieve and put the sieved liquid and pulp into the pot of cooking leaves. The stems are too fibrous to eat, but the juices and pulp add color and flavor to the soup. Saute the chopped onion in the oil until softened and then add to the leaves. When the leaves have finished cooking, beat the egg (or egg whites) in a small bowl. Add 1/4 cup of the hot cooking liquid to the beaten egg, whisking continuously. This prevents the egg from cooking too fast. Add another 1/2 cup of hot liquid, continually beating the egg mixture. Now add the egg mixture to the soup and beat well. Add the sugar and stir. Allow the soup to cool and then refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, spoon the cold soup into bowls and garnish with a dollop of nonfat plain yogurt or light sour cream and a tablespoon of chopped cucumber.

Per serving (estimated): 68 calories; 4 gms. protein; 6 gms. carbohydrates; 3 gms. fat; 36 mgs. cholesterol; 92 mgs. sodium.



by Lenora Ucko, Curator
The Rosenzweig Museum

Denis Karalic, a 13 year old Muslim, about to leave Sarajevo on the JDC rescue convoy in February, 1994. Denis, who was a ward of the community in the war-torn city, now lives in a boarding school in Israel.

The Mitsvot of the Sarajevo Jews

During the week of September 4, 1995, an unusual exhibit will open at Duke University in Durham, which answers the question "What happened to the Jews of Sarajevo?" According to the *Jerusalem Post*, by July 1994 more than half the city's 1,200 Jewish inhabitants had already left for safety elsewhere. It is the heroic saga of the remaining Jews told in stark black and white photographs in the Perkins Library Exhibition Hall at Duke University. The Exhibit, first organized at the Jewish Museum of Vienna, is now on a ten-nation tour, and is being coordinated in this country by the Jewish L. Magnes Museum of California.

The show, "Survival in Sarajevo: How a Jewish Community Came to the Aid of Its City" by photojournalist Edward Serotta, documents the humanitarian efforts of Sarajevo's Jewish community to bring comfort and assistance to their neighbors and friends, victims of the Bosnian war. The Jews are not combatants in the dreadful struggle of the Croats, Serbs and Muslims. They had, however, mounted a relentless campaign to provide doctors, medicines, food, shelter, and safety to victims from all groups who are suffering the ravages of the bloody conflict.

According to published reports, during the Second World War the Nazis rounded up, deported, and killed 10,000 of the city's 12,000 Jews. One thousand Jews that did escape fought with Tito's *Partizans*. After the war, it was these Jewish survivors who rebuilt the Sarajevo Jewish community, and taught their children an overriding lesson: Do not abandon your friends in time of need.

The adult children of these Holocaust survivors are the ones who have chosen to stay in Sarajevo and help their neighbors and friends of all groups. The Sarajevo synagogue has been turned into a "free and open house for all" and the Jewish aid society, *La Benevolencija*, is now the umbrella organization for humanitarian aid. With Jews, Croats, Serbs, and Muslims, all volunteers working together, *La Benevolencija* accomplished the following during its first two years of operation:

- opened three pharmacies
- gave away 1.6 million medical prescriptions, many delivered under fire
- opened the only first aid clinic and assisted 2,500 patients
- made 650 house calls to victims too ill to be moved
- gave away 389 tons of food
- cooked 110,000 hot meals
- started a working post office and handled 100,000 letters
- set up a two-way radio for contact with the outside world
- gave free apartments to refugees
- sent 2,500 people, more than half non-Jewish, out of the country to safety in a series of 11 rescue convoys

Many humanitarian international organizations, such as the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief and the Friends of *La Benevolencija* of the Netherlands and corporations, foundations and individuals, have joined in the massive nonsectarian aid program. Food, medicine and clothing are being sent through the infrastructure of *La Benevolencija* and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.



Sarajevo's Jews bringing their luggage to the synagogue before their departure on the JDC evacuation convoy of February 1994. The city's Jewish community has brought 2,300 Sarajevans to safety: only 1,000 have been Jewish.

For the first time, this unusual story can be seen in North Carolina in the startling photographs by the leading photographer of Central European Jewry, Edward Serotta. Among the 59 framed pictures, we see a tearful 13-year old orphaned Muslim child about to leave on a convoy for Israel; a cook stirring a huge chick pea stew for 200 people, Jews, Croats, Muslims and Serbs, who need food daily; a sad little boy with a large bandage over

one eye at a children's party at the Jewish community center. The accompanying text panels explain in detail the remarkable work of both the Sarajevo Jewish community and this talented and dedicated photojournalist.

It is fitting that the Exhibit opens in the Triangle area. In Chapel Hill, two young Muslim young women have recently found refuge with local Jewish families, through the efforts of the Sarajevo Jewish

community. The American sponsors are now trying to bring the families of the girls to the United States.

Under the auspices of Duke University, and in cooperation with the Rosenzweig Museum of Durham, three Public Lectures and Receptions are planned during the Exhibit period. The Exhibit will be open daily and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. For further details on public events and tours, phone Dr. John Sharpe at 919-660-5880.



ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND AWARDS \$1.25 MILLION IN RESEARCH GRANTS AT 20TH ANNIVERSARY SCIENTIFIC AWARDS LUNCHEON

New York--In a special observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of its founding, the ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND (ICRF) announced the awarding of more than \$1.25 million for scientific research in 1995-1996. This brings ICRF's total contribution to more than \$17.5 million since 1975, making it the single largest source of private funds for cancer research in Israel. More than 250 people attended the event at the Plaza Hotel, May 31, in New York City.

Special Guest Speaker at the Twentieth Anniversary Luncheon was Dr. Noah Isakov of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. He discussed the role of enzymes in causing cancer. Dr. Isakov is the recipient of a 5-year ICRF Research Career Development Award.

Dr. Frank Field, WCBS-TV Senior Health and Science Editor, and longtime friend of ICRF, was Master of Ceremonies. "I only come out on sunny days," said Dr. Field with his usual warmth and good humor, before congratulating ICRF on "a truly proud record" in the fight against cancer.

"Our goal is to cure cancer through research," stated ICRF President, Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, adding, "ICRF has

awarded close to one thousand research grants since it was founded, and each year we received an increasing number of grant applications, so we know that the need for ICRF support of cancer research in Israel is greater than ever." The new ICRF grants will support studies in breast cancer, immune deficiency diseases, pediatric oncology, tumor suppressor genes such as p53, leukemia, and the development of drugs such as taxol.

ICRF funds also support the ICRF Clinical Research Center near Tel Aviv. The center, which opened in 1993 and is the first of its kind in Israel, centralizes Israeli clinical research efforts in the continued pursuit of the elimination of cancer. The center serves as an invaluable

resource for clinical cancer researchers throughout Israel and the world.

A fashion show, presented by Barami Studio, which showcased their spring and summer lines, concluded the luncheon agenda in style.

Chairpersons for the luncheon were Mrs. Afsaneh Hay Gabbay, Mrs. Parvin Karmely, Mrs. Rose Blumenthal Nass, Mrs. Evelyn Bienenfeld, and Mrs. Malekah Nassimi. Honorary Chairperson was Mrs. Hanna Elkon.

For more information contact the ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND at 1290 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 550, New York NY 10104 or call 212-969-9800.



ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND Chairman of the Board S. Donald Friedman (far left), with ICRF President Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, ICRF honoree Dr. Noah Isakov and Special Guest Host, WCBS-TV's Senior Health and Science Editor, Dr. Frank Field.

Chernobyl: A nuclear disaster takes its place in Jewish History

by Jay Litvin



"It is not an accident nor coincidence that a disproportionate number of Jews were victims of the Chernobyl disaster."

Dr. Zeev Weschler heads the medical team for Chabad's Children of Chernobyl and pursues research into the effects of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster at Hadassah Medical Center. On his desk lies an invaluable aide to his work: a map of the Chernobyl area showing the spreading stain of radioactivity emanating from the destroyed reactor. This stain has traveled north from Ukraine across Belarus, east to western Russia, and south to Kiev and beyond.

Mordechai Weitzman is a historian in Jerusalem. He too has a map of the same area, not on his desk, but

tacked to his cluttered walls. It is the map of the Jewish Pale of Settlement, the area where over one hundred years ago five million Jews were forced to live.

When you overlay Dr. Weschler's map onto Professor Weitzman's, they match almost exactly. The shared boundaries of these maps mark a piece of earth soaked in Jewish blood for the last two hundred years. The Chernobyl disaster—which occurred on April 26 nine years ago—is only the latest link in a long chain of Jewish suffering and destruction in Belarus and the Ukraine. Understanding the Jewish history of this area explains how and why the Chernobyl explosion is not only a nuclear disaster, but a Jewish disaster as well.

Chernobyl Nuclear Reactor Number 4 exploded and spewed radioactive poisons across lands that were, until the beginning of this century, home to the largest Jewish population in the world. The city of Chernobyl is located in what once was the heart of the hated Pale of Settlement, an enormous ghetto where, in the late 1700's, Jews were forced to live.

Uprooted from their homes, Jews were removed from every other part of the Russian empire as the solution to what was considered by the Russian citizenry to be the intolerable presence of Jews in their midst. It succeeded in collecting and confining Jews to an area where they could be, and were, mercilessly attacked for the next 150 years.

In the early 1800's, the Jewish population in the Pale was terrorized by brutal attacks from the violently anti-Semitic Belorussian and Ukrainian citizenry. The Russian government imposed legislative hardships on the Jewish population, restricting them from certain occupations, owning land and selling liquor, even dictating their modes of transportation and dress.

By far the harshest decree came in

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The Jewish Pale of Settlement 1835-1917 Chernobyl Disaster Area 1986-1995



- The Chernobyl disaster occurred in the Ukraine and Belarus, areas once known as the Jewish Pale of Settlement.
- Until the turn of the century this region was home to five million Jews.
- Today hundreds of thousands of Jews remain on this contaminated land; they are among the victims of the Chernobyl disaster.
- Gomel, Chernobyl, Bobroisk - cities famous in Jewish history - now claim the highest rates of radiation induced cancer.

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By far the harshest decree came in 1827 when Tzar Nicholas I ordered each Jewish community to deliver a quota of military conscripts to serve in the Russian army for 25 years. Boys were drafted as young as 12 years of age. Jewish children were often kidnaped from their homes or forcibly taken from the arms of their mothers in the middle of the night. Strenuous efforts were made to convert these young Jewish "soldiers" to Christianity, and many were lost to their people, existing only in the memories of their bereaved families.

Despite the hostility and neglect, the Jewish community of the Pale grew and developed a rich and varied culture. With no outside avenues of help available to them, the Jews concentrated on creating a system of social welfare that predates the modern welfare state. In the mid-eighteen hundreds, local Jewish communal bodies oversaw the welfare of each community, regulating Jewish affairs and seeing to the basic needs of the community; alms for the poor, dowries for indigent brides, the upkeep of orphanages and infirmaries, the burial society and maintenance of the cemetery. Though the average Jew living in the Pale lived in poverty, almost every Jewish boy and girl could read and write their own language, while 80% of the general population was illiterate.

Jews took care of their own and thus survived.

In the early 1900's, the social and economic chaos that seized Russia before the 1917 revolution claimed thousands of Jewish lives as pogroms again erupted throughout Ukraine and neighboring areas following each new political upheaval. In 1903, 50,000 Jewish residents of Kishinev were attacked, fifteen hundred shops and houses were destroyed or looted, 45 people left dead and several hundred injured. The pogroms continued unabated.

With the establishment of the Soviet government, Jewish communal, religious and cultural life was brought to an official and brutal end. The hopes and dreams of justice so many Jews believed would come with the triumph of communism were crushed. Purges and mass imprisonments followed the creation of the Soviet state and its commitment to wipe out all traces of religion. Under communism, Jews were not only hated, but the very practice of Judaism was now illegal. Nevertheless, Jewish

organizations, now operating underground and at great risk, continued to care for the welfare of the community, preserving Jewish life and caring for the poor and the sick.

Then, in the 1940's, the Nazis began to invade Russia. In a horrible irony, it was then that the Pale of Settlement fulfilled one of its original and most dastardly purposes: to provide an expendable human buffer against aggressors from western Europe. With the complicity of the local peasantry, Nazi atrocities in Ukraine and the surrounding areas mounted. The death toll is well known.

In 1986, when the Chernobyl nuclear reactor exploded, more than 500,000 Jews were still living in the areas once known as the Jewish Pale of Settlement, the same lands that received the full force of the destroyed reactor's radioactive fallout. Thus it is not by accident nor coincidence that a disproportionate number of Jews are now victims of the radioactive pogrom indiscriminately raging through Belarus and Ukraine.

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"TSAHAL"

by Justus R. Weiner

Film Review

(WZPS) Recently released in France and Israel, French Jewish Director Claude Lanzmann's five-hour documentary, "Tsayhal" (a Hebrew acronym for the Israel Defense Forces - IDF), completes the trilogy that began in 1973 with "Pourquoi Israel?" (Why Israel?), followed in 1983 by the epic "Shoah" ("Holocaust"). Already garnering laudatory reviews, its November 1984 screening at the Festival of Jewish Cinema in Sydney prompted the leading Australian monthly, "The Independent," to nominate "Tsayhal" for the Best Film of the Year.

In one respect the film is a paradox. Dealing intimately with the Israeli armed forces, filmed extensively both at war and during peace, Lanzmann's film avoids using any stock or newsreel footage. The closest he comes to relying on this staple of the documentary filmmaker is an audio tape of the maelstrom in an Israeli bunker on the Suez Canal during the 1993 Yom Kippur War.

However, even this tape is used as a cue to begin the memory of the soldier who originally made the recording.

Lanzmann relies on extended close-ups on faces accompanied by the spoken testimony of soldiers and veterans, to convey their experiences. Not surprisingly, a recurrent theme is the link between the Holocaust and the willingness of Israelis to serve in the armed forces. This is true even of many young soldiers that Lanzmann interviews, although they have no personal memory of the Nazi destruction of European Jewry.

Through a casual approach to questioning, Lanzmann succeeds in reawakening war veterans' long buried memories-fear of battle, being wounded, losing friends, and the guilty burden of having survived when so many comrades died. As the hand-held camera zooms in, the viewer is subtly challenged to ask himself how he would have reacted in the same situation.

"Tsayhal" is neither a pro nor an anti-Israel film, yet it succeeds in conveying the motivation behind Zionism in a way that is exceedingly believable and difficult to dismiss as propaganda. It features a variety of soldiers and former soldiers who contribute to the mosaic of the documentary's frequently repeated refrain - the State of Israel would not have survived without the Israel Defense Forces that today form the narrow line of defense that protects Israel and its people from another holocaust.

The critics of Israeli politics also have their say. While their harsh characterization of Israeli policies vis a vis the Palestinians during the intifada has been rendered largely moot by the advent of Palestinian autonomy, many moral issues they raise continue to reverberate in Israel. Widely divergent views are expressed in the film and Lanzmann's solicitation of these views, whether expressed by a Jewish settler or by an Israeli lawyer representing Palestinians accused of acts of terrorism, assist the viewer in understanding what is at stake in the current peace negotiations. Thus although the film was shot three years ago, it anticipates many consuming questions of today.

Yet "Tsayhal" has its faults. As with any film using continuous translation and subtitles, there are moments where the nuances of the speaker are lost. Most of those interviewed responded in stilted English, others speak in Hebrew or French and have a woman's "voice over."

It is also hard not to be distracted by Lanzmann's heavily accented

English, as with his question to a young tank corps member, "Zis is your tonk?" Also, confusing is the juxtaposition of shots of young recruits during training exercises with veterans' narratives of the Yom Kippur War in the background. Some critics also claim that Lanzmann interviewed mostly high ranking officers and young male soldiers serving in elite armored and air force units, giving too small a role to women and reservists.

However, Lanzmann is successful in sympathetically revealing the human side of the IDA to a wide audience. He gives both the critics and the patriots a chance to make their case. Ultimately, however, the measure of this or any other documentary is whether the viewer leaves the theater with a better understanding of the subject. Clearly Lanzmann achieves this objective, and in the process transmits much of the essence of being an Israeli soldier and even of being a citizen of Israel. Regrettably, five hour documentary films, especially those dealing with foreign subjects, seldom receive major theatrical release. Most North Americans will rent "Tsalal" in a video store or locate it at an Israeli film festival to appreciate this remarkable window on life in Israel.

Were Are We?

by Leonard Fein

Harper & Rowe 329 pp.

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

First published in 1988, this book remains as significant as it was then. Perhaps no more so than other segments of American society,

American Jews are frequently in a state of mental confusion when they pause to consider their situation.

Our situation is unique in the long history of Jewish diaspora, surely surpassing in freedom even what has been considered "the Golden Age" in Spain. There the flowering of Jewish culture and success was nurtured by the indulgence of Spain's rulers, whose whims and convictions could, and did, abruptly and cruelly terminate that phase of Jewish history in Spain.

Subsequently, from that expulsion in 1492 until their settlement in the United States of America, the comfort and acceptance of Jews wherever they dwelt were tenuous, dependent on the tolerance of their neighbors and governments.

Approximately three centuries after the first Jews came to settle here, most of us feel as if we belong, and find that our roots are deeply implanted. After the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the culmination of two thousand years of prayer and longing, most of us have chosen to remain where our ancestors found refuge. Some of us abide with feelings of guilt that are at times minimal, but sometimes disturbing to sensitive consciences.

Leonard Fein, noted writer on Jewish and political affairs in America, has made a comprehensive analysis of the life of America's Jews. He has attempted to explain the meaning of Judaism for us, meaning which cannot be told in a word, which means different things to different people.

Among the various meanings of

Judaism to American Jews are these: faith, survival, place (Israel), Holocaust, community. Circumstances have caused us to be different from other Jews in other places at other times, but it is necessary to recall that Jews in Europe were different from Jews elsewhere in history, and that European Jewry is not the norm by which to measure ourselves. Assuming that our place here is secure, the author speculates on what we propose to do with our success.

Jews who came early to the new world saw in it a new promised land. I love in particular the quotation from Israel Zangwill's view that this was not just any old melting pot; "It's God's melting pot," and this from Leonard Fein in the opening chapter of *Where Are We?* "The America the Jews encountered was . . . as much a faith as a place. The God who sheds his grace on America did not exclude its Jews; they shared the American bounty in full measure. Their ideological confusions hardly impeded their success, and the sweet smell of that success doused their traditional apprehensions, balmed their confusions."

Incidentally, the above is a sample of the beauty of the author's language. More than any book about the subject, *Where Are We?* is excellent from a literary standpoint.

Expounding on the virtues of *Midrash*, Fein reminds us that there is no text without a reader, and that the American interpretation of our biblical text is valid. So much for the meaning of our faith.

As for tradition, he claims that

venerability does not establish authenticity, in his own words. He also believes that "it is in the performance that Judaism is defined." In other words, deed, not creed.

Writing admittedly as a non-Orthodox Jew, he tells us that he takes what he can accept from tradition, and what he needs, and that when he reads along with other words he does not really mean, he explains that he does it in "deference," not belief. That is, somehow, comforting. That is where community enters the broth of Judaism.

It seems that Holocaust, survival, the State of Israel is all rejected as the meaning of Judaism for American Jews. Without these and beyond them, the element of hope would have remained as persistent as it always was.

I have said repeatedly that diversity in this country is our safeguard. Yet, it creates a dilemma. While we do not want to be excluded, we want to build our own fences. When we are released from the ghetto, it seems we build our own gilded version of a ghetto, one whose gates do not close, one which allows our coming and going freely, to be sure, but which is an implicit statement that some feel more comfortable within a community of Jews.

Intermarriage is viewed as a threat to the survival of Judaism in America, but we do not deem prejudice to be the reason for rejection in marriage, in schools, in the business world. Once we gain acceptance, differences tend to become invisible.

When our values are perceived to be the same as those of the rest of Americans, what defines us as Jews? At this point, Leonard Fein says that it is community, not values, not ideology which defines us.

Despite the comfort and custom of living within a community, clearly almost none of us live wholly within its boundaries. Even a community like that of Hasidim adopts the use and advantages of modern technology.

As to the observance of ritual, strangely enough, the neglect observed in former generations

seems to be reversing, as descendants of early immigrants often return to some key elements of Jewish traditional ritual. Although the origin of an observance may be lost, there are things we do because "that is what we do." Without relinquishing all of modern secularism, we can reclaim the excitement of following ancient customs. The modern American Jew rarely chooses to accept the way of life of Jews who lived in distant time and place, and we feel it unreasonable to require us to do so.

In a chapter entitled, "Is it good or

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Zebulon B. Vance and “*The Scattered Nation*”

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Three Confederate colonels: (L to R) J.R. Lane, H.K. Burgwin and Zebulon B. Vance in 1861. Painting by W.G. Randall. Courtesy N.C. Division of Archives and History.

All except the most important people in history are soon forgotten. Contemporaries and one following generation remember anyone for good or bad deeds, then the names fade, though after effects continue to ripple on, the impetus forgotten.

Zebulon B. Vance was possibly the most noteworthy person in North Carolina's history, and assuredly most important to American Jews. He lived from 1830 to 1894, through the terrible years of the War between the States. It is sad that people now are unaware of the life of this truly great man.

Maurice A. Weinstein of Charlotte, well known and respected in our time, has contributed to our sources of knowledge by his long study of the life and achievements of Zeb Vance, and by introducing us to this republication of *The Scattered Nation* in Chapter One. He tells therein the story of the humble birth in the mountains of North Carolina of one who became a great statesman, twice elected to the United States House of Representatives, three times Governor of North Carolina and three times to the U.S. Senate.

Of great interest to American Jews, especially North Carolinians, is *The Scattered Nation*,” a lecture repeatedly delivered by Vance, the great orator. This speech was attended by audiences throughout the United States during a period of 15 years, in a time when the public lecture hall was a popular place for our society to gather and learn.

The Scattered Nation begins with a beautiful metaphor that compares the Jewish "Nation" to the Gulf Stream. "In the severest droughts it never fails, and in the mightiest floods it never overflows . . . This curious phenomenon in the physical world has its counterpart in the moral. There is a lonely river in the midst of the ocean of mankind. The mightiest floods of human temptation have never caused it to overflow and the fiercest fires of human cruelty, though seven times heated in the furnace of religious bigotry, have never caused it to dry up, although its waves for two thousand years have rolled crimson with the blood of its martyrs . . . It is the Jewish race."

This short quotation from the beginning of *The Scattered Nation* is but a tiny sample of the eloquence of Vance's words. I do believe that this must have inspired Mark Twain, a contemporary of Vance, although he outlived Vance by 16 years, to write his essay, "Concerning the Jews," in 1898. It is written in the same sympathetic and laudatory tone. American Jews need to remember these two patriotic Americans by becoming acquainted with their works and by periodically referring to them to refresh our memories.

Maurice Weinstein, friend to all of us, has long been representative of American Jews locally, at the center of government in Washington, and an influence in the interest of Israel. His contemporaries know him as founder of the national B'nai B'rith Institutes, initiated at Wildacres in the North Carolina Mountains in 1946. A graduate of Duke University Law School with a degree of Juris Doctor, he practiced law in Charlotte until his retirement. He served as Major in the

U.S. Marine Corps. He has served all of us well throughout his life, and this latest work earns him our deep gratitude. Without the biography of Zeb Vance, we could not fully appreciate the text of *The Scattered Nation* and unfortunately, in the century since his death, the memory of Vance has faded. Maurice Weinstein reminds us.

Why should a long gone hero be remembered? For inspiration. In the words of Longfellow, "Lives of great men all remind us/We can make our lives divine/And departing, leave behind us/Footprints in the sands of time." Inspiration is truly needed in this sad world, and we should seek and find it wherever we can.

Reading *Zebulon B. Vance and The Scattered Nation* leaves me deeply touched and appreciative of this remarkable American, who among his many services to his country, made a great effort in promoting an understanding of Jews. He was one of the 36 "Lamed Vovniks" who are traditionally among us in every era--one who pleads successfully for God's mercy--although he was not Jewish.

Through the efforts of the publishers, who did not forget, and of the editor, the memory is restored. Let us read it and remember.

(To order *Zebulon B. Vance and The Scattered Nation* for \$12, call (704) 362-0780 anytime. Wildacres Press the generosity of the Blumenthal Foundation subsidized publication.)



**Mixed Matches:
How To Create
Successful Interracial,
Interethnic, and
Interfaith Relationships**

by Joel Crohn, Ph.D.

Fawcett Columbine, New York
335 pp. paperback \$12

Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

Mixed Matches: How to Create Successful Interracial, Interethnic, and Interfaith Relationships is a valuable resource book for couples of different racial, religious and/or cultural backgrounds who are planning to marry or who are already married. If *love* exists in the relationship, *communication* is the key word for strengthening the bonds. This book will be very helpful.

Joel Crohn, Ph.D., a psychologist in private practice in the San Francisco Bay area, has worked with and interviewed hundreds of cross-cultural couples and families over the past decade. In the words of the author, "the vignettes in the book will allow you to learn about how other couples and families have found ways to build bridges across their differences. Their stories will enable you to develop a vocabulary to identify and discuss your own culturally-based contrasts. The exercises throughout the book will give you tools that will help you deal with your conflicts and creatively use your differences to enrich your relationship."

Among the topics that the author discusses are one's own struggle for identity; one's attraction to people

of different cultures; points of conflicts in the couples' religious and cultural identity; creating a family identity; dealing with parents, family, friends and foes.

Notes, resources, and a bibliography all contain additional, pertinent information and sources for further readings or contacting organizations dealing with interfaith and

interracial issues. The book also contains an index.

Mixed Matches is very worthwhile reading for anyone who is involved in an interracial, interethnic, and/or interfaith relationship. The book is available to borrow from the Speizman Jewish Library at Shalom Park in Charlotte

**Listen To The Trees
Jews and the
Earth**

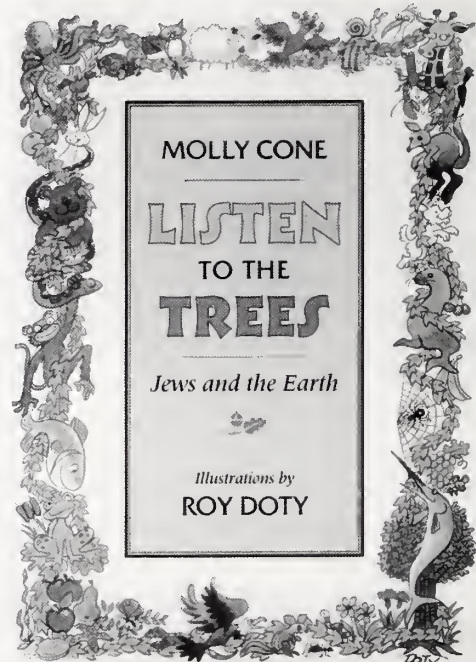
by Molly Cone

UAHC Press 84pp

Listen to the Trees: Jews and the Earth, a new children's book that draws its environmental wisdom from the Torah, has just been published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

Listen to the Trees brings young readers an appreciation of the Jewish connection to the natural world. Through quotations, sayings and stories, the author puts into simple language Torah teachings about the responsibility to respect and care for the earth--a central theme of Judaism since its beginning. A passage from the book explains:

"In Judaism the Torah is known as the Tree of Life. Like a tree that makes life better for everything around it, the Torah makes life better for all who learn from it."



The five sections of the book focus on: "Care for the Trees"; "Care for the Birds, the Beasts, and the Fish"; "Care for the Earth"; "Do Not Destroy"; and "All Living Things are Connected." Some stories are original, while others are retold. They have titles such as: "The Frog Who Wanted to be a Man"; "The Old Man and the Pear Tree"; and

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 "When the Trees Talked."

The 84-page paperback is written by Molly Cone, an award-winning author of many children's books, and illustrated by the celebrated artist/cartoonist Roy Doty. It is appropriate for children ages 8 through 12.

The book explains to children the meanings of Jewish festivals that relate to the natural environment, such as *Tu Bishvat*, the festival for honoring and planting trees, and the harvest festival of Pesach. Ms. Cone also explains many Jewish environmental laws, such as *Tikkun Haolam*, a commandment to improve, or repair, the world, and *Bal Tashchit*, which means "do not destroy."

Copies of *Listen to the Trees* may be ordered for \$14.95 each, (plus \$2.50 shipping and handling for the first copy and \$.50 for each

The Songs of Songs: A New Translation with an Introduction and Commentary

by Ariel Bloch and Chana Bloch

Afterword by Robert Alter

Random House 253 pp. \$27.50

Reviewed by Jay Jacoby

The Song. *Canticum Canticorum*. Song of Solomon. *Das Hohelied*. Canticles. *Shir ha Shirim*. Song of Songs. No matter what one calls it, there can be no question that this

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1996 Spertus Prize Exhibition Call For Entries

The Spertus Museum announces a call for entries of designs to its Second Biennial Spertus Prize Competition. The ceremonial object for this year's competition will be the Passover Seder plate. The juried Spertus Prize Competition awards a \$10,000 prize to the winning artist. Finalists for the competition will be selected and notified in March 1996. Winning entries will be exhibited at an exhibition at Spertus Museum. For application and information call 312-322-1747.

Spertus Museum is located at 618 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60605. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, students and seniors. Maximum family rate is \$9. Fridays are free. Group tours are available. Museum hours are: Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Saturday. For information call 312-322-1747.

Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies is a center for learning and culture whose mission is to preserve and disseminate the intellectual, cultural, social and spiritual legacy of the Jewish past and demonstrate its continuing relevance to the present. All programs offered through Spertus College, Asher Library and Spertus Museum are dedicated to fulfilling this purpose.

book of the Hebrew Bible has always intrigued Biblical and literary scholars, theologians, and countless other readers ranging from celibate mystics to hormonally supercharged teenagers. Is the Song of Songs a masterpiece of Biblical erotica, a sensuously lyrical celebration of the love between a man and a woman? Or is it, as Rabbi Akiba declared, an allegory of the love of God for his people Israel (or,

as many Christian scholars read it, a reflection of the love of Christ of his Bride, the church)?

Over the years these questions have never been satisfactorily answered. Brief as it is, eight chapters numbering 117 verses, the Song of Songs has generated wildly divergent interpretations. In the past ten years alone, over twenty books have been devoted to this enigmatic

text. Unfortunately, many of these works are either ponderous, dry-as-dust tomes (one weighs in at 571 pages) or pretty coffee-table books that lack any critical substance. Fortunately, this new translation and commentary is a welcome exception. Chana Bloch is an award-winning poet and translator who teach English and creative writing at Mills College. Her husband, Ariel, is professor emeritus of Near Eastern studies at the University of California at Berkeley. Their collaborative effort here strikes just the right balance between the aesthetic and the erudite. Their version of Song of Songs is a feast both for the senses and the intellect.

Like many contemporary critics, the Blochs adopt a secular reading of *Shir ha-Shirim* (God is never mentioned in the poem). This position is clearly announced in the opening sentence of their introduction: "The Song of Songs is a poem about the sexual awakening of a young woman and her lover." That introduction, aptly entitled "In the Garden of Delights," offers a well-informed defense of this reading as it outlines various historical and literary contexts for the poem and discusses the various problems it presents to translators.

Following the introduction is a stunning reprinting of the Song, with the Hebrew and English texts on facing pages. Noted Biblical scholar Robert Alter (who provides an afterword to this text) calls the Bloch's translation "a rare conjunction of refined poetic resourcefulness and philological precision." The translators have the good sense not to encumber their actual text with footnotes or

anything else that would distract from the passion or intensity of the original. Should readers for any reason doubt the scrupulousness of the Bloch's scholarship, they need only consult the extensive commentary offered in the section that follows the poem. There the Blochs devote over a hundred pages to lucid, amply documented discussions of what led them to make the choices they did in their translation.

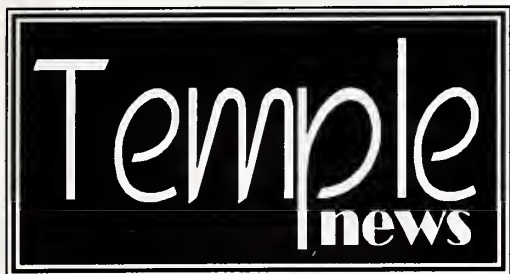
Rabbi Akiba, who argued passionately in favor of the Song as an allegory, once warned: "Whoever warbles the Song of Songs at banqueting houses, treating it like an ordinary song, has no portion in the World to Come." Although they treat the Song as a secular love poem, the Blochs cannot be chastised with the charge that reading this work as "carnal" is to miss its deeper spiritual truth. The Blochs never do appear to treat *Shir ha-Shirim* as an "ordinary song." Implicit throughout their interpretation of this work is the sense that, in addition to being an "unabashed celebration of erotic love," the Song is also a celebration of the magnificence of Divine creation as revealed in the poem's rich imagery (which frequently commingles references to the natural landscape with the

landscape of the human body). Also implicit is the Bloch's sense that the Song gives eloquent testimony for the power of language, specifically the figurative workings of simile and metaphor.

The imagination which can construct the poetry of the Song of Songs, taken together with the natural world and sexuality that this poem openly celebrates, must be seen as gifts from God. It is, perhaps this recognition that led another fine Biblical translator, Stephen Mitchell, to observe of the Bloch's work: "This passionate translation should help contemporary readers understand the famous second-century statement by Rabbi Akiba that, since all love is ultimately the love of God, 'The Song of Songs is the holy of holies.'" "

The Song of Songs is certainly one of the world's greatest love poems. We now have Chana and Ariel Bloch to thank for making this work so accessible to us. Their new translation deserves to be read as a model of excellence in modern Biblical scholarship. More importantly, it should be read as an exuberant reminder of the power and pleasure of both love and its celebration through the human imagination.





Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met on March 4 to consider "Community: What Constitutes Community? Is It a Jewish Concept?" It was a satisfying discussion, which turned out to be largely about our own community. Refreshment supplied by Mark Boyd. On April 8 the topic was "Modernism, and Postmodernism in Jewish Philosophy." The discussion, usually led by Rabbi Ratner, was led by Mark Boyd in the Rabbi's absence. This reporter **thinks** that in this instance Modernism means a withdrawal from traditional practices, and Postmodernism is return to these practices.

This time Lillian Bieber was responsible for the refreshments.

THE SISTERHOOD held its March meeting on the 13. Simon Wiesenthal's powerful book *The Sunflower* was reviewed by Rabbi Ratner and discussed, under the Rabbi's leadership, by the audience. The story is about a dying Nazi who wants to ask a Jew for forgiveness. He is spurned by the Jew, who simply walks out of the room. This raises questions about whether the

Jew was right, and whether forgiveness was possible. The consensus was that forgiveness was, and is, impossible.

Judy Haller and Sylvia Meyer were in charge of refreshments.

The April 21 Passover Oneg was sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of Fred and Hilde Hoffman. The Hoffmans are moving to Atlanta. They have lived in Asheville for 49 years. They will be missed. The couple, she a nurse and he an engineer, met in Germany and were married in London during the war. During services the couple, who sat on the bima, were deservedly praised for their longtime devotion to the Temple and to the community. For many years Fred played the viola in the Asheville Symphony Orchestra. Hilde, who has been widely sought out for her firsthand recollections of the Holocaust, was said to have taken care of practically all the Jewish children in Asheville at one time or another. Rabbi Ratner called them a gentle couple.

THE BROTHERHOOD presented its classic brunch on March 26. Temple member Dr. Allen Sher's view of Tarheel Humor was most interesting. All proceeds went to the Jewish Chautauqua Society for Community Interfaith Programs.

THE TEMPLE PASSOVER SEDER on April 15 was, to quote one of the guests, wonderful. The attendance, considering the size of the congregation, was huge; about 180 people were there. The Seder was chaired by Julie Lee.

THE YOUTH GROUP proved again that it's much better for everybody, young and not so young, to be part of the group's doings when they're invited. Those who weren't at their Purim masquerade dance on March 18 missed one of the funniest sights of the century: first prize winner for costume (created by Sarah Cohen) David Cohen as Bertha Miami Beach, complete with rosebud lips and his own big black moustache, on the arm of the Rabbi as General Ratner, pride of the Confederacy. It was a big success and also a successful fund raiser. There were many laughs, raffle winners and a lot of fun for everyone.

On April 9 the Youth Group went hiking at Rattlesnake Lodge.

THE NEW ELEVATOR is making life a lot easier, at least on Friday nights, for members of the congregation who have trouble getting down the stairs to the Onegs in Unger Hall and up again afterwards. Many heartfelt thanks go to those who helped make it possible, and to those who continue to contribute to the Elevator Fund.

OUTREACH met at Anna and Kerry Friedman's in January. Janet Grant said in the Temple Bulletin, "There were several new faces that we hope to see again." The next meeting, on March 25, was at the home of Barbara and Don Whitaker.

A WARM WELCOME to new members Larry and Sandra Layton and their children Cory and Chelsea.

MAZEL TOV AND CHEERS to Kathy and Larry Rosenberg and Samuel on Samuel's Bar Mitzvah,

and Mary Ann and Mark Jaben on the birth of their daughter Molly Frances, and on her naming, "Moriah," to Arnold Sgan "on his great editing of a piece of scholarship concerning the teaching of the Holocaust" (North Carolina English Teacher, Winter 1995), to Josh Ratner who is a National Scholarship finalist, and to Rachel Sellinger and her family on her Bat Mitzvah.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

TORAH TEACHING--MANY congregate PRESENTERS:

Tikkhun leyl Shavuot started at 11:00 p.m., June 3, Saturday night and ended with a sunrise service. The presenters were: Rabbi Birnham, Caren Kessler, Dr. Walter Ziffer, Frank Goldsmith, Bob Deutsch, Adele Rose, Laurie Reiz, Debi Miles, and others who taught and inspired each other and all with an eclectic sampling of Jewish learning, sharing, insights, and sharpening intellectual skills.

Frank Goldsmith, Adult Education Committee chair, Caren Kessler, Rick Chess, and Susan Hedgepeth coordinated this year's program.

The Seekers and Study class met on May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

SISTERHOOD

The last meeting of the year was a tea, held on May 21 at the Synagogue.

Maggie Rotman, President, reported on all the activities of the year, commending her past Board and welcoming the new Board members. The Executive Board consists of: President--Maggie Rotman, Vice President/Administration--Beth Sutton, Treasurer--Hilda Ehrlich, Corresponding Secretary--Alice Green, Recording Secretary--Lorraine Silverman, Past President--Michele Heller. The Vice President of Programming will be announced.

The special award for the year, the Light of the Torah, an honor presented by Sisterhood, went to Hilda Ehrlich. A plaque received from Women's League of Conservative Judaism--Southeastern Branch was given to her.

SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING

Congregants were privy to a Shabbat service with Hazzan Richard Schwartz, Cantor and songwriter from California. He led Schacharit Services and also Musaf. Friday night, he had been at Temple Beth Ha-Tephila. He has studied extensively and received his Cantor's degree at Hebrew Union College in 1988.

TRIPS TO ISRAEL

The Miles-Rudow and Breger-Joyce families recently spent a jam packed, exciting visit to Israel, and as with all who go, came back elated.

UNCA's College for Seniors is organizing a two-week study trip to Israel for February-March, 1996. A tour, led by our own Dr. Walter Ziffer, will follow a four week College for Seniors winter course in which the geography and history of Israel will be studied.

BUSINESSMAN'S STUDY HOUR

On May 10, the last study session before summer continued to be a place for thoughtful discussion and bagels and coffee. Participants, with Rabbi Birnham leading, were Bob Deutsch, Robert Eidus, Ken Kaplan, Seth Krebs, Laurie Reiz, Joseph Schandler, Ken Schapira, Malcolm Sherman and Eric Wellisch.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Toby Cohen reports the latest addition of new members, Leslie and Caroline Byron, Richard, Emily, and Joshua Nielsen, Anna Munster (Associate Member--Mother of Ileana Grams), and David, Barbara, and Hillary Pasternack.

SHOMREI ADAMAH

The Jewish nature/ecological group of Beth Israel, called Shomrei Adamah went public at the second annual "Life Enrichment Expo" at the Asheville Civic Center. The three-day expo was promoted to unite the body, mind and spirit with over one hundred exhibitors, fifty speakers and twenty workshops. Many activities were organized to rejoice with our planet as we celebrated, repaired and honored our physical home on Earth Day, April 22, 1995. Our booth was named "Protectors of the Earth" and English translation of the words, Shomrei Adamah.

WOVEN YOUTH NEWS

Jennifer Kramer Williams and Gary Kramer, Advisors, enumerate the activities of the community-wide Jewish Youth Group. They visited the Summit to bring Purim greetings to the Jewish members. Upon their visit, a presentation from Loving

Foods Resources, (an organization that provides food for terminally ill.) They learned about AIDS, had a basketball tournament, sent representatives of Woven Youth (Matt & Sarah Levine, Josh & Shauna Ratner, Micah Schwartz, Spencer Gilreath and Lauren Miller) to a Young Judea Convention. In March, Robin and Andy Deutsch, Lauren Braun, Lauren Miller, Gillian Simon and Josh Gerber all attended a USY convention. The theme of this convention, American Jewry's changing relationship with Israel and the wake of the peace talks in the Middle East. Jewish teens from five states were represented at the convention also.

They offer congratulations to Andy Deutsch and Alex Schwartz, both Woven Youth members, who were part of the JCC Basketball team that recently won a tournament in Charleston. They have been sporting T-shirts 'round town, designed by Micah Schwartz.

Future plans include a presentation and discussion about anti-Semitism, a folk dance and food festival with the Greek Orthodox and Baha'i Youth Groups, the final USY convention for this year, and elections for next year's Woven Youth Board.

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH

Rabbi Birnham, Bob Deutsch, and Caren Kessler will be beginning a post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for our youth.

OTHER SYNAGOGUE NEWS

Rabbi Birnham taught at Mars Hill College about Judaism and Ethics. In June, Rabbi Birnham attended a Hamakhshir Program at the Jewish

Theological Seminary for advanced studies in matters relating to Kashrut. Participants studied rabbinic supervision in a variety of local kosher institutions.

Before the High Holy Days, Sue Greenberg and Rabbi will lead a workshop about beginning to write Ethical Wills at the Synagogue.

Temple B'nai Sholem

New Bern NC

by Dr. Marilyn Stern

All our donated rummage was gathered and sorted for a successful yard sale at Rae and Bill Porter's in Oriental in April. We are grateful to the Porters for all their hard work.

Two families in our congregation celebrated college graduations on Mothers Day weekend--Carole and Ed Greenberg's son Seth from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Marilyn and Jacob Stern's daughter Lili-Marguerite from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Seth is employed with the Hampton Inn of Cary. Lili is employed with the Siena Hotel in Chapel Hill.

What a treat it was! The Fairfield Chorus gave a concert for us following our May 19 worship service. Our very own President, Ed Greenberg, is a member of the chorus and performed a solo of "If I Were a Rich Man" from *Fiddler on the Roof*. At the end of concert, the singers and their appreciative audience shared a delicious oneg.

Saturday, May 20, the Sisterhood held their annual donor luncheon at *Catered Affair* in New Bern. The guest speaker was Rabbi James Apple and his topic was Jewish humor. Outgoing President, Dr. Marilyn Stern, conducted the installation ceremony. Officers for 1995-97 are: President--Diane Specter, vice-president--Carole Greenberg, Co-Secretaries--Faye Zerbo, Janet Rosenthal and Fran Robins, Treasurer--Sandra Sharf. Sisterhood members were given ballots to designate their choice of charity for the benefit of Israel. Charities selected for the proceeds of the 1995 luncheon were: the Do Not Forsake Me Fund of *The Jerusalem Post*, Hadassah's hospital and youth aliyah projects, and the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT Israel).

The annual membership meeting of Temple B'nai Sholem was held May 31. The congregation is seeking names of retired rabbis who would be interested in conducting a monthly Shabbat worship service in New Bern. Meanwhile, members plan to continue with lay services for the summer and High Holidays. President Greenberg announced his reappointments to the following committees: Building and Grounds--Ed Greenberg and Maurice Specter, Cemetery--Elbert Lipman and Jacob Stern, Education--Barbara Berk, Library--Sandra Sharf, Membership and Sunshine--Marcia and Ron Stier, Music--Carla Byrnes. Ritual and Social Action Committee Chairs are vacant at this time.

On June 2, Rabbi Apple led our worship service. Rabbi and Mrs. Apple are retiring from the military

service. They will be moving from Camp Lejeune to Wilmington where Rabbi Apple will serve Temple Israel as Associate Rabbi. We wish them well. Rabbi Apple and congregational members gathered at the home of Ed and Carole Greenberg for a dairy covered dish supper on June 3. It was a lovely evening.

Our congregation welcomes visitors and new members. Our Temple opened in 1908 and is located at 505 Middle Street in the historic district of New Bern. The land for the Hebrew Cemetery was purchased in 1865; there are 57 graves and the names can be read on all but two stones. The cemetery is located next to the National Cemetery on National Avenue in New Bern. Summer lay services begin at 7:30 pm and will be held June 16, July 14 and August 11.

Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Lepow

May 21 marked our annual, end of year Religious School Picnic. Over

two hundred members of our Temple family turned out for a relaxing chicken and covered dish lunch on the Temple grounds and enjoyed a leisurely afternoon.

Social Action Shabbat took place on June 9 during which all volunteers who participated in Habitat for Humanity were recognized for their efforts, whether they provided funding, labor, or both! Other Social Action volunteers were honored as well. Ms. Charlene Price-Patterson, feature writer for the Charlotte Observer and coordinator of "Taking Back Our Neighborhoods," joined our service and shared her ideas on the importance of social action. The Social Action Committee chaired by Sue Schneider consists of four major subcommittees. There are jobs for everyone from 7 to 70+ at any skill level. For more information contact Sue at 342-1987 or Herm Zeigler at 364-1632.

A hearty welcome to our newest members: Sanford and Kristy Kaplan, Benjamin and Erin Schrader, Michael Schwartz, Todd

and Diane Shapiro, Charles and Toba Culbreth, George and Ruth Hall, Stephen and Shari Naman, Holly and Steven Gainsboro, Adam Lichtiger and Rhona and Ron Nadel.

Mazel Tov to: Mary Lynne and Warren Sepkowitz on the birth of their daughter Emma Sophia Sepkowitz on April 19, to Benjamin and Erin Schrader on the birth of their son Joseph Robert on April 21, to Henry and Andrea Abelman on the birth of their son Maxwell Alexander Abelman on April 15, to Barry and Sue Schneider on the birth of their daughter Amelia Claire on May 8, and to Linda and Mark Rothman on the marriage of their son Jeffrey Scott Casey to Alicia Jones on June 3, and to Estelle and Murray Rosen on their 50th anniversary.

Our annual Wildacres Retreat will be held September 1-4. This year's theme is "Jewish Stories, Jewish Souls." Shabbat services during June, July and August, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday evenings, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday mornings.



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Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Lisa Taub

Upcoming Events

Temple Israel is proud to welcome Cantor Elias Roohvarg, his wife Linda, and his son Aaron, to the congregation. The Roohvargs will move to Charlotte in August from Maryland. Temple Israel is host to the Sisterhood Southern Branch Summer Board Meeting on August 13 and 14. In other Sisterhood news, a Membership Tea will be held Sunday, July 23. For more information about the tea or about Sisterhood, contact Marci Willenzik (541-2557).

Wendy Rosen will be teaching a Bet Sefer Summer Review class for students in grades 4-6 on July 31, August 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, and 17, from 9-11 a.m. Last year's participants had a great time and were ready for serious Hebrew study in the fall. Contact the Temple office for more information.

After a summer hiatus in June and July, the book club will resume its stimulating discussion meetings on August 28.

Recent Events

Temple Israelites celebrated Shavuot with a variety of activities geared toward rediscovering the joy and excitement of the giving of the Torah. Congregants enjoyed a dairy dinner after Mincha and a Havdallah service and discussion after Ma'ariv. Children participated in their own exciting activities. The prior evening, confirmation services were

held for twelve confirmands on the first day of Shavuot, June 4. The confirmands included Geoffrey Binnick, Phillip Cathcart, Aviva Ezring, Daniel Goldberg, Elissa Golembe, Josh Hirsch, Allison Katz, Alexis Kropp, Laura Malickson, Michelle Maslov, Eric Rolnick, and Ariah Yeskel.

June 12-15, approximately 40 10th-12th graders participated in Youth Breaking Barriers, an intensive group discussion and sleep-over involving an inter-ethnic and interreligious group of teenagers. The event was produced by Roz Cooper in collaboration with the Temple Israel Social Action Committee.

Mazel Tov

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Nathan Alexander Owens, son of Elizabeth Berman Owens and Phillip Owens of High Point, was born on April 7. The proud grandparents are Larry and Linda Berman of High Point. The proud great-grandmothers are Ida Berman and Estelle Hirsch. Alec Marc Gelb, son of Aliza and Brett Gelb, was born April 26. The proud grandparents are Susan and Ben Aizenman. Henry William Gorelick, son of Stacy and Todd Gorelick, was born April 26. The proud grandparents are Patty and Bill Gorelick of Charlotte and Debby and Ken Miller of Greensboro. The proud great-grandparents are Elsie and Jack Karro.

Congratulations also to the following B'nai Mitzvah: Robert Peper, son of Gloria and Richard Peper, became a Bar Mitzvah on June 10. Allen Schapiro,

son of Barbara and Gerry Schapiro of Rock Hill, became a Bar Mitzvah on June 24.

Sisterhood congratulates Marcy Mehlman on receiving the annual Light of Torah Award for outstanding service to Sisterhood and Temple Israel.

New Members

Temple Israelites extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Jill and Craig Balick, Shari and Stephen Marcus, Ronnie and Bob Zevon, and Karen and Arthur Mazur.

Temple Israel

Kinston NC

by J. Glassman

Temple Organization

At its May 17 congregational meeting Mrs. H. Glassman was installed as the new president. She replaced Mr. A. Stadiem who has served in this position for several years. We want to wish Mrs. Glassman success in meeting the challenges of her new position. A special thank you to all our outgoing officers for their support and continued hard work.

Community News

On June 4 Temple Israel had their annual Sunday School picnic. It was well attended by 40 congregants both young and old alike. Opportunities were given to all for outdoor games and to enjoy our traditional hamburgers and hot dogs. A brief presentation of appreciation was made by Rabbi Rose to our Sunday School teachers who volunteer their time to enlighten young minds about our Jewish

traditions and the Hebrew language.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Scheter were honored by the Kinston City Council for their consistent dedication to the improvement of the Kinston-Lenoir County Community. They have given both their time and financial support to several community projects, scholarships and local institutions. We extend our best wishes for continued health and happiness and congratulations upon this special recognition.

Mazel Tov to Lt. Colonel and Mrs. George Gerdts upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam on May 20, 1995.

We would like to welcome to our Temple Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bech as our newest members.

We look forward to meeting prospective Temple members. If there are people relocating to Eastern North Carolina who have questions about our Temple please contact Ms. H. Glassman, 909 Lynn Drive, Kinston, NC 28501.



ORGANIZATIONS

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), the central agency for Jewish continuity in the greater Carolinas region, provides a variety of educational services to an area network of Jewish schools, congregations, community centers, organizations and families.

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*The Jewish Day School of
Charlotte*
The Jewish Preschool on Sardis



YEAR-END FUN: Two-year-old classmates' Tom Blitz, Malya Levin, and Jacob Stark take a moment from their year-end class picnic to pose with Jacob's mom, Lauren.

The 1994-1995 school year closed with much excitement and many activities. The Parent Teacher Organization was host to the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for all Preschool and Day School teachers and staff. As usual, no details were forgotten! This year's theme was moons and stars. The teachers even got a pair of socks that matched the moon and stars decor! Janice Cantor entertained the crowd with her comical "rap-up" of the year's events. Mrs. Cantor, a Day School mother and avid volunteer, is known around the school as "The Rapping Rebbe!" This year teachers received a package of note cards created from original artwork submitted by the students of both schools.

Graduation ceremonies were held the evening of May 25 for the largest

class of four-year-olds to graduate The Jewish Preschool on Sardis. Thirty-two four-year-olds were dressed in their best outfits, topped with black mortarboards and gold tassels. The children filed in with their teachers as Pomp and Circumstance droned. After singing their ABCs in English and Aleph-Bet song in Hebrew, the graduates sang an original song written by Esther Meter. Each child received a special diploma. All the video cameras were humming!

Following was an excellent performance by the entire Day School called "A Journey Through the Jewish Calendar." The closing number was moving as all the Day School students joined together on stage and sang to the tune of "Those Were The Days My Friends."

*AJCC Hosts Young
Singles Weekend at
Camp Barney
Medintz*

The Atlanta Jewish Community Center's (AJCC) Young Singles will host the 2nd Annual Back to Summer Camp Singles Weekend at Camp Barney Medintz in Cleveland, GA on August 18-20, 1995.

Singles can enjoy a weekend of camp, as they did when they were kids, with other singles from throughout the southeast. Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachians, Camp Barney Medintz has facilities for singles to enjoy outdoor activities such as canoeing, hiking, tennis and softball.

This unique singles weekend also offers planned activities such as mixers, massage clinics, and arts and crafts. On Shabbat, participants can enjoy lakeside services and discussions. The weekend is a good opportunity to meet new and old friends in a relaxed environment.

The price for this all-inclusive weekend, which includes all activities, food and lodging, is \$89 for members and \$129 for all others. Space is limited and participants must register by July 31, 1995.

For more information please contact Dara Greenspan at 875-7881.

Gene Project at Hadassah Established by Greensboro Community

"We are at the dawn of the eighth day of creation," said Dr. Samuel Penchas, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel. He recently visited Greensboro.

Since 1981, Dr. Penchas has headed a vast medical complex encompassing Jerusalem's 700-bed Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem. Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem is the pacesetter for health care and medical education in Israel. It is the only facility of its kind between Paris and Tokyo--and the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus, a 300-bed regional facility serving Jews and Arabs alike. Hadassah is ranked consistently by the World Health Organization as the sixth finest medical center in the world.

Born in Rumania, Dr. Penchas is a graduate of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. Beyond his medical studies, Dr. Penchas studied at the Graduate School of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the Haifa Technion. He received a D.I.C. in Engineering in Medicine from the Department of Electric Engineering of the Imperial College of Science and Technology of London University. In addition he received a M.Sc. in Ergonomics at

the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Royal Free Medical School and University College of London University. Dr. Penchas spent two years at Harvard University Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital as a Research Fellow in Medicine in the Laboratory of Computer Science. He took courses in Statistics at the Harvard University School of Public Health.

How did such a distinguished scientist of international stature come to Greensboro? For that story, we must go back to January 1995 when Pearl Novick came to this city to find life and hope for her daughter Lior. Many of you may remember her presentation at a Women's Cabinet meeting at the home of Anna Lou Cassell. No one can forget her remarkable tale of courage and resourcefulness.

Her daughter has myelodysplastic syndrome, a severe malfunction of the bone marrow. A transplant is her only hope of survival. Pearl personally raised the funds to find a match for a compatible donor. She then needed to find speedy testing of the more than three thousand blood samples collected in Israel.

A small country of four million so rarely needs such a massive

screening that Israel's facilities are limited. However, five labs in the world can do what needed to be done quickly. Four are in the United States; among them is Genetic Design Inc. here in Greensboro.

Working through Hadassah Hospital where Lior is being treated, Pearl was put in touch with our own Greensboro Jewish Federation. She knew that the past Hadassah president, Joyce Shuman, had herself been a bone marrow donor. Pearl contacted Joyce. Even as this is being written, Lior is undergoing the transplant for a successful match that was eventually found.

Anyone who met Pearl was galvanized into action by her brave determination. Under the leadership of Marsha Glazman, president of the Greensboro Chapter of Hadassah, several local Hadassah members wanted to raise more funds to hire an additional technician for tissue typing at Hadassah. Because this still would barely alleviate the situation, the idea arose to recruit Genetic Design to build a lab in Israel.

When Linda Fleishman, a member of the National Board of Hadassah for eighteen years, broached this idea to Dr. Penchas, he quickly explained two facts. One is that, as already stated, a small country

.....
by Victor and Rose Ackermann

would need such services on a highly sporadic basis. More important, bone marrow transplants will eventually be obsolete as we cross the threshold into the twenty-first century. Cellular medicine will replace systemic medicine, and gene therapy will prevent or cure so many now incurable diseases. In simple terms, gene therapy is the ability to transfer one or more genes into a patient to rectify a defective gene or to add a missing gene.

Dr. Penchas' dream is that Hadassah will remain in the forefront of this medical frontier. With this goal in mind and with the doctor's promise to visit Greensboro, Linda returned home and began laying the foundation for a huge fund raising effort. That effort culminated with the arrival of Dr. Penchas late Sunday evening, May 14, 1995.

His crowded schedule included breakfast, lunch, dinner meetings and several individual discussions. Nancy and Frank Brenner arranged for Dr. Penchas' to visit Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston Salem. It is here where he established a physician exchange program between that institution and the new Children's Pavilion at Hadassah Hospital.

Those who heard him were impressed by the breadth and depth of his knowledge. Dr. Penchas charm, charisma, sense of humor, and conviction with which he stated his case for a gene therapy project at Hadassah Hospital was most inspiring. He informed his eager listeners that similar research is going on throughout the world. We live in a global village where there are no secrets; Hadassah is a vital

part of this network. However, it is imperative that Hadassah and Israel remain in the forefront of this medical revolution.

He believes that by 2025, give or take ten years, there will be no more genetic birth defects. Procedures will be routinely performed in utero to correct imperfect DNA signals. He told us of ongoing work on three vaccines for diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and prostate cancer. Dr. Penchas expects clinical trials of these vaccines to begin within the year at Hadassah Hospital. He spoke of genetic engineering to remedy hyperlipidemia ("high cholesterol") and cardiac problems. When he reported on a herpes virus inserted into genetic codes that then destroyed malignant tumors of the brain, there was a palpable surge of excitement although the doctors have not yet learned to harness the virus so that it does not also destroy healthy tissue. In the field of infertility, he offered hope with a procedure patented by Hadassah by which a hole is made in the ovum by a laser so that sperm can more easily penetrate.

He is well aware that all these techniques are not without peril. Ethical and moral questions loom large on the horizon. He is confident, however, that Hadassah is especially qualified to deal with these issues.

None of this research is without cost. Dr. Penchas has obtained commitments from the Deutsche Bank in Germany and from a couple in Florida for funding gene therapy. However, these funds are not immediately available, since they are long-term annuities. However, Hadassah and Israel need up-front

seed dollars to give this project immediate impetus and to keep Hadassah Medical Organization on the cutting edge.

By the time Dr. Penchas left Tuesday afternoon, May 16, 1995, he had come to admire the warmth, compassion, and generosity of the Greensboro community. From this initial phase, he now has multimillion dollar commitments for the seed money to meet the needs of this remarkable endeavor. Donations are still being made and are most welcome.

The unit will be known as the Greensboro Community Gene Project at Hadassah. This is the first time that a community name has been attached to a project at Hadassah. Before he left here, Dr. Penchas had already begun to contact eminent Israeli physicians and researchers being pressured to stay in the United States. Now that he has funding, he is confident that he can entice them to oversee this exciting project in Israel.

It is impossible not to feel privileged to be a part of this undertaking. We had the honor to be in the presence of one of the foremost authorities in medicine. It is a privilege to bear witness to a special moment in this community's support for Israel.

Dr. Penchas came to the United States to deliver a paper before the World Health Organization in Washington DC. He left for Rumania to be inducted into the Academy of Science. He detoured to Greensboro with an admitted skepticism. Due to the generosity of this community, he left here with a renewed sense of mission. As he

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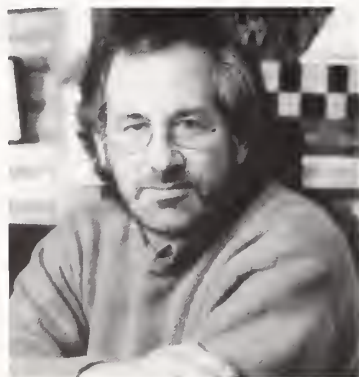
took with him the future in his hands, he left behind a community grateful for the opportunity to help usher in the dawn of new hope for all humankind.

"Anyone involved in the eighth day of creation should be thrilled, expectant, and proud. The Greensboro community can be justly exalted by the fact that the nucleus for the revolution from system medicine to cell medicine at Hadassah in Jerusalem will be the Greensboro Community Gene Project at Hadassah."--Dr. Samuel Penchas, Director-General, HMO

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bad for the Jews?" civil liberty, politics and Jewish/Black relations are discussed. His assessment is fair and mildly hopeful.

In summation, Fein calls us a "new thing in history, the American Jew." He believes in our wisdom, that beyond faith is the behavior of the community. We shall add our own interpretations to those of the past. Our beliefs rest in our commitment to pluralism and social injustice, which are traditional with us. Indeed, though we have sinned and we are not perfect, we are still accessible to "the language."



Steven Spielberg

Sometime ago, in Vienna, Austria, Mayor Helmut Zilk announced that the city's high school students could see Steven Spielberg's movie, *Schindler's List*, free during school hours. Because of the strong demand, Mayor Zilk said that more than two-thirds of the students saw the film.

After each performance, students questioned survivors or witnesses. Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi Hunter, the first witness, praised the project in the national and international media as *a highly effective measure in combating radical right wing and racist views.*

In the United States, several cities have shown the movie to high schools, free of charge, with discussion before and after the performance.

In Los Angeles, Steven Spielberg spearheaded the effort to show the film to students. In Savannah, Georgia, the Hadassah completed their most successful fund raising in seventy-six years by arranging a premier showing to adults. After seeing the movie, several history teachers and principals arranged for Holocaust programs to be held at their schools. The entire experience continues to have an impact on its community.

Most high schools in the Buncombe County area have received the film

"free" from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Some classes in school have, on a limited basis, included Holocaust studies in their curriculum. On occasion, schools have invited Holocaust survivors to speak to classes on the Holocaust.

At the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and then again at the Asheville Jewish Community Center, Holocaust teaching workshop programs have been held for teachers in Western North Carolina.

In the March 1995, *Times-Outlook*, there was a feature article by Estelle Hoffman. She said, "*What needs to be taught, along with Holocaust Studies, is the advantage of living in a diverse society with people of other countries, races, and religions. It is a hard lesson to teach, but of utmost importance to all of us.*"

Debi Miles, a former elementary school teacher, is heading a program at the Asheville Jewish Community Center this fall. The program, *The Center for Diversity Education*, is being launched by the Asheville Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Relations Council. The curriculum was developed twenty years ago by the Anti-Defamation League. She will, at another time, discuss how it will be set up.

BY LILLIAN R. WELLSCH

Personals



***Speizman & Mendel
Wed***

Jodi Marla Mendel and Bryan Douglas Speizman both of Charlotte NC were married March 25, 1995 at Marriott City Center, Charlotte NC. Rabbi Israel J. Gerber officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mendel of Charlotte. She is a graduate of Charlotte Country Day School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speizman of Charlotte. He is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and Ohio University. He is employed with Speizman Industries in Charlotte NC.

Maid of honor was Shelly Mendel. Bridesmaids were Amy Speizman, Cathy Brown, Kim Ognibene, Amy Brookler, Elise Kiely, Jane Farnsworth and Elise Greene.

Best man was the groom's father, Robert Speizman.

Groomsmen were Mark Speizman, Barry Speizman, Craig Coblentz, Philip Coblentz, Mark Lerner, Jeff Brookler, Jeff Jones and Francesco Lonati.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii the couple will reside in Charlotte NC.

Freudenberger-Yudell Wed

Emily Jane Yudell and Ronald Steve Freudenberger, M.D. were married July 9, 1995 at The Water Club in New York City. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yudell of Charlotte NC. She is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School and Virginia Commonwealth University. She is currently a graduate student at New York University School of Social Work.

Ronald Steve Freudenberger, M.D. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Freudenberger of New York City. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University High School and Touro College in New York. He is currently a cardiologist at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

The maid of honor was Sherry Yudell. Bridesmaids were Nancy Segal, Wendy Rose, Michelle Freudenberger.

Best man was Jeffery Abrams, M.D. Groomsmen were Joseph Terrazzino, M.D., Nick Ferrentino, M.D., and William Weiss.

The couple will reside in New York City.

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Tens of thousands of Jewish children have been exposed to 126 deadly radioisotopes from the release of 150 tons of radioactive material. The cancer rate among children is already 200 times above normal, a rate scientists predict will increase dramatically for the next 30-50 years. Non-contaminated foods and medical care are sorely lacking. The fear and concern of Jewish parents are so grave that over one thousand Jewish mothers have separated from their children and sent them to Israel through the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project. Thousands more are on waiting lists, hoping for their chance to come to a country free of

radioactive fallout, capable of providing the medical care these Jewish children desperately need.

As Chernobyl continues to make international headlines, the world is forced to remember this planet's worst nuclear disaster and take count of its deadly consequences to human life and the environment. For the Jewish community we must remember the Jewish victims of Chernobyl. This disaster is the latest in a chain of events that continue to befall the Jewish people in these blood soaked lands. Tragically, this modern disaster promises to cast an inescapable shadow of death and

disease on this tortured piece of earth well into the next millennia. But Jewish organizations like Chabad's Children of Chernobyl and Israel's scientists and doctors who care for Chernobyl's victims will again assure Jewish survival as the Jewish commitment to "take care of our own" has assured Jewish survival throughout the history of these lands. *The writer is the Medical Liaison for Israel's Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project which has to date evacuated over twelve hundred children to Israel where they are provided medical care. For more information contact: Chabad's Children of Chernobyl, POB 12, Kfar Chabad, Israel.*

Chapel Hill Teen Named A Bronfman Fellow for 1995

Jacob Cohen, a junior at the Durham Academy is one of 26 teenagers in the United States and Canada to receive 1995 Bronfman Youth Fellowships under a program designed to develop future community leaders committed to the concept of Jewish unity.

This summer, Jacob will spend five weeks in Israel with the Youth Fellowships program launched nine years ago by Edgar M. Bronfman, who is chairman of the Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish



Congress. The 26 Fellows--chosen from nearly 500 applicants--were selected on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. Merit, not financial need, is the standard of selection for this fully

funded Fellowship award.

Jacob, son of Dr. Kenneth and Mrs. Freya E. Cohen, is a long time member of the varsity boys' cross

country and tennis teams. He was selected for the All Conference Team and All State Teams for independent schools in cross country last year. He was also a NCISAA state single's tennis champion in number three singles. A member of the Cum Laude Honor Society, and he will be co-editor next year of his school paper.

The Bronfman Fellows, all of whom will enter their twelfth grade of school next fall, come from a variety of Jewish backgrounds--Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and unaffiliated. They hail from 12 states and the Canadian Province of Quebec.

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Future Has Extreme Impact on Nursing Facilities



by **Seth D. Levy,**
Executive Vice President

Recently, congressional budget committees have adopted resolutions that would significantly limit the growth of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The House resolution would reduce the growth of Medicare spending by \$282.3 billion over the next seven years; the Senate resolution calls for a \$255 billion reduction over the same period. Both resolutions also call for a Medicaid block grant (method of limiting dollars) to the states. The House plan would reduce Medicaid spending growth by \$184 billion over seven years. Spending increases would be capped at eight percent in 1996; the cap would be reduced to four percent by 2002. The Senate proposal would cut Medicaid's growth by \$174 billion over seven years capping spending growth an average of five percent per year during that period.

The North Carolina Budget and Tax Center is warning state policy makers that the proposed federal cuts would have a major impact on the State's budget. Twenty-six percent of the State government's revenues come from the federal government. The Center estimates that the State would lose some \$9.4 billion over the next seven years if the congressional budget plans were implemented. This includes losses of over \$7 billion in federal Medicaid funds to North Carolina.

The subtle but unmistakable message being sent to long term care providers like the Blumenthal Jewish Home is, don't keep counting on Medicaid. Drastic cuts are likely for the largest source of reimbursement for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Medicaid cuts would undermine institutional and home-based long-term care. Placing a greater strain on caregivers would cause more widespread use of unlicensed facilities and diminish the quality of life for the elderly.

It is interesting to note that in this so called period of change and trying to be fiscally responsible (balancing the budget) President Clinton has issued a proclamation making 1995 the "Year of the Grandparent." The proclamation invites government officials, aging services providers, advocacy groups and families nationwide to join in commemorating the many contributions that grandparents make.

If you are concerned like me about the proposed cuts to Medicare and Medicaid I urge you to contact your Congressman or Senator. Your voice does make a difference. We all want the best and what is rightly deserved for our Jewish older adults.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLDS RETREAT

by Audrey Madans
President, Board of Trustees



Beautiful Wildacres was the site for the recent BJH Board of Trustees Retreat. Our first evening there we welcomed in the Sabbath with a beautiful service conducted by the Home's Director, Seth Levy, who was ably assisted by several members of the Board.

Strategic planning was the theme for the weekend - an ongoing process by which a clear vision is created among all those involved in the many facets of the home enabling them to successfully meet changing circumstances and challenges of the future. We were led into much dialogue by our facilitator, Dr. Morris Blachman. He pointed out during our discussions that the Board has accomplished much of what it started out to do. But great changes in long term care have taken place over the years, and it's time for Board members to decide where to go from here and in what new directions to travel, if any.

As a first step in strategic planning, it was necessary to revisit our philosophy and mission statements in order to ensure that the Home is being run efficiently, properly, and

in accordance with our mission. For many of our Board members, this was an opportunity to really get to know one another. We were pleased that so many spouses also attended, giving them an opportunity to learn more about the Home and how the Board functions. It was such a relaxed atmosphere that we all felt at ease and comfortable about expressing ourselves.

How gratifying it was to see the dedication and commitment of each Board member. These individuals have great ideas and plans for solving any problems that might arise and for planning better ways to mold our services to all who look to and come to BJH for themselves or their family members. Many suggestions were made and will be given to committees for study and recommendation to the Board in the near future.

We are commanded to honor our parents and not forsake them in their old age. And so it was unanimously agreed upon that the Blumenthal Jewish Home is one of the finest nursing home facilities, and we intend to keep it that way.

We ended after dinner on the second evening with a lovely and meaningful Havdalah service. Discussions about beginning strategic planning continued on among the members well into that

night and carried over to the next day when we held our regular Board meeting. As more specific plans are made, we will keep everyone well informed.

As President of the Board of Trustees, I am thrilled and impressed by the caliber of our Board members. The expertise they bring to this Board is exciting and ensures the continuum of care and fiduciary responsibility that we expect from a Board. From our past presidents to the newest members on this Board, the leadership and potential leadership is awesome.

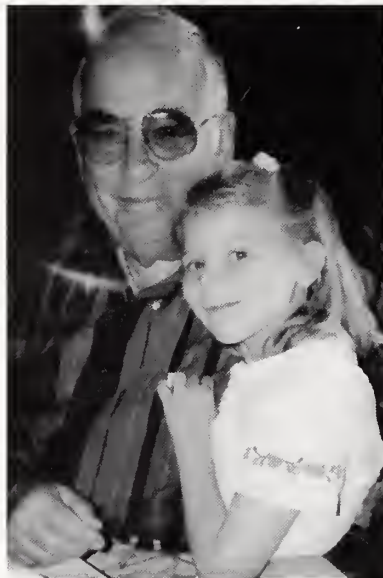
A grand time was had by all, and to quote one Board member, "When I first became involved with the Home, it was always what 'they' are doing. After being at this retreat, it's now what 'we' are doing." If one person can make a difference, what can an entire Board of dedicated individuals accomplish? Certainly we can face the challenges and make a difference! I'm proud to be an integral part of this Board and know that this recent retreat has afforded me and the other dedicated Board members the motivation to meet new and greater experiences, challenges, and requirements to keep BJH the best there is.

WELCOME

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

Henry Heitman
Clemmons NC
Willa Miller
Charlotte NC
Sally Waldman
Middle Village NY

Board Members enjoy retreat at Wildacres. Pictured clockwise: President Elect Al Herman and Sheila Lynch, Treasurer Al Jacobson with Jordana Weiner, Vice President Eric Handler and Kim, Musia and Martin Lakin, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum and Past President Norman Pliner and Sherry Bernstein.



IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Freda Fern
Bernard Goodman
Faye Kalson
Rosa Kay
David Linial
Walton Martin
Eula McGlamery
Esther Sabbah
Mary Ann Smith
Miriam Warshofsky

*May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to their loved ones.*

NURSING CELEBRATION '95

by Peggy Bridges
Director Staff Development




Seen enjoying the reception in honor of the BJH nursing staff are: l to r; Jean Moore, RN on the B2 wing, Patsy Petree, Dir. of Nursing, Peggy Bridges, Dir. of Staff Development, and Sue Welch, RN on the B1 wing.

Each year, one week is set aside throughout the nation to honor those who have chosen nursing as their profession. This year the week of May 7 found thousands being applauded for their dedication to the quality of life and often death of the many they have so faithfully cared for. The theme for this year's celebration, "Always Caring, Always There" sums up the professionals' dedication to those they serve.

Here at Blumenthal Jewish Home, the 37 RN's and LPN's whose faithful service account for the quality of care and quality of life for our residents were honored at a tea on Tuesday, May 9.

Each day these professionals utilize their skills to meet the needs of our elderly around the clock and from many parameters. It is through their dedication that the physical, emotional and psychosocial needs are met on a day to day basis. Their satisfaction comes through the smile of a resident, a thank you from a family member, the knowledge that another resident's life has been made just a bit brighter or more comfortable.

The nursing profession is and has been "Always There, Always Caring." Please join us in saying "Thank you for a job well done."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Ella Blachman
Florence Blumenstein
Faye Davis
Charles Gay
Rose Golden
Melvin Karesh
Rosa Kay
Geneva Neal
Jennie Novey
Sadie Parmet
William Robin
Shirley Shane
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BJH *Briefs*

MAGICAL MOMENTS

Lannie Miller, volunteer from Greensboro, brought his magic touch to the birthday party in May. With good humor and expert sleight of hand, Lannie entertained the residents, volunteers and staff performing magical miracles which put a smile on every face and a laugh in every heart.



Magical moments at BJH were created by: above, Lannie Miller with a little bit of "this" and "that" and below, pre-schoolers enjoying the Mayfest activities.



The sun was not shining at the Mayfest Celebration at BJH this year yet no clouds could be seen inside the Fair Oaks auditorium. The bright smiles on the faces of residents and the children attending the Mayfest activities and the joyful sounds of laughter

provided enough sunshine to brighten a dreary day outside. At this celebration for all ages children from Temple Emanuel Pre-School were captivated by the antics of the entertaining clown and residents in turn were fascinated by both the clever clown and the children's enthusiasm. The Savoy Swing Band were the hit of the afternoon celebration; everyone enjoyed an ice cream sundae party while swinging and swaying to the sounds of easy music. Magical moments for all ages made Mayfest a perfect celebration for the month of May.



WISH LIST

Several times a year we ask our Department Heads for their "Wish List." The item could be a piece of equipment or a program that would improve the quality of life of the residents or the overall efficiency of the Home.

We invite you to help us purchase these items. If you are interested, please send your check to:

The Blumenthal Jewish Home
7870 Fair Oaks Drive
Clemmons NC 27012

If you have any questions, please call Christine Greene at (910) 712-4534. We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Price</i> |
|---|--------------|
| Two Pair of Shabbos Candle Holders | \$170.00 |
| 10 Banquet Trays for Special Functions (such as Passover) | \$200.00 |
| Letter Folding Machine | \$300.00 |
| Calculators | \$500.00 |
| Color Ink Jet Printer | \$500.00 |
| 30 Sets of Large Print Prayer Books | \$1,500.00 |
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Sue's News

Taking time to smell the roses is a dream many wish for but few succeed in fulfilling. It was a dream come true for residents and staff who visited the beautiful gardens of volunteer Cathy Tindall on May 3. Cathy, who has brought buckets filled with roses and perennials to the Home this year to conduct flower arranging classes for the residents, invited the residents to see for themselves how her garden grows. And grow it does, blooming to perfection. Residents who were able walked the paths of the elegantly designed beds dotted with perennial plants and filled with roses of every variety. Others had front row seats at the garden edge and were able to view the myriad of blossoming flowers and catch a whiff of their perfume. While Cathy served refreshments everyone enjoyed taking time to smell the roses and to appreciate the gracious hospitality of this special volunteer.




From above: Faie Oaks residents Rae Glickman, Therese Schwartz and Goldie Sandler with Cathy Tindall take time to smell the roses in Cathy's beautiful garden.

Celebrations are the most fun when they are shared and sharing a good time was also the theme of the day at Spring Celebration. This yearly event sponsored by the Area Agency On Aging was held at the Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem on May 23. Volunteers made it possible for the many residents to attend, enjoy the festive atmosphere, try their skill at the game booths and share in the spirit of old fashion fun. We are grateful for those who shared their time and good humor with the residents and guaranteed a good time for all attending. Our thanks to Bill Austen, Ed Brewer and Fred Van Pelt from the Clemmons Kiwanis Club and to BJH volunteers Gail Citron, Leonard Clein, Jane Emerson, Joanne Graham, Millie Slatkoff and Ronnie Spain and to our recreation staff for their assistance.




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SPRING SCENES

Right: Craft Shop Instructor Lena Wall assists Eva Kaplan at the celebration at the fair grounds.



Above Left: Volunteering at Spring Celebration are: l to r, Gail Citron, Lenoard Clein, Millie Slatkoff, Ronnie Spain, Fred Van Pelt, Jane Emerson, Bill Austin, Joanne Graham and Ed Brewer.

Right: BJH is a winner with relay team stars: Gail Ruthfield, volunteer Millie Slatkoff, Sally Terreni and Craft Shop Instructo Catherine Smith.



Left: Dorothy Rogat and Volunteer Bill Austin have a good time together at the Spring Celebration.



Above: Preschoolers from Temple Emanuel in Wiston-Salem are entertained by the clown at the BJH Mayfest.



Above: Volunteer Cathy Tindall serves refreshments to the residents visiting her garden.

Calendar Highlights July - August

JULY

- 2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 pm.
- 4 Independence Day Celebration Entertainment by SAVOY HOT 5 Commons Auditorium, 2:30 pm.
- 6 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, Synagogue, 2:00 pm.
- 7 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 am.
- 9 Leave for Tanglewood Park, Music at Sunset "Shall We Dance," 6:00 pm.
- 10-16 National Therapeutic Recreation Week "Say Thanks to Your Recreation Therapist."
- 11 Leave for VFW Hall, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 am.
- 11 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 pm.
- 13 Schmoosing with Seth, Pre-Assembly Room, 1:30 pm.
- 14 General Store with Millie & Lydia, 10:00 am, Mansion Library.
- 16 Men's Club with Don Freedman & Charles Shapiro, Upper Commons, 3:00 pm.
- 18 Resident Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 pm.
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- 21 Leave for Winston-Salem Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 AM.
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19 years
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13 Years
Penny Pierce, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

9 Years
Sue Welch, RN, B-1

7 Years
Ann Canter, LPN, Fair Oaks

6 Years
Melodee Rash, Nursing Assistant, B-2
Lessie Smith, Nursing Assistant, B-1

4 Years
Tad McClamrock, Director of Maintenance

3 years
Barbara Salmons, Housekeeping

2 Years
Gail Litten, Nursing Assistant, A-Wing
Anthony Watson, Dietary

1 Year
Loretta McQueen, Nursing Assistant, B-2

AUGUST

18 Years
Marie Doty, Housekeeping

16 Years
Jean Garland, Nursing Assistant, Fair Oaks

12 Years
Vikki Donley, Nursing Administration

11 Years
Mary McLaurin, Nursing Assistant, B-2

10 Years
June Sealey, RN, B-2
Janet Sowers, Director Computer Services

8 Years
Jesse Clawson, Maintenance

6 Years
Wayne Dieser, Director Dining Services
Marlise Ward, LPN, B-2

5 Years
Harry Cooley, Maintenance

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Mitzi Malinzak, Receptionist II
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Debra Bryant, Nursing Assistant, B-2
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Sally Terreni, Recreation

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Nero Jones, Dietary
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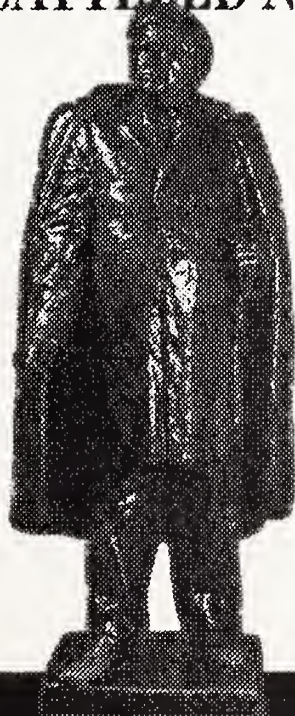
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*Sounds fill the air
about us. But we do
not listen to them all.*

*We select, we decide
which sounds we will
take to heart, which
sounds will move us
to respond.*

*What do we really care
to hear? A baby crying,
a sound of beauty, a
warning, a word of love,
a cry for help?
We can shut them out of
our lives if we wish, deciding
they are only noise.*

*A cry for help is not only
noise. Neither is a warning.
neither is a word of love.
But we have the power to
make a cry forsaken,
a warning in vain,
a word of love unfulfilled.*

What do you hear?

***What will we hear?
What will cause us to turn,
to renew a part of life
which too quickly passes by?***

*When our children tell us their troubles
or proudly share their joys,
do we really listen?*

*Do we hear the loneliness of the elderly
through their talk, as through their silence?
And when we hear, we do turn
in understanding?*

*Do we listen with understanding
only when those of our own
generation speak?*

*Do we realize that we must
learn to hear if we would
be heard?*

*Do we help the young to hear
the voice of the ages, the sustaining
sounds that speak eternal truths?*

*Do we help their elders to hear
the rock and beat of the new?*

***Have we learned to hear
the truths in the words of those
to whom we are not attuned?***

*Do we listen to the sounds of nature,
to a bird, to a breeze?
Or lose them in offensive noise?*

*Did we hear the gunshots in Dallas,
in Memphis, in Los Angeles, in Laurel?
Do we hear the guns at home?
The bombs abroad?*

*Do political candidates hear
what they are saying in their speeches?*

*Do we hear the sounds that we utter?
Or do we mock our own words with
false oaths, vain promises, and gossip?*

*Do we hear the sounds of chaos
and of creation in our own lives?
And, hearing
do we love each other more?*

***On Rosh Hashanah
this ancient instrument
must be heard anew.***

*Through the ages, the shofar sound
has had many meanings.
Today it calls out to remind us
that time does not stand still,
and that it is never too late.*

*It is an alarm, to waken us
from that slumber and stupor
which shut out concern for God,
for others, and for ourselves.*

***Blessed are those who hear
the sound of the shofar,
who take it to heart,
for they will respond.***

*The sound of the plain ram's horn
must not be created mechanically,
but by the breath of man.*

*The sound of the shofar
is a wordless prayer.
It is a cry from man to God,
and from man to man;
an act completed only when
someone listens.*

*Hearing is not difficult;
it is automatic, a mechanical act.*

*True listening demands attention,
it demands the heart.*

*How does one fulfill his obligation
to hear the shofar? What if a person
walking near a synagogue
happens to hear the shofar?*

*Tradition teaches:
If he has directed his heart to it,
he has fulfilled his obligation.*

Otherwise, he has not.

*Hearing the sound
must be purposeful, not casual.*

*Do you hear the shofar sound?
Does it call you to examine your life?*

***They have eyes, but see not:
ears have they but they hear not.***

*These words were applied
by the Psalmist to lifeless idols,
worshipped as divine by misguided men.
Let us so live our lives that these words
could never be applied to us.*

*The sounds about us,
when properly heard, taken to heart,
have great power;
they lead us to compassion.*

***Let us turn to these sounds,
hearing.***

***Let us turn to each other,
caring.***

***Let us turn to God,
praying.***

***And may our lives reflect that
we also have heard our prayers.***

*The sounds of the shofar
can bind all people together
in one fellowship, united
whole-heartedly
as children of God,
if only all of us would listen;
if only all of us would hear.*

*Listen to the sounds.
For not to hear is not to care.*

***What do you really hear?
Only noise?
Listen***

*Praised are You, Lord our
God, King of the Universe
who sanctified our lives with
His commandments,
commanding us to hear the
sound of the shofar.*

Yom Kippur Atoning for Sins

by Dvora Waysman

*“For on this day shall atonement
be made for you, to cleanse you;
from all your sins shall ye be
clean before the Lord.”*

(Lev. 16:30)

(WZPS) -- Thus was instituted Yom Kippur--the Day of Atonement--the one Jewish festival, aside from Rosh Hashana, that does not relate to any historical event or agricultural concept. Most other Jewish holidays have some kind of national significance that even secular Jews can relate to. Yom Kippur, however, relates only to our relationship with God and each other and involves asking forgiveness from God. The days preceding the Day of Atonement are for man to make restitution and ask pardon from those he may have wronged during the year.

The Nature of Sin

In Hebrew there are about 20 different words denoting "sin," each with a different nuance. The usual rabbinic term is "averah" from the root "avar"--to pass over, and interpreted as a rejection of God's will. Jews believe sin is caused by the evil inclination (yetzer ha-har), a force which drives one to gratify instincts regardless of the cost. God said (Kid. 30b): "My children! I created the evil inclination, but I created Torah, as its antidote: if you occupy yourself with the Torah you will not be delivered into its hand." Rabbi Ishmael taught: "My son, if this repulsive wretch (yetzer ha-har) attacks you, lead him to the house of learning: If he is stone, he will dissolve; if iron, he will shiver into fragments." (Kid. 30b)

Freedom of choice is a basic Jewish doctrine--from the first story in Genesis where Adam and Eve are given the option to accept or reject God's commandment. The great medieval Jewish scholar Maimonides wrote: "Every man has the possibility of becoming as

righteous as Moses our teacher or as wicked as Jeroboam; wise or stupid; kind or cruel; miserly or generous.." (Yad, Teshuva 5). This contradicts a popular Yiddish expression that things are "beshert" or pre-destined. Judaism teaches us that we can make the choices and go towards righteousness or to sin and its consequences.

Fasting and Prayer

We recite a prayer during the High Holydays, however, which seems to contradict this: "On the New Year it is written down and on the Day of Atonement it is sealed. . .who shall live and who shall die, who at the measure of man's days and who before it. . ." Some rabbis claim this is meditation rather than prayer, designed to help a Jew understand the important conclusion: "But penitence, prayer and charity avert the severe decree." Even if our lives warrant

punishment, we can still choose to repent--even up to our last hour on earth. This is a wonderful and optimistic aspect of Judaism.

There is a special dimension to the solemnity of Yom Kippur in Israel, especially in Jerusalem. No cars are seen on the streets for the entire 24 hours--even the most secular Jew would not publicly profane this holy day. As darkness descends and the long day of fasting and prayer draws to a close, the synagogues are crowded and thousands more walk to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, to hear the final blast of the Shofar--the ram's horn. As the piercing blast rends the night, we in Israel are mindful of Isaiah addressing the exiles: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great horn shall be blown; and they shall come that were lost in the land of Assyria." (Isaiah 27:13)



Mom, I want to Keep Kosher

When your Child Wants to Become more Observant than You



Two years ago, when Rina Goldberg, 18, returned from a Young Judaea teen-tour to Israel, she had a surprise for her parents: She had decided to become Orthodox.

Although Young Judaea, the Hadassah-sponsored Zionist youth movement, is not affiliated with any religious stream, after six-weeks in Israel, Rina was a different person. She refused to eat in non-Kosher restaurants and she would no longer drive to synagogue with her parents on Sabbath. She opted to leave her parents' conservative home in El Paso, Texas and move to Baltimore to complete high school at an Orthodox yeshiva.

"Young Judaea does not push Orthodoxy, but when I was in Israel I took the time to explore some of the questions I had about Judaism," Rina said about her summer experience.

"I was able to talk to an Orthodox rabbi and ask him all the questions I had about Judaism. His answers made so much sense, and I thought to myself, 'this is truth.'"

Every year, as thousands of Jewish kids go off to Israel for summer and year-long educational programs, many, like Rina, feel the religious pull. And, when they return home,

they often want to contribute to develop their religious beliefs and practices.

But parents can be taken aback as the apparent stranger disguised as their child walks through the door, declaring a newfound desire to adhere strictly to Jewish law. A parent may feel a sudden sense of rejection as the child challenges their values. Or, a parent might be scared that they have lost their child to some unfamiliar entity. And, as parents and children negotiate religious boundaries and beliefs, fights often ensue.

Despite the initial battles, experts say a child's decision to become observant does not have to impede a parent/child relationship, even when modifications must be made.

"First the parent must make sure they can accept that child unconditionally even if it means your child is becoming a more observant Jew," says Dr. Michael Mantell, an Orthodox Jew and a clinical psychologist who lives in San Diego. "Once this is done, the parent will hopefully approach the child as they would any guest in their home. If the chief rabbi of Israel was coming to visit, would they serve a pork dinner?"

The reality of the situation, Dr. Mantell says, is that a person's new-found religiosity should not scare a parent. After all, he says, it is not difficult to accommodate a religious person. All it takes is kosher food, dishes (which can be paper or plastic), a *bencher*, (a washing cup) and a placemat.

But, Dr. Mantell also says that while parents should accommodate the child, it is more important that the child respect the parents' beliefs.

"What happens if a kid comes home and says, 'you're wrong' to the parent?" Dr. Mantell asks. "Then it's time for the parent to teach a child what it means to be a good Jew. It is more important in Judaism to treat parents and each other with respect and honor than to observe all the strictures."

And of course, not every case is extreme. Rachel Warach, 18, was raised in a Reform household and has been active in her local branch of Young Judaea since she was eight. But, two years ago, when she went to Israel for a summer, she returned home "just bursting with Judaism."

"When I was in Israel I saw everything I've heard about since I

was two," Rachel said. "Since then I have become more involved in Young Judea and more observant as a Jew."

She now considers herself Conservative and goes to synagogue regularly on Friday nights. While Rachel says that at first her parents "thought I was crazy" for going to synagogue on Shabbat, she has never had any conflict with them over the issue of religion. Her father agreed.

"Why would a parent have problems with their kids becoming more religious?" Rachel's father, Bob, asked incredulously. "I'm not going to change my lifestyle because Rachel changed hers. But if that's what she wants to do then she can do it. The reason parents educate their kids is so they can make up their own minds."

Hadassah News



Honey--A Sweet Rosh Hashanah Tradition

Rosh Hashanah--it's time of reflection and celebration. Starting on the first day of *Tishrei*, the first month of the Jewish lunar calendar, the Jewish New Year marks the anniversary of the creation. To reflect on the passing year and to welcome the new one, Jewish families come together for a symbolic Rosh Hashanah meal. Traditional foods and ceremony play an important role at this festive table. Each dish represents optimism and hope for a prosperous and happy New Year.

Many Jewish families begin the holiday meal by dipping apple slices into honey to celebrate the bounty of God's creation and to signify hope for a sweet New Year. The honey-dipped apples are then eaten to the accompanying blessing: "May it be Your will to renew unto us a good and sweet year." The

Prophet Nehemiah is credited with starting this custom of eating honeyed sweets on the New Year, declaring, "eat sumptuously and drink sweet beverages."

Since honey has played such an important role at the Rosh Hashanah table, it is only natural that National Honey Month should coincide with the Jewish High Holy days. This September, celebrate Rosh Hashanah with tradition and the delectable flavor of honey. Easy to prepare Honey and Orange Glazed Chicken will delight your family and enhance the holiday meal.

When choosing honey for this recipe, keep in mind that the unique flavors of honey are determined by the kinds of blossoms that the honey bees visit. There are over 300 different honey varieties available. Typically, darker colored honeys are stronger in flavor than light colored varieties. Clover honey, the most common variety, has a classic "honey" taste. For a bolder honey flavor, buckwheat or wildflower honeys are a great choice.

To keep your honey at its best, store it at room temperature away from direct sunlight. To delay the natural process of crystallization, in which liquid honey becomes granulated, never refrigerate honey. If your honey becomes cloudy or difficult to

pour, simply place it in a saucepan of hot water or microwave it on HIGH, stirring every 30 seconds, until the crystals dissolve. The honey will quickly return to a smooth liquid.

Whether as a glaze for meat or vegetables or as a sweetener or

topping for cakes and desserts, the naturally sweet taste and smooth texture of honey graces dinner tables around the world. Enjoy zesty-sweet, Honey and Orange Glazed Chicken at the Rosh Hashanah table or anytime you're in the mood for a scrumptious meal.

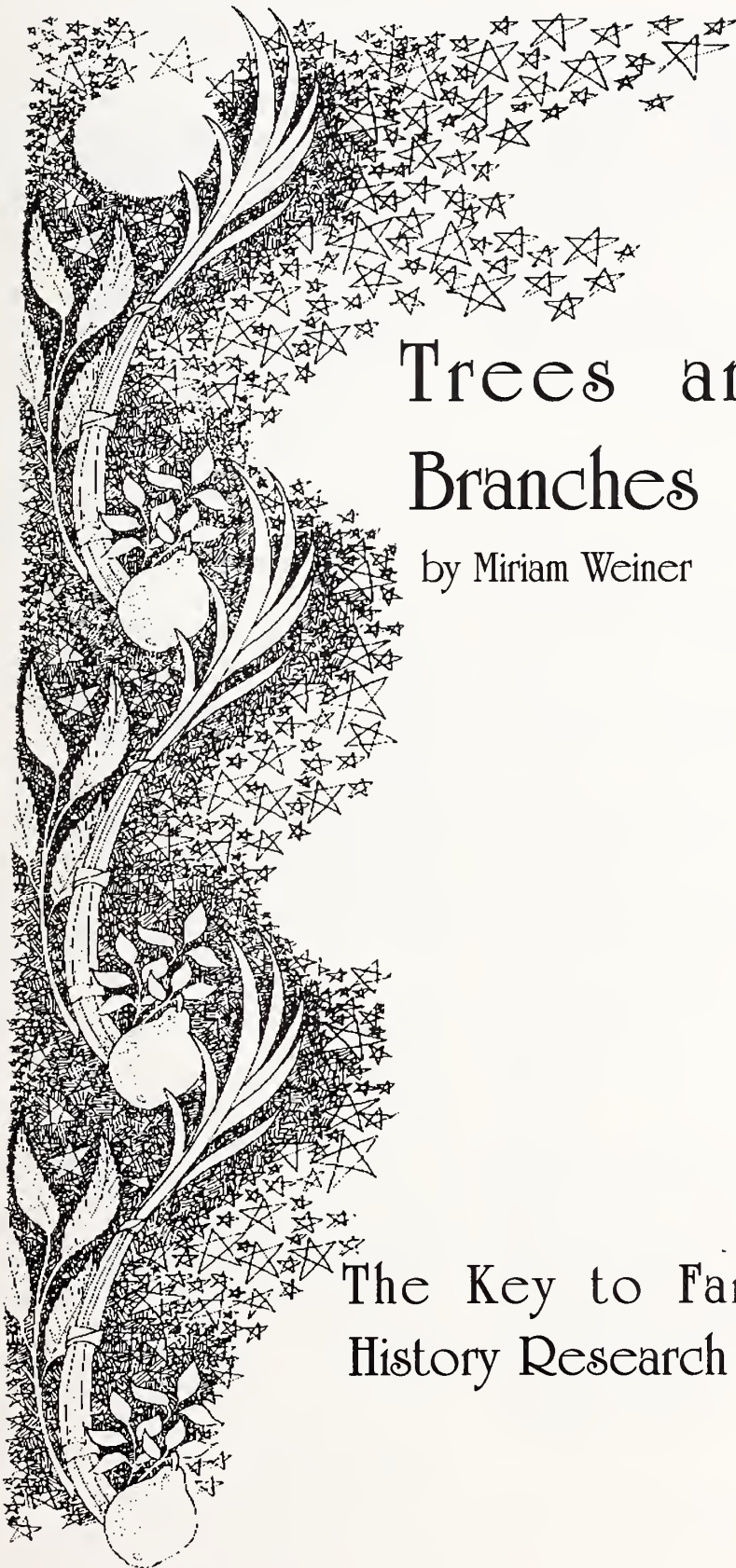
Honey and Orange Glazed Chicken

- 2 (3-pound) broiler-fryer chickens, cut up
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt

Preheat oven to 350 F. Place large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add chicken, working in batches, and cook until nicely browned on all sides, about 8 minutes. Remove chicken to a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Drain all but 1 tablespoon of chicken fat from skillet. Reduce heat to medium, add onion and garlic; saute, stirring frequently, 3 minutes. Stir in all remaining ingredients except salt. Mix well. Pour over chicken and bake uncovered for 45 minutes or until chicken juices run clear, basting occasionally with sauce. Remove chicken and onions to platter. Transfer chicken juices from baking dish to medium sauce pan. Cook chicken juices over medium-high heat until sauce reduces and thickens slightly. Season with salt. Serve chicken and onions with sauce.

Makes 8 servings

Nutritional Analysis Per Serving: 697 Cal., 99 g pro., 25.4 g fat (34% Cal. from fat), 12.9 g carb., 304 mg chol., 0.410 g fiber and 318 mg sodium.



Trees and Branches

by Miriam Weiner

The Key to Family History Research

Many families tell the tale of name changes at Ellis Island and while many of these stories are true, others have become "enhanced" through repetition of the story. However, the fact remains that in order to truly trace your roots into the "old country," you must determine the original family name.

My grandfather arrived at Ellis Island on a cold winter day in December 1912 on the steamship SS Celtic. He was still Moische Winikur then. It was much later that he was to become the Morris Weiner known to his children and grandchildren.

Moische/Morris came from a large family which owned a flour mill on the edge of a small village called Sudilkov located in Volynia Gubernia (Province of Volyn) in Ukraine. His prospects were not bright there and for Jews in particular, there was the continuing threat of pogroms which were to occur again in 1919. Like the millions before him, my grandfather sought a better life in the United States.

Morris died in 1939, before I was born and could share in his life. As far as anyone knows, none of his brothers or sisters came to this country.

When I began researching the history of the Weiner family many years ago, I became aware that it would be necessary to learn more about Sudilkov and the nearby larger town of Shepetovka where his cousins lived. Many cousins from the Shepetovka branch of Winikurs did come to the U.S. and I have interviewed almost a hundred of their descendants.

Early in my research, my father told me our name was not originally Weiner and had been changed from Winikur. I wanted to verify this through documents connected with my grandfather and was able to do so from several sources. First, I contacted the United States District Court in St. Louis where my grandfather was naturalized and requested a copy of his naturalization documents, including his "first papers."

These consist of the Declaration of Intention and the Petition for Naturalization. The Declaration included a photo of my grandfather and biographical data which was also included on the Petition. From the Petition, I learned the date and place of his birth, date and port of arrival in the U.S., name of ship and where it sailed from, the name of his wife (my grandmother) and the date/place of marriage; the names/dates of birth of the eight children. A vital question on this form was "what was your name upon arrival in the U.S." and the response was "Moische Winikur." The Petition even included my grandfather's signature as Moische Winikur.

Now that I knew the exact date and port of arrival in America, I was able to obtain a copy of the Passenger Manifest of the SS Celtic which sailed into New York Harbor on December 29, 1912.

A research request was sent to the National Archives in Washington D.C. and after sending the appropriate payment, I received a

photo copy of the "Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States" which included at line 18, page 27, a reference to my grandfather's arrival under the name of "Moische Winikur," age 29, last residing in Sudilkov, the name and address of a relative in the U.S. and the name of his nearest relative in the old country along with their town of residence. The passenger record also indicated that my grandfather was able to read and write.

Thereafter, I wrote to the Public Record Office in England which holds passenger records for the United Kingdom beginning in the year 1890. I again requested a copy of my grandfather's passenger record and received a reply verifying the information contained on the U.S. passenger manifest.

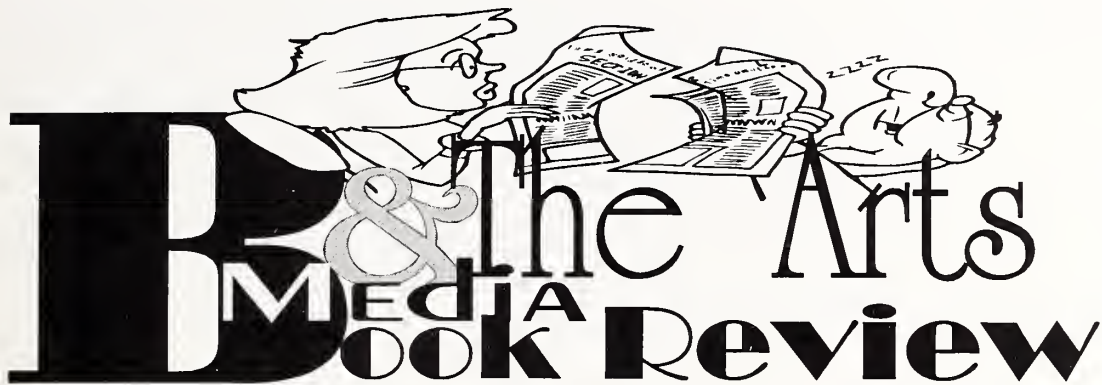
From the above three sources, I was able to substantiate the original family name of my grandfather in the "old country." Now I was ready to learn something about Sudilkov and Shepetovka--where were they on a map --what was life like there and what did Morris Weiner leave behind?

The route to roots is not predictable and along the way, events continue to bring me back to the present. The archival documents found in the Ukraine archives traced my family back two hundred years and include the same names through the generations, a tradition amongst Jews in naming for deceased ancestors.

In 1991, when I visited Sudilkov and Shepetovka for the first time, I met with many people in the Jewish community. The older ones did remember the Winikur family and told me that to their knowledge, they all were shot in the nearby forest along with most of the Jews from the surrounding towns. Nevertheless, there was always the hope that someone left Ukraine before that time--a relative unknown to me, but perhaps waiting for me to find them. Or maybe, some of the Winikurs moved to nearby larger towns before the Holocaust and somehow survived the War.

In 1993, I met with Faina Winokur, director of the State Archives in Vinnitsa. While this city is not really close to Shepetovka or Sudilkov, I so wanted her to be a "cousin." We spoke at length about our ancestry, but she didn't know much about the older generations in her family. So far, we have not found a link, but there is a special bond between us.

Miriam Weiner is an author and lecturer in the field of Jewish genealogy and Holocaust research. For information on how to research your family history and the availability of documents in former Soviet archives, send a stamped self-addressed envelope and the name(s) of your ancestral towns to Weiner at 136 Sandpiper Key, Secaucus NJ 07094.



Media Arts Book Review

Being God's Partner

by Jeffrey K. Salkin
Jewish Lights Publishing
 192 pp. \$19.95

In *Being God's Partner*, Jeffrey Salkin critiques our current tendency to focus on professional life to the exclusion of the spiritual self. "It is time to be as rich internally as we are externally," he writes, teaching us to unite our work life with our 'real life' by allowing our innermost convictions to guide us through our work day. He helps us to change our perspective, to view work not only as a means of survival but also as a vehicle for spiritual growth, urging us to take advantage of the workplace's unique melding of community, social, and economic productivity with personal belief and individual talent.

Salkin wrote *Being God's Partner* to be not merely an intellectual experience, but a spiritual exercise that will help us to turn thought into deed. He offers specific and immediate actions to take--right now--that will help us infuse our lives with greater meaning and ends each chapter with a series of personal and provocative questions

that will inspire us to find purpose in our work and invigorate all that we do.

Jeffrey K. Salkin is Rabbi of Central Synagogue of Nassau County in Rockville Centre, NY and author of the acclaimed *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah* (Jewish Lights Publishing), which received the 1993 Benjamin Franklin Award for the Best Religion Book published in the U.S. He is a member of the Graduate School Faculty of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

"*Being God's Partner*" will challenge not only Jews. . .but everyone of whatever denomination," writes Fr. Andrew M. Greeley, Professor of Social Science at the University of Chicago. Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul* states "*Being God's Partner*" offers specific, concrete ways to invite the spirit back into our work. . .an exemplary blend of traditional religion and contemporary life."

"This is a crucial antidote to the poisons of modern living. We are

proud to present this inspiring book to a world that so intensely needs it," comments Stuart M. Matlins, Publisher of Jewish Lights.

Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work will inspire people of all faiths and no faith to find greater meaning in their work and their lives, and see themselves continuing God's work in the world.

Jeffrey K. Salkin, spiritual leader of Central Synagogue of Nassau County in Rockville Centre, New York, is one of the most thoughtful writers and teachers of his generation. A talented and creative religious leader, he has developed innovative programs that help people find spiritual meaning in both the great and small moments of life. Rabbi Salkin's intellectual and spiritual presence goes far beyond his own pulpit. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, and teaches in Hebrew Union College's Doctor of Ministry program. He has lectured in Jewish theology at Molloy College and has taught rabbinic literature at Hebrew Union College.

The Hidden Children: The Secret Survivors of the Holocaust

by Jane Marks

Fawcett Columbine 336 pp. \$12 paperback
\$22.50 hard cover

The Hidden Children provides a little-explored view of the effects of the Nazi occupation on Jewish children as it tells the personally wrenching stories of twenty-three adult survivors who share the memories they had long suppressed. They vividly relate the dramatic events of how they lived in constant danger of discovery, fabricated new identities, and risked life, health, and sanity. And Jane Marks frames each story with the present-day environment in which these brave people now live by brief but eloquent introductions to every chapter. Insights by a historian and psychologist into each person's battle with the guilt of surviving and the ramifications thereof provide valuable lessons for those uninitiated in the effects of physical and emotional trauma.

As adults, these child-survivors demonstrate through their professions in medicine, psychotherapy, teaching, art, and business, that the courage to survive and the ability to grow into loving and caring adults exists in those with damaged psyches. With their work and the innate goodness their personal lives confirm, the hidden children have embraced others and proven that they have individually found the spirit to love and to heal and in doing so, have become an inspiration to all.

*Jane Marks was nominated for the Author of the Year Award by the American Society of Journalists and Authors for **The Hidden Children** which was a Jewish Book Club Alternate when published in hardcover. She has written three nonfiction books for teenagers and hundreds of articles and columns for publications such as *Seventeen*, *Woman's Day*, *Family Circle*, *New York magazine*, *Glamour*, and *Town & Country*. Ms. Marks won a 1986 National Easter Seal Society Communication Award for outstanding media coverage and the first-place Clarion Award in 1991. She lives with her family in Westchester County NY.*

Books

An opportunity to read or reread two classics: Now available in paperback, among those commemorating the 50th anniversary of Schocken Books, are these two by Franz Kafka:

The Trial ---- \$11.00

The Castle ---- \$15.00

What Do Jews Believe? The Spiritual Foundations of Judaism

by David S. Ariel

Schocken Books 290 pp. \$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The question asked by the title of this book is probably one that has been in the minds of many people. The publisher's release implies that *What Do Jews Believe* is a book addressed to Jews, but it undoubtedly is a valuable guide to people who are not Jews, as well.

Not only does David Ariel explain the modern forms of Judaism,

Orthodoxy, Conservative Judaism, Reform and Reconstructionist, but he provides a history of Jewish movements and sects through the centuries. He also describes the philosophies of important Jewish thinkers who influenced the religion, and furthermore, he notes outside influences which contributed to evolving Jewish thought.

For example, Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) said that reason frees enlightened people from the shackles of external authority, and that we have an autonomous sense of morality. This leads to happiness, and God has nothing to do with the moral sense, because it is innate. This theory of Kant led to ethics being more important than ritual, especially as freedom grew for Jews in Europe.

Spirituality is a feature given serious attention in its place beside ritual and ethics in Judaism. Jews claim that morality was introduced into the ancient world by Israel. The Torah is the foundation of Jewish religion and the belief that it was dictated by God was fundamental. The view often held now is that the Bible was divinely inspired. Ariel has written the book from a neutral viewpoint, appropriate to a historian, and he stresses the adaptability of Judaism through 3,000 years and widespread areas of the world.

The Torah speaks to us still today. (See review of *Self, Struggle & Change*, by Norman Cohen.) It records the epic of a people seeking to live a sacred life in the real world.

This book answers questions about God, Good and Evil, the concept of the Chosen People, the Mitzvot

(commandments), Prayer and the Messiah. In the form of a letter to his children, the author explains why Jews need to remain Jews.

All of the major ideas of Judaism are contained in this book, which deals with a complex and lengthy subject in a comprehensive way. It is different from other books in its category, and is recommended as a good basis for a study of Judaism.

All But My Life

by Gerda Weissman Klein
Hill & Wang (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.)
261 pp. \$21.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Because this year marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the prisoners in Nazi death camps, *All But My Life* is published in a new edition. Gerda Weissman Klein is a remarkable and noted survivor of the Holocaust.

Her story of the years from the Nazi occupation of Poland until the end of World War II in Europe is compelling reading. As we say about such a book, "It was hard to put it down." Born in Bielitz, a small town in Poland with a substantial Jewish population, her family lived well in a comfortable house with a large, beautiful garden. She had an older brother, and she was 15 when Poland was occupied.

Her childhood had been a happy one, but the romantic dreams of her early teens were shattered. Instead, she had to find the strength to endure the loss of family, home and all of their possessions, and the horrors of forced labor and the cruelty of the camps.

Gerda Weissman married the American soldier who liberated her at the war's end. He was a son of German parents who had sent their sons to the United States to escape the Nazi regime, but were unable to save themselves. The story of their young love is as moving as her account of the previous years, during which she held on to hope, despite the hardship.

Gerda Klein has written five books about her experiences, and she is part of the film "Testimony," shown at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington. The documentary "You Are Free" about the romance earned an Oscar nomination in 1984.

This year "One Survivor Remembers" was aired nationally on TV, her story.

There are a number of striking conclusions to be drawn from this book. There is no bitterness in her story, although she did mention anger. Of the Polish people among whom she lived, it seems there was not nasty rejoicing at the plight of the Jews. I had the feeling that some had been influenced by propaganda, who believed the Jews were to blame for the ills of the era. Others were sorry, but could do nothing to help; a few risked grave punishment in order to befriend victims.

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At the end of the ordeal, in Czechoslovakia there were peasants who fed the sick, starved victims, and gave some of their scant food and clothing to those who clung to shreds of life.

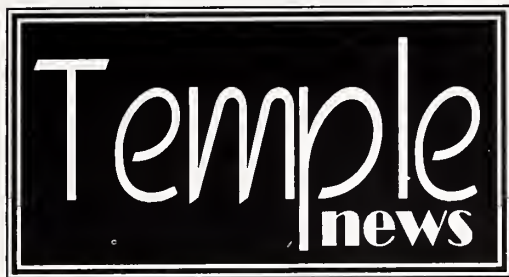
Survival after the years of suffering, followed by a 300 mile death march through the cold and snows of the last winter, was a combination of determination and fortune. Few of the thousands who set out together remained. Those who did had witnessed the murders of their companions.

In spite of losing everything but her life, Gerda was able to live again in America, which she loves with more appreciation than can be felt by those of us who have not suffered. So completely did she shed her former life, that she chose to learn and speak our language, since German, which she spoke well, was reminiscent of her grief.

Somehow, this tale of one life is told so well that I was completely absorbed by it, suffering and hoping along with Gerda. No wonder the book has been acclaimed as one of the best memoirs by an individual survivor of the Holocaust. *All But My Life* convinced me that evil on such a vast scale cannot be stopped from the outside.

When I had finished reading the book, I watched the TV reports on the war in Bosnia. Did someone say, "Never Again?"





Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Mazel Tovs

Mazel Tov to our Spring and Summer B'nai Mitzvah youths: Rachel Buskirk, Jamie Feingold, Miranda Grams-Richmond, Julia Kessler-Hollar, Aaron Laibson, Jason Langberg, and Nick Sandler. Their wonderful leading of services and reading of their Haftarahs, etc., was a pleasure to hear. We are enriched and proud to welcome them into the adult community of Beth Israel.

Mazel Tov to our High School graduates: Robin Deutsch, Dana Friedman, and Tammy Gabai, best wishes for a happy and successful future. Congratulations to Robin Deutsch for the following honors she received at Asheville High School's Award Night: Gentling Visual Arts Award, Mitchell Carlisle Memorial Scholarship, NC Scholars Award, American Citizenship Award, President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Mazel Tov to Marvin Slosman. He was awarded a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Executive MBA program of the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business. He received his

undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and is Global Sales Program Manager with General Electric Medical Systems. Marvin is the son of Benson and Sandy Slosman and lives with his wife Susan, in Milwaukee WI.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Walter Ziffer. He has been selected as Member of the Year at Beth Israel for his contributions and meaningful participation in Beth Israel life. This honor was announced at the June Annual Meeting, which was held at the new Jewish Community Center and included a wonderful dinner pool side.

SISTERHOOD

A new Mitzvah Committee has been set up. This will be a combined Sisterhood and Synagogue endeavor. We are indeed fortunate to have this very important official committee, which includes Natalie Kramer, Chairperson, Richard Harrison, Barry Landsberg, and Gail Rosenthal leading the way with membership participation.

MORRIS TENENBAUM MUSICAL

"To know the late Morry Tenenbaum was to know a man who loved Jewish music. An excellent lay cantor and service leader, and an enthusiastic music teacher to Jewish choirs, to students becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvot--and to everyone with an ear and a willing spirit--Morry was an advocate of heartfelt singing and melodic adventurousness. More often than not, music with Morry started out with the remark, 'Here's a new melody for a familiar song.'

(Quote from the Asheville Jewish Community Center bulletin.)

On September 8 and 9, we are looking forward to a special Shabbat. The service will include worship, Jewish music, and popular music to honor Morry's musical spirit and lasting community contributions. The guest soloist will be the world-renowned Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Ahavath Achim Synagogue in Atlanta. Events include Friday night and Saturday morning services at Congregation Beth Israel, featuring Cantor Goodfriend, Shabbat luncheon at Beth Israel, and a gala Saturday evening concert of Jewish, folk, and popular music at the Jewish Community Center.

Morry's former Bar and Bat Mitzvah students will also play prominent roles in the September 8 and 9 Shabbat services. On Shabbat morning, Dr. Ileana Grams of UNCA's Humanities Department (one of our members) will deliver the D'Var Torah. At the Saturday evening concert, many of Asheville's most talented singers and musicians will share the spotlight with Cantor Goodfriend.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Under the masterful direction of co-chairs Carol Deutsch and Alison Berkey, we now have a community-wide Youth Board to facilitate, advise, and provide support services for our Jewish 8-18 year olds (which incredibly number 190). This excellent Board has convened twice and has already paved the way for an organized and successful year of programming. Advisors for the upcoming year are: High School - Gary Kramer and Jennifer Williams,

Sixth and Seventh Graders - Marc Rudow, and Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders - Teri Siegel, Michele Heller, and Beth Reiser.

Other members of the Board include Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Rabbi Robert Ratner, Naomi Levine, Barbara Miller, Martha Salyers, Ken Schapira, Gary Schwartz, and Ned Simon. There is quite a lot that could be said about the importance of this Board and its work, but our own Robin Deutsch, past President of the Youth Group, has expressed it best in this letter to the newly formed Council:

“. . .Of the thousands of things that being active in both USY and Asheville's Jewish Youth Groups have taught me, one of the most important things that I have learned is group dynamics. Before a group can accomplish anything, they must first be able to work together and get along. Then they can achieve anything. . .It does not really matter whether we are involved with USY, Young Judea, or BBYO, but that we are involved, making Jewish friends from all over the country, learning about Judaism past, present, and future, and learning about Israel, together as a community Jewish Youth Group. . .”

Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD had a “Frame the Past Presidents and Cocktail Party.” The prez's photos had been hanging in Unger Hall for many years, and needed

refurbishing. The price of tickets to the cocktail party provided the means for this noble endeavor.

Chair of the event was Sonja Shulimson. She and her committee-members were responsible for the kind of party everyone would love to have, any time.

During Sisterhood Shabbat on June 9 seventeen members, scheduled by Shirley Rapoport, read from the bima, and Sisterhood members were responsible for the lavish oneg.

Sisterhood's officers and board were installed on June 20 at the Country Club of Asheville. The day started at 10:00, with rolls and coffee, followed by a mini workshop, conducted by District #8 V.P. Susan Sapinsley. It dealt with Sisterhood's role in the Congregation. Luncheon and the installation followed. Installed were Shirley Berdie, president; Sonja Shulimson and Sandra Stone, vice presidents; Ruth Weber, treasurer; Shirley Rapoport, recording secretary; Judy Haller, financial secretary; Marjorie Schachter, corresponding secretary. Directors are Rose Rose, Rosalie Schreier, Niki Benatan, Elizabeth Davis and Julie Lee. Nominating Committee members were Sylvia Meyer, chair, Ellen Gilreath and Fran Aaron.

The Sisterhood's rummage sale was held on July 16 and 17 in Unger Hall under the direction of Lillian Bieber. She accomplished miracles with record breaking sales and with a little help from her friends. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the indispensable Edward Wiley who over the preceding months received

and stored the mounds of merchandise.

THE BROTHERHOOD and the Jewish Chautauqua Society presented a lecture in Unger Hall by Rabbi Steven Sager of Beth El Synagogue of Durham.

IN THE NEWS Tuesday, June 27, in the North Neighbors section of the Asheville Citizen-Times, appeared a publicity release, written by John Berdie, all about the Sisterhood's “Hang the Presidents” party. It included mention of the substantial contributions of congregational member families to UNCA, giving Lipinsky Hall, Zagier Hall, Robinson Hall and Karpen Hall, among others, as examples. It also mentioned Sisterhood's “Books for Tots” program, and its general activities. A great plug.

OUTREACH turned its July meeting into a pool party at the JCC on the evening of July 22.

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Tsedakah collection was divided between four worthy causes. Brenda Lebensburger, Religious School chair, thanked Jean Hansman, outgoing principal, and announced that David Cohen, the Temple's organist and music director, will also be the new school principal.

MANY MAZEL TOVS to Samantha Drecksler who is an outstanding senior at Reynolds High. She received four major scholarship awards. To Josh Ratner, Rabbi and Susan Ratner's eldest son, for too many honors and scholarship awards to list here.

Congratulations also to Melinda Rubin and her husband on Melinda's recent conversion, and to recent UNCA graduates Joseph Harrison, Stephanie Cooper's husband, and to Michelle Gentile, Lonnie and Ken Gentile's daughter. And to Shana Ratner for being awarded to A. C. Reynolds freshman Physical Science medal and to Dot and Leon Rocamora on their new granddaughter. And to Jenny Greene for her awards in history and music, and to David Simon for his State History Day Competition prize.

And to Sally and Lowell Pearlman and the entire Pearlman family on the recent marriage of Laura Pearlman and Eric Goulian. And to Rabbi Ratner on the publication of his poem "Mea Culpa, Ants" in the *Asheville Poetry Review*.

FRED HOFFMAN was remembered on the morning of July 11, when a service for him was held.

PINCH HITTERS par excellence were the three eldest Ratner children, Joshua, Shana and Micah, who covered for their father the Rabbi when he had to be out of town on June 30.

THEY SANG, they being the newly formed adult choir, giving their premiere performance under the direction of David Cohen, Friday, June 2, after several weekly rehearsals. A resounding success.

ON WITH THE NEW officers and board members of the Temple and the Brotherhood, installed during services on July 7. They are, for the Temple: Joe Karpen, president; Barry Katell, 1st vice president and

House Committee chair; Alison Berkey, 2nd vice president; Bob Janowitz, treasurer; Larry Rapoport, secretary; Harris Livingstain, trustee and Brotherhood president; Shirley Berdie, Sisterhood president; Rose Rose, trustee and Sisterhood Gift Shop chair; John Berdie, trustee and Long Range Planning Committee chair; Hilda Pozner, trustee and Membership Committee chair; Hyman Dave, Cemetery Committee chair; Dick Braun, trustee, Brotherhood treasurer and Ritual Committee chair; Julienne Winner, trustee; Shirley Cohen, trustee; John Fligel, trustee; Ned Simon, trustee; Jody Lichtenfels, honorary trustee and lifetime member Finance Committee, and David Cohen, music director and religious school principal.

For the Brotherhood: Harris Livingstain, president; Sam Schapiro, vice-president; Les Schachter, secretary; Dick Braun, treasurer. Board members are Jack Benatan, David Davis, Randy Gergel, Frank Gilreath, Bob Janowitz, Stan Marks, Ted Rose, Sid Schochet and Arnie Sgan.

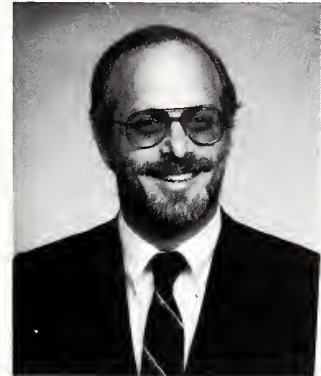
THANKS from Sisterhood to Dick Braun for producing the flyer regarding the June 20 workshop and installation. And from the Congregation to Joan Rocamora for the tile paintings by Rabbi Unger and for the Kol Nidre records. And to Julie Brown who donated her professional services by catering the reception for the elevator dedication. And from the Biebers to everyone who shared their 25th wedding anniversary celebration.

A WARM WELCOME to new members Larry and Carol Blatt and

sons Elliot and Jared, and to Cynthia and George Zaslow.

MORE June and July details next month.

**Temple Emanuel
Greensboro NC**
by Charlotte Hurwitz



Temple Emanuel of Greensboro NC is pleased and proud to welcome Rabbi Fred G. Guttman as its new Spiritual Leader. He comes to us from Ahavath Chesed in Jacksonville FL where he was Associate Rabbi for four years. Prior to that he lived in Israel for eleven years, first as an advisor to the Reform Movement's College Academic Year Program, then as an Educator and Principal of the Alexander Muss High School in Hod Hasharon, Israel.

Rabbi Guttman and his family -- wife Nancy and their three children, Ilan, Maital, and Yoav, moved to Greensboro on June 30, and he led Shabbat Services that evening. The Congregation was also privileged to worship with him on June 16 and 17 when he graciously offered to lead the Services and officiate at the Bar Mitzvah of Scott McInnis. It was wonderful to share this important

event with Scott and his parents, Linda and J.R. McInnis. The services were enthusiastically received by the Congregation.

The earlier interview process revealed superior background and training, and the Rabbi made an impressive presentation, but the services revealed to all who attended his knowledge, spirituality, dynamic leadership style, love of music, warmth and humor. The Temple Family looks forward to a wonderful future with Rabbi Guttman as our spiritual leader, teacher, mentor and friend.

Temple Emanuel is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. All are welcome to worship with us at Shabbat Services and we look forward to inquiries from any newcomers in the area. Please call the Temple office at (910) 275-6316 for information. Our Sanctuary is at 713 N. Greene Street in Greensboro NC 27401.

**Temple Beth Shalom
Hickory NC**
by Terri Sullivan

The Hickory community celebrated this spring with friends and family of two very special young women. Alisa Berndt, daughter of Ron and Ronni Berndt, and Amanda Garrick, daughter of Al and Liz Garrick were both Bat Mitzvah in April and May, respectively. Alisa and Amanda went through Sunday School together for many years and both shared their happy day with Rabbi Ted Gordon, who made the trip up from Florida two months in a row

for the happy occasions. Congratulations to everyone, and especially to Alisa and Amanda for a job well done.

Also this spring, our First Temple Beth Shalom Book Fair was held and was a great success. Peter and Eileen Cangemi, owners of a local book store 'Buy the Book' provided us with an array of Jewish literature and even donated a percentage of their income for the sale! We are looking forward to repeating the sale this Fall and are very grateful to the Cangemis for all their hard work and generosity.



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Personals

**Musical Weekend Draws Near to Honor
Morris A. Tenenbaum**

On September 8 and 9, 1995, the Asheville community is invited to a weekend of Jewish worship, Jewish music, and popular music to honor the late Morry Tenenbaum, whose many enthusiasms included teaching and performing Jewish and popular music. Our guest soloist will be the world-renowned Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Ahavath Achim Synagogue in Atlanta, Georgia. Events include Friday night and Saturday morning services at Congregation Beth Israel, featuring Cantor Goodfriend, Shabbat luncheon at Beth Israel; and a Saturday evening concert of Jewish, folk, and popular music at the JCC.

The TBS Sisterhood will host a Progressive Dinner on July 1. Host houses were provided by Jane and Alan Mandle and Sue and Len Rappaport. As always, the food was excellent and everyone enjoyed getting together for a midsummer function. It seems our activities always wind down in the summer months since we are a small community and people seem to scatter once school is out. Fortunately this summer we had the Progressive Dinner and two scheduled services held on June 23 and July 21 to bring us together for an evening. Volunteers from Sisterhood are to be thanked for all the sweets offered at the Onegs.

Congratulations to Sherry Kaplan and Jonah Cottrell on wedding held in New York on July 8, 1995. New Baby congratulations to Sonia and David Peltzer on the birth of Rachel Mary on August 1, 1995. Much happiness to All!

We will miss having Clarice Gomez in our community. Clarice has moved to FL to be closer to her daughter and family. A farewell brunch was held in her honor this summer. Clarice will be missed in Hickory and we all wish her well in her new home.

Our Annual Pool Party was held on August 20 at the home of Barbara and Marty Kallman. As always, it was a great start to our upcoming year and a fun way of meeting new and perspective members. Our thanks to the Kallmans for their hospitality.

Mike Bauman will continue to educate our adult population by offering a weekly class this year on

Jewish History. His Hebrew classes were such a resounding success last year that we could not allow him to give up his post. Going on his reputation as a fine teacher, we expect his history classes will be well attended.

It was a perfect ending to our summer when TBS celebrated two Bar Mitzvahs in August. Mitchell Cohen and Ben Kane-Eames. Meeting out-of-town family and friends was fun. However, we were most impressed with the accomplishments of Mitchell and Ben. Mazel Tov to both of you and your families. We'll look forward to hearing more success stories from all these studious young people in their lives ahead.



Temple Israel News Kinston, North Carolina *by Harriet Glassman*

Response To Religious School Students

Last year, our Religious School students wrote letters to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark to thank the Danish people for the courageous act, led by her

grandfather, King Christian, in saving almost all their Jewish fellow citizens when the German Nazis occupied their country during World War II. This was a project of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism on the 50th anniversary of that remarkable rescue, seeking 8,000 letters from students across the country to correspond with the 8,000 Jewish lives saved. The Commission's newsletter Tsedek V'shalom, contained Queen Margrethe's response to the presentation of the letters to her in it's most recent issue. She received 15,139 letters from the Reformed Jewish Congregation of North America. She has arranged to have the letters deposited in the Danish Resistance Museum in Copenhagen.--Rabbi David Rose.

Temple Israel In the Press

In the July 23, 1995 Sunday edition of The Free Press, Temple Israel was featured in an article entitled "Clinging to their Jewish Culture". This article discussed the composition of our temple and the founding of the first Hadassah chapter in the South by Jennie Nachamson. In addition, it expanded on the difficulty Jews have in obtaining necessary items in which to maintain observance in a small community. Most importantly, it emphasized the tenacity our community has in keeping faithful to our heritage while trying to become members of our larger society.

In a second featured article in the same edition, the key of the city was presented by City Councilman Johnnie Mosley, to members of the Nachamson family, one of the few Jewish families in Kinston during

the early 1900s. They originated from Lithuania and lived in Kinston between the years 1914 and 1928. Mrs. Jennie Nachamson was primarily responsible for founding the first Hadassah chapter in the South. Accepting the award was Mrs. Dodi Nachamson Frankel and her husband, Harold, and daughter Linda.

Community News

Mazel Tov to Nancy and Andy Rabhan on the birth of their second child, a girl, Shaina Beryl, on June 8, in Atlanta Georgia. The proud grandma is Ms. Sara Page of Kinston.

Mazel Tov to Esther and Joe Goldwasser on observing their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Much health and happiness to you both.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members and the sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Grace Whittington Stadiem.

Temple Israel
Charlotte NC
by Staff

We are pleased to announce that at the July Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to appoint Robert Gleiberman to the position of Synagogue Administrator. Robert has been employed by Temple Israel for 12 years as Youth Director and the last 4 years as Facilities



Manager. As the Synagogue Administrator, Robert will not only continue to oversee the management of the Temple facilities, but he will also assume the responsibility for the financial management of the Synagogue as well as assisting with the committee chairs in implementing their programs.

Congratulations to the following Bat Mitzvahs: Melanie Rousso, daughter of Lyba and Harold Rousso and granddaughter of Doris and Al Rousso and Mary and Simon Wojnowich, and Sheina Neidlinger, daughter of Sue Neidlinger.

Sisterhood's Annual Art Auction and Installations of Temple Israel's Board of Directors will take place on September 16, culminating with Selicot Services at midnight.

We will be continuing our 100th Year Anniversary celebrations on September 17 with a video presentation of our history as well as completing the Torah that we are writing with our Scribe, Rabbi Moshe Klein. For more details contact Temple Israel.

We are looking forward to worshipping together for the High Holidays at Shalom Park for our fourth year. If you are a college student in the Charlotte area and are looking for a place to worship during the Holidays, call Robert Gleiberman at the Temple 362-2796.

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Alec Ganni Schulman, son of Haydee and David Schulman of Charlotte, born June 14. The proud grandparents are Marjorie and Robert Schulman of New York and Aide Tarra of Venezuela. Emily Tyler Grey, daughter of Jill and Brad Grey of Los Angeles, born June 22.

The proud grandparents are Anita and Stan Grey of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gutterson and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Schumsky of New York.

Welcome to our newest members: Mr. Zev Haselkorn, Mr. & Mrs. Armand Vigder, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hirsch, Mr. & Mrs. David Lipsitz, Mr. & Mrs. David Slotkis, Dr. & Mrs. Steven Limentani, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Laxer, Ms. Melinda Putney, Cantor & Dr. Elias Roohvarg, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Mitchell, Ms. Sandi Rothman, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Breidbart.

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18
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ORGANIZATIONS



Asheville JCC Opens The Center for Diversity Education

*"If we are not for ourselves who will be for us?
If we are only for ourselves what are we?
If not now when?"*

It was a new idea for our small Jewish community; opening our doors to the schools to teach about the beauty of diversity, but 50 volunteers pulled it off with only two months' planning. During one week in December 1994, over 775 elementary school children "oohed" and "ahed" their way through the Asheville Jewish Community Center to see the interactive museum exhibit "Festival of Lights: Peoples with Many Flames."

This exhibit featured the holidays of Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Diwali (India), and Loy Krathong (Thailand) -- all holidays that use light as their central motif. The students took an hour long tour learning of the families in these communities and how they celebrate their holidays. At the end the students reflected with a docent how these families were similar and different and how much we need both. Teachers went back to the classroom with a folder of materials to extend the experience.

With the success of our first try we began to look at diversity education in a new light. The local Jewish Community Relations Council had been advocating its inclusion in the curriculum for three years. The schools, while willing, claimed a full plate with other educational priorities and a lack of funds for training. We looked at our own resources of experience, people power and a new facility well designed for such programming, and decided we could be in partnership with the school system to teach tolerance.

With that realization was born The Center for Diversity Education. Housed at the JCC, the CDE will provide:

1. Support services to local educators with staff development in diversity education.
2. Four museum exhibits on Harvest Festival, Light Festivals, What makes a Hero" and How People Eat around the World for regional elementary schools, were host to the JCC.
3. Coordination of speakers in the secondary programs on The Holocaust and Jewish culture.





Teachers and School Volunteers Honored at Ice Cream Sundae on Sunday Party - Charlotte

Teachers from all the Shalom Park schools were joined by parents, students and Jewish community leaders. A crowd of more than 125 people enjoyed an *Ice Cream Sundae on Sunday* party to celebrate Jewish education. Sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), the event was an opportunity to recognize the teachers of the community's Jewish schools for their achievements during the year. Winners of the first annual CAJE **Melamed Awards** program honoring special school volunteers who have made a difference for Jewish education were announced.

Eight Jewish teachers became the charter members of the **Chacham Club** ("wise guys or" "wise gals"-*-chacham is the Hebrew for a wise person!*) This program recognizes teachers who complete four or more workshops or classes to advance their professional learning during the school year. Chacham Club members received certificates honoring their achievements.

Mayim Meyers, a *madrikhim* (teacher's assistant), for Temple Beth El Religious School and a student in the Consolidated High School, was honored with a special induction into the **Chacham Club** charter membership for 1994-95. She completed four teachers workshops along with her adult counterparts. Mayim received a certificate and a Jewish Publication Society gift certificate.

Throughout the year, teachers in the Jewish schools at Shalom Park participated in a second new program to encourage them to be the best teachers they could be, the CAJE **Frequent Learner's Club**. Every time a teacher completed a workshop, he or she earned a chance in a drawing for terrific prizes that were drawn at the ice cream party on May 7. Gifts, donated by very special Charlotte community *Friends of Jewish Education* and national educational publishers and purveyors, included books, restaurant gift certificates, original art work, jewelry, a JCC Health Club membership and the Grand Prize, a \$500 Scholarship to enable a teacher to attend the national CAJE Conference at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in August. The winners of the top prizes were:

CAJE is very grateful to the following special *Friends of Jewish Education* who graciously donated prizes to honor our community's teachers:

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- Aware Environmental*
- Baoding Chinese Restaurant*
- Baskin Robbins Ice Cream*
- Behrman House*
- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream*
- Brownlee Jewelers*
- Terri Cathcart*
- Randy DeFilipp*
- Eye Care Clinic*
- Famous Mart*
- Gifts In Kind*
- Gloria Jean's Coffee*
- Ruth Goldberg*
- Invitations, Etc.*
- Jewish Community Center of Charlotte*
- Kar-Ben Copies*
- Kol-Ami/Sisu Home Entertainment*
- Lebo's*
- Radiator Specialty Co.*
- Skillbeck Gallery*
- Sounds Write Productions*
- Torah Aura Productions*
- UAHC Press*
- Wan Fu Chinese Restaurant*
- Wolfman Pizza*
- The Dreidelmaker/Marc Glickman*
- A.R.E. Publishing*

We would like to thank the *Friends of Jewish Education*. Their generous donations helped to make this event possible.

Lots of ice cream, graciously donated by Phyllis Schlutz of *Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream*, was consumed at the party and a fun time was had by all! Shalom Park teachers: Watch for the **CAJE Frequent Learner's Club** and **Chacham Club** to return in 1995-96 with even more prizes.

Roz Cooper
Temple Israel & Consolidated High School

Sam Eneman
Consolidated High School

Susan Lepow
Temple Beth El & Consolidated High School

Peri Flohr, Arnel Greenberg, Alan Levine, Roger Meyers, Roslyn Meyers
(Temple Beth El)

Susan Lepow
\$100 Jewish Publication Society Gift Certificate

Susan Aizenman
JCC of Charlotte Health Club Membership (\$275 value)

Peri Flohr
\$500 CAJE Conference Registration Scholarship, Aug. 1995



Wildacres Interfaith Institute

July 31 to August 3, 1995

by Estelle Hoffman

There was an atmosphere of maturity at the 13th annual Interfaith Institute which developed through its years of experience and increasing acquaintance with subject matter and friendship.

Among the one hundred participants were representatives of the Roman Catholic and various Protestant denominations and of the Jewish faith. Most were clergy, augmented by lay people who are active in teaching or other branches of church and synagogue functions.

The theme of this year's Institute was "Wisdom and Ethics in Jewish

and Christian Dialogue." Principal speakers were Rabbi Steven Sager of Durham NC and Dr. Clark Williamson of Indianapolis IN. Rabbi Israel Gerber of Charlotte NC gave the keynote address on opening night. His presentation of Jewish and Christian perspectives on ethical issues was comprehensive in recalling the similarities and differences between the positions of Judaism and Christianity.

Principal texts used were the Sermon on the Mount and Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers). Most of the participants were well learned and familiar with the texts, as was obvious from discussions and questions; however, there was a great deal of enlightenment gained from the four lectures and from group discussions.

Dr. Clark Williamson observed that every piece of wisdom literature is a piece of *contemporized* wisdom. Therefore, all our comments on it are made in the light of our time. Since biblical literature was formed over an incredibly long period of time, it was influenced by different cultural shifts and influences. They were widely diverse; i.e., Babylon, Greece, and Rome, besides many others. Nothing sprang spontaneously from nothing. Continuously, changes were made. Monotheism itself was an evolving idea, surrounded by other cultures, including fertility religions.

Sometimes the axiom that people or a person is loved by God comes across as "Only," especially when things are going badly. We need to remember God loves all exactly the same, according to Dr. Williamson.

The prophetic axiom preaches God's love of all people, always with bias for the poor and oppressed. God works in, through and by means of humans. The point was made that biblical writings were made by the writing class, and for a system of royalty and a religious government. *Proverbs* was written stressing reward and punishment, but there were hints of injustice--a suggestion that the system did not always work.

Proverbs tells how one is to live (in its time and place). The Book of Job tells how suffering made him argue with God. Abraham also did that. In the Bible, the faithful question. (The Orthodox do not.) In Ecclesiastes, Koheleth states that the race is not to the swift, the battle not to the strong, but that time and chance happen to all.

Traditional wisdom says there is a time for everything. In Ecclesiastes we find no reassurances. It is brutally frank, keeping us honest, and advising that we eat, drink and find enjoyment all the days of our lives. In it, wisdom merges with Torah, but Greek misogyny made Solomon a "male chauvinist."

Dr. Williamson spoke about the New Testament Book of Matthew at length, stressing that Matthew's Jesus was not the Jesus of Nazareth. In his teaching, we find wisdom for the lower classes during the time of Roman occupation. If you take the Roman occupation out of the

reading, you miss the whole thing. The problem was how to live as Jews during the occupation, a new reality.

Empire meant taxation and exaction; therefore, wisdom was addressed to all the oppressed of Israel, calling them back to God and encouraging them to live according to Torah. Jewish wisdom criticized the social order, which oppressed 90% of the people.

Jesus presented himself as a Jewish sage, identified with tradition, for the lower classes. His practice was oriented to a way of living for the destitute of the time.

Rabbi Sager dealt with the timeliness of the Sermon on the Mount, which also was wisdom for living in the worst of times, hoping for the best of times. People struggle continually with what happened in the 1st century, to make it meaningful in their own time.

We are counseled to imitate God in being perfect, holy, but humans are never perfect. Acts of pioussness are the way. To wrap ourselves in the sacred story is to be interested in grounding our ethics in the character of that story. If one does not make that connection, it is easy to say that the Sermon on the Mount is impossible. We have to see it as Gospel, teaching, not as law.

The assembly broke into small discussion groups on two afternoons. Group leaders were Dr. William Angell, Rev. George Cave, Dr. Irving Edelman, Dr. Asher Marks, Rabbi Steven Sager and Dr. John Sullivan. Subjects of the discussion groups were Individual

and family ethical issues, Ethics and society, and International ethical issues.

In the summary session on the final morning of the Institute, reports from the discussion groups were given by Dr. Angell, Dr. Edelman and Dr. Sullivan.

Finally, denominations were represented by speakers who delivered their impressions of the Institute with remarks both erudite and humorous. Those were as follows: Roman Catholic, Fr. Mark Ervin; Baptist, Rev. Michael Watts, Episcopal, Dr. George Cave; Presbyterian, Dr. Max Polley, United Church of Christ, Dr. Blair Stewart; Methodist, Rev. Fred Dearing, and Jewish, Rabbi Arthur Steinberg. Further remarks were offered by Avi Lipkin of Israel.

The Wildacres Camerata filled the final evening with magnificent music. A fully professional group directed by Anita Tritt had practiced throughout the duration of the Institute to delight the audience with a program of instrumental music by George Frideric Handel, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johann Sebastian Bach & Carl Philip Emanuel Bach, Ernest Bloch, Maurice Ravel, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Jacques Ibert. Vocal numbers were offered by Jeanne Rees, soprano, of Charlotte. She sang traditional Jewish music and enchanted the Christians present by singing both the English and Hebrew words of The Lord's Prayer.

Instrumentalists were Andrew Emmett, violin, Charles Medlin, violoncello, Bo Newsome, oboe, Christine Van Arsdale, harp and

Anita Bultmann Tritt, piano. All members of the Institute are immensely appreciative of the devotion of the Wildacres Camerata who have performed for this group annually.

There was so much agreement between members of the Interfaith Institute, the divisions between the faiths seemed unimportant. It is gratifying that there are influential Christians who devote a large portion of their time to wiping out anti-Semitism. Clark Williamson said he wants to make the Anti-Defamation league obsolete, to put it out of business. Christians for so long have been engaged in Defamation, he said, that it is necessary for them to work against it, so that there need no longer be organizations to combat it.

Progress is slow, and at times it is discouraging when we encounter anti-Semitic incidents, but there has been an increasing number of Christian clergy and teachers who recognize the necessity of educating others. The sincerity of such people who seek to correct the injustices of history is encouraging. In that effort, I.D. Blumenthal dedicated Wildacres to the brotherhood of peoples, and the tradition has been continued. Interfaith Institutes were created by Herman Blumenthal, and have been directed by Rabbi Leo Hoffman of Charlotte, assisted by a planning committee of enthusiastic clergy and members of the community.

The warmth and fellowship that prevail during these Institutes is praiseworthy. That its members are engaged in doing God's work, in Tikkun Olam, is evident.

Oldest Reform Synagogue in U.S. to Celebrate 150th Anniversary of Activist Women's Group

History of First Jewish "Sisterhood" in United States Mirrors History of Women's Social Activism in American Life

The First of More than 600 Sisterhoods in Reform Synagogues Sparked Greater Role for Women Throughout American Judaism

Charleston SC--September 10, 1995--Members of the oldest Reform Synagogue in the United States today celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of a Jewish women's organization, the first Temple "Sisterhood" ever established.

Founded in 1749 as an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim officially became the first Reform Synagogue in America in 1841. The Temple has pioneered practices that helped define Reform Judaism in America, including a shorter religious service, translation of prayers into English, and an expanded role for women in religious life.

When Congregation Beth Elohim became Reform, the Orthodox Jewish Minority, in reaction, formed a splinter Congregation, Shearith Israel. It was within Shearith Israel that the first Sisterhood was established in 1844. This was the first such organization ever established and the precursor of

more than 600 such organizations serving Reform synagogues nationwide and hundreds more serving Conservative and Orthodox synagogues.

Throughout its 150 year history, KKBE Sisterhood has worked to advance Jewish culture and education, serve charitable causes in the community and champion epoch defining social causes--from women's suffrage to civil rights--that have influenced the lives of Jewish residents of greater



Past Presidents Carolee Fox, Left, and Blair Maddock, Right, with this year's President, Patricia Rones, Center.

Charleston SC and the new South.

"From its founding, the Sisterhood has challenged the Synagogue and community to look to the future. It has not only been progressive in advancing the education of young people and in contributions to charity, but in taking on social issues that have made each successive generation better off," says Rabbi Anthony Holz, KK Beth Elohim's current religious leader.

First launched as the Society for the Instruction of Hebrew Doctrine and later renamed the Hebrew Ladies Sewing Circle, Beth Elohim's Sisterhood created the second Jewish Sunday School in the U.S., supported greater opportunities for women's self-expression in the Synagogue and in society, and--with the support of other sisterhoods nationwide, after 1913--played a significant role in advancing progressive social causes. Its work has focused on improving the lives of women and children, serving the poor, and keeping up the fight against anti-Semitism, racism, and intolerance.

"The role of women in society--and in Jewish religious life was much different 150 years ago than it is today," says Rabbi Holz. "While traditional Judaism held that 'men exist for public life; women for private life,' as a statement in the London Jewish Chronicle said the same year our

Sisterhood was founded, that view did not jibe with the American experience.

"In traditional Judaism, women were separated from men in the synagogue. They often received no education beyond the basic tenets and practices of the religion, and Jewish women, particularly married ones, have few rights. But almost from the outset of the establishment of our religious community in Charleston, women were taking the

lead in public life. They funded charitable causes, launched religious schools, became increasingly outspoken in politics, and managed many community social events."

The fact that women took on greater power in the Synagogue and equal rights in worship (women in Reform Judaism can now become rabbis), "was not an act of feminist revolt but a natural outgrowth of their increasingly important role in society," Rabbi Holz says.

Many of the Jewish community early leaders in Charleston were powerful women. Sally Lopez, for example, was a daughter of a president of KKBE. She founded the Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society and the Jewish Sunday School. The beloved poet Penina Moise who wrote the first Jewish hymn book in the United States, became the second director of the school. Many of her hymns were used in other congregations and 14 were later included in Reform Judaism's Union Hymnal. She is now one of only a handful of American Jewish women whose names are found in histories and literary commentaries dealing

with the period before 1860.

The women's movement they helped launch has taken root across America. Today, more than 600 Reform Synagogues in the U.S. and Canada have sisterhoods, with memberships totalling 100,000, according to Judith Rosenkranz, President of Women of Reform Judaism. Of these about 60 are more than 100 years old. By the early 1900's many Conservative and some Orthodox congregations, recognizing the value of a formally affiliated women's group, took a page from the Reform book and organized their own sisterhoods. [Times Outlook Jan. 1995]

To help commemorate the anniversary, the Temple sponsored a "Women's Spirituality Weekend," including Ms. Rosenkranz, Rabbi Leah Benamy of Gastonia NC and award-winning Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker.

Timeline

1838: Women organize for educational purposes: Petition trustees of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim to establish its first religious

school, the second of its kind in the United States.

1840: Religious School organized and operated by ladies" group. First Headmistress is Sally Lopez, second is Penina Moise, teacher and poet.

1841: Shearith Israel broke off from KKBE and ladies organized for programs of interest.

1844: Society for the Instruction of Jewish Doctrine formed a splinter congregation Shearith Israel. One of its functions was charitable work in Charleston community.

1854: Record of the Hebrew Ladies Sewing Circle.

1866: Temple Beth Elohim and Shearith Israel ladies group merge.

1919: Women members of KKBE are given right to vote and to hold office (more than a year before the Women's Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified).



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Miles to Go Before She Sleeps: American Nurse Helps Bring Bosnian War Victims to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem

St. Louis (July 11, 1995)--Elsie Roth R.N., a member of Hadassah Nurses Councils, returned to Bosnia for the third time in less than a year, to continue to fulfill a promise to the war ravaged people there. Roth, working with a representative from the World Conference on Religion and Peace, flew to Split, Croatia, to help transfer four children and two adults in dire need of medical treatment to Jerusalem-based Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center. Attending to the needs of the patients all along the treacherous route were Roth, Dr. Ahmed Eid, a Hadassah surgeon, and a Hadassah surgical nurse. Additionally, the patients were accompanied by nine family members who will be housed in Jerusalem for the duration of the medical treatment.

According to Roth, each of the six patients, defined by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as "victims of war," were refused medical

treatment by many countries except Israel. As such, the patients, whose ailments ranged from severe phosphorous grenade burns to a congenital heart defect had either received no medical attention or inadequate attention while in Bosnia. "Bottom line," said Roth, "these people had no future without Hadassah's help."

Roth has returned to her native St. Louis and is now working with Hadassah Nurses Councils to help spearhead a national medical relief supplies campaign for Bosnia. This is the second such effort undertaken by Hadassah. Six months ago, Roth accompanied a 33-ton shipment of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and clothing to Sarajevo where it was distributed to the local hospitals.

"If Americans could only feel a fraction of the suffering," said Roth, "I know we could all help Hadassah to double the shipment."

Tofu Diet May Ease Menopause Symptoms

(Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center to Study Effects of Phyto-Estrogens)

Jerusalem (June 22, 1995)--A diet rich in tofu, flax seed and other sources of phyto-estrogens could serve as an alternative to hormone-replacement therapy (HRT) drugs for easing the symptoms of menopause and lowering the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis in middle-aged and older women.

The Menopause Clinic at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center here is seeking women willing to follow such a diet and to undergo health checks once every three months for a year. It is the first hospital in Israel, and one of the few in the world, to study the effects of phyto-estrogens in the diet of menopausal women.

"Women who are reluctant to undergo HRT by taking estrogen-progesterone pills--because they fear it increases the risks of breast cancer or because they already have cancer--are good candidates for the soya diet," says Dr. Amnon Brzezinski, head of the Hadassah Menopause Clinic. "Women who have gone into menopause prematurely because their ovaries were removed due to cancer, and those who have other cancers at a young age, tend to suffer considerably because they are not permitted to undergo HRT," he adds.

Japanese women, whose diet is rich in soya, are known to have relatively mild symptoms of menopause and a much-lower risk of breast cancer. Eating soya schnitzel or hot dogs as a source of phyto-estrogens is not very helpful, says Brzezinski, because they contain relatively little soya. But tofu, the tasteless white paste, is 100 percent soya, and flax seed is also rich in phyto-estrogens.

Dr. Amnon Brzezinski heads the Jerusalem-based Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center Menopause Clinic,



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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Audrey Madans

This, the 30th year of existence for the Blumenthal Jewish Home, is an occasion for rejoicing! We can celebrate the achievements of the past years knowing that they place no restraints on our plans for the years to follow...and we can use the experience of these years to guide us as we confront new challenges.

We are commanded to honor our fathers and mothers. In this spirit we opened our doors in 1965 to the first residents who resided in the new "A" Wing. Later the "B" Wings and finally Fair Oaks were added. Throughout the years we have encouraged our residents to feel and know that this is their home.

Our nursing staff continues to be one of the finest. Our other departments: Dietary, Pharmacy, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Social Services, Recreation and Administration perform at the highest level as well. The "zero deficiency" rating we receive most regularly from the North Carolina State Surveyors (at their annual Medicare/Medicaid Certification Survey) is certainly indicative of an accomplishment of which we can be very proud.

Recalling the many people over these 30 years who have given their time and energies, both physically and monetarily, would fill volumes. The Boards of Trustees and the continuing involvement of past

Presidents speak of a commitment that is to be highly commended.

With all of us here and with all of you our friends in your respective communities willing to recognize the absolute necessity of continuing your support in every manner, the Blumenthal Jewish Home will continue to be the finest home serving the Jewish aged from all over North and South Carolina.

As we approach our High Holy Days, we reflect on the richness of our Jewish heritage and what opportunities we are given to make changes in our lives. At the same time, changing times cause us here at the Home to reflect on what our future holds. Where we are going and how we are to get there are some of the challenges which this year's Board of Trustees are facing.

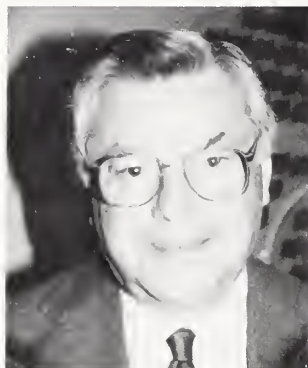
As President of the Board of Trustees, I look forward to working with both the members of the Board and our fine staff in meeting these challenges. This is my pledge for the New Year to them, to you and to all our residents.

May the blessings of peace, health and happiness embrace us and all that we hold dear. L'Shonah Tova.

Audrey Madans, President



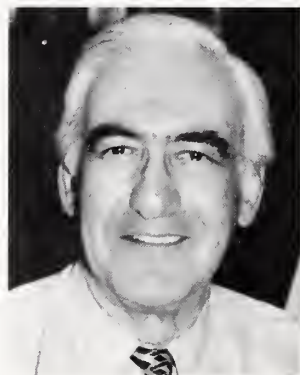
MEET THE **BJH** TRUSTEES



Lewis M. Eisenstadt is immediate past President of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Trustees and is a Life Member of the Board. He has served on the Board since 1982, and has held the offices of First Vice President and President-Elect, and served as President from 1992-1994. He presently serves on the Blumenthal Jewish Home Finance Committee.

Lewis received a Bachelors Degree in architecture from Cornell University in 1950. He is an architect associated with Odell Associates, Inc. in Charlotte NC. Active in his community of Greenville SC, Lewis was a Board Member of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra and a past President of the Greenville Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute. He is also a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors Joint Committee. Lewis and his wife Rosa, have two sons; Arthur Eisenstadt, an editorial writer for the Winston-Salem Journal who lives in Raleigh, and Richard Eisenstadt, who lives in Waynesboro VA.

Leonard J. Guyes is a Life Member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Trustees and has served on the Board since 1975. He has held the offices of Vice President and President-Elect, and served as President from 1986-88. He presently serves on the Finance, Investment Advisory and Planning Committees.



Leonard works as a financial consultant with Smith Barney Shearson in Greensboro NC. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Leonard and his wife Rita, live in Greensboro NC. They have two grown children; Alan Guyes and Janet Webb, and two grandchildren; Eric and Adam Guyes.

An active member of the Greensboro community, Leonard has been actively involved with the Greensboro Jewish Federation and numerous community organizations.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

Bessie Carabateas
 Fred Cooley
 Charles Disher
 Rose Germain
 Beatrice Goodman
 Sylvia Gottlieb
 Eva Kaplan
 Sylvia Margolis
 Matthew Miller
 Gertrude Monosoff
 Lucinda Moser
 Walter Scott Roberts
 Maurice Rogovin
 Abraham Schwartz
 Wyatt Snyder
 Sally Waldman
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*May you have a long, happy,
 healthy life.*

Joseph Brewer
 Winston-Salem NC
Cecil Ettin
 Winston-Salem NC
Sidney Goozner
 Charlotte NC
Burley Turner
 Winston-Salem NC

NOTED TALK SHOW HOST BARRY FARBER TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Barry Farber, a nationally heard radio talk show host will be coming home when he speaks at the Blumenthal Jewish Home's 30th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, October 28. Barry Farber grew up in Greensboro NC and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he held a top post in the National Student Association, representing United States' students at foreign conferences, and was editor of the daily student newspaper.

After serving as a translator in the Army during the Korean War, Farber worked as an international

journalist and produced a radio talk program in New York City, where he gained his own spot on the air in 1960. The Barry Farber Show is an issues-driven talk show produced in New York and heard nationally Monday through Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. He is also a commentator on the daily *Left-to-Right* radio debate format with Alan Colmes. Both broadcasts are offered by the Major Talk Radio Network.

A journalist, writer, television and radio commentator and national speaker, Barry Farber's writings have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Saturday Review*, *Washington Post* and

other publications. He has been a guest on television shows such as *Crossfire* and *Donahue*. Fluent in sixteen languages, Farber's books include *Making People Talk* and *How to Learn Any Language*.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home looks forward to welcoming North Carolina native son, Barry Farber, as the guest speaker for the 30th Anniversary celebration. Farber's speaking engagements have taken him all over North America; his peers named him "Talk Host of the Year" in 1991. Don't miss this exciting evening.

Save the Date



BJH CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 28 AND 29

The Board of Trustees of the Blumenthal Jewish Home
Invite You To Join Them
For The

30th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday October 28, 7:00PM
Bermuda Run Country Club

Barry Farber Guest Speaker
and

The 30th Annual Meeting
Sunday October 29

Gourmet Brunch 11:00AM
Business Meeting-Election of Officers
CAJWM Annual Drawing

Fair Oaks Commons
Blumenthal Jewish Home
For reservations call 910-766-6401

Sue's News

VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Hearts were sprinkled on the table, floating in the air and nearly bursting with joy at the ninth Annual Volunteer Appreciation event held at BJH in June. Caring Hearts was the theme of the luncheon honoring our volunteers who have won the hearts of both our residents and our staff. This was a day to pause, take the pulse of our volunteer program and thank and recognize BJH volunteers who have given their hearts to this Home.

During 1994-95 more than 135 individual volunteers provided 4000 plus hours of service to the Home. We welcomed 15 new volunteers during the year and enjoyed having 6 teen volunteers in the summer program. Organizations providing service to the Home this year were the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood in Winston-Salem and the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. In addition numerous school groups, synagogue and temple groups and individual entertainers brought special programs to the residents during the year. All were thanked for their gift from the heart and their dedication to BJH.

BJH volunteers are the heart of this Home. Daily they bring a gift of living to the residents. They share



Volunteers gather for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Pictured left to right: Ronnie Spain, Gail Citron, Rose Clein, Millie Slatkoff, Sue Clein, Director of Volunteer Services, and Andrew Ettin.

Included among the volunteers receiving volunteer badges at the luncheon are, seen left to right: Jeanne Pratt, Alice Romer, and Anita Rubin, all from Greensboro.



joys and sadness, make friends, keep flowers blooming, play bingo, chess, and card games, celebrate birthdays, shop at the Mall, sell in the Gift Shop or the General Store and bring the sounds of music to our ears. They share their caring with us in many ways and touch all our hearts.

My thanks to those who shared the Luncheon Program with me and joined in giving thanks to our

volunteers: Dr. Andrew Ettin, for the Invocation and Benediction, Executive Director Seth Levy for the Keynote Address, and Audrey Madans, President of the BJH Board of Trustees for her "tuneful" message. As the Jewish New Year approaches, I want to wish all our volunteers a happy and healthy New Year, a year filled with the joys of opening your heart and sharing it with others.

Welcome New Volunteers 1994-1995

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Marilyn Belenky | <i>Birthday party</i> |
| Bill Bronstein | <i>Special programs</i> |
| Ellen Clark | <i>Mall shopping</i> |
| Leonard Clein | <i>Mall shopping/special events</i> |
| Alison Friedman | <i>Gift Shop/ clerical</i> |
| Rabbi Murray Ezring | <i>Rabbi's Hour</i> |
| Becky Graham | <i>Friendly visiting</i> |
| Shirley Holly | <i>Bingo /Friendly visiting</i> |
| Britt Mittlemeijer | <i>Mall shopping</i> |
| Mary Perkins | <i>Mall shopping</i> |
| Jeanne Pratt | <i>Birthday party</i> |
| Jan Sawyer | <i>Piano concerts</i> |
| Charles Shapiro | <i>Card games</i> |
| Ronnie Spain | <i>Gift Shop/Mall shopping</i> |
| Cathy Tindall | <i>Flower arranging class</i> |

*Volunteer opportunities are available
in a variety of activities and areas of BJH.
Call Sue Clein 910-766-6401 if you are interested!*



Volunteer gardeners, Tony Schwertfeger and Orrel Chapel keep the Home's gardens blooming year round. They are pictured here with beautiful flowering planters they provided for the Fair Oaks terrace.



Sally Terreni, activity therapist, places a leaf on the Tree of Life in honor of volunteer Edna Temples. The leaf was given by the residents in appreciation of Edna's 13 years of volunteering and the hours of enjoyment she has provided by playing the piano each week throughout the Home.



Volunteers enjoying the Annual Celebration Luncheon are pictured clockwise from bottom left: Jan Sawyer, Tony Schwertfeger, Kimrey Pollack, Michael Pollak, Gail Citron, Ronnie Spain, Alison Freedman, Eva Gelfand, Jeanne Pratt, Alice Roemer, and Esther Leader.

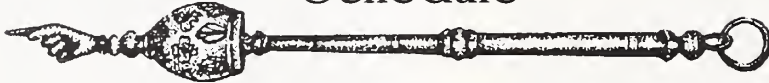


Blumenthal Jewish Home resident Bernice Goldfinger receives the attention of volunteers at the Starmount Country Club luncheon; seen from the left are: Greensboro Volunteers, Polly Strasser and Evelyn Robinson, Bernice, and a visiting volunteer Jan Levy.



Greensboro volunteer Rhoda Fleisher is awarded her volunteer name badge at the luncheon.

High Holy Day Schedule

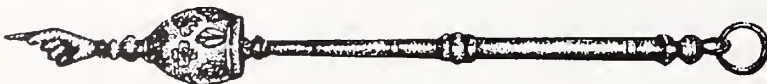


September

- 24 Eve of Rosh Hashanah, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 25 1st day of Rosh Hashanah, 9:15 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 26 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah, 9:15 a.m., Services in Synagogue

October

- 3 Kol Nidre, Eve of Yom Kippur, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 4 Yom Kippur 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Services in Synagogue
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Services in Synagogue
4:00 p.m. Break The Fast, Upper Commons
- 8 Eve of Sukkot, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 9 1st day of Sukkot, 9:15 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 10 2nd day of Sukkot, 9:15 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 12 Sukkot Celebration, 2:30 p.m., Grand Sukkah, Music by Merri Robinson
- 16 Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 17 Simchat Torah, 9:15 a.m., Services in Synagogue




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Blumies at BJH

Give the Gift that Gives Twice

Calendar Highlights September

- 1 Catholic Mass, with Holy Family, 10:00a.m., Friendship Room
- 3 Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Rabbi's Hour, with Andrew Ettin, 2:00p.m., Synagogue
- 8 General Store, 10:00a.m., Mansion Library
- 10 Grandparents Day Celebration, Sing-along, with Mary Perkins, 3:00p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 12 Leave for VFW, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00a.m.
- 12 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 13 Sing-along, with volunteers, 11:00p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 14 Schmoozing with Seth, 1:30p.m., Pre-Assembly Room
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30a.m.
- 17 Card Club with Don and Charles, 3:00p.m., Upper Commons
- 21 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30a.m.
- 28 Music with Jan Sawyer, 3:15a.m., Commons Auditorium



Pictured at the Starmount luncheon are Greensboro volunteer Laura Milgrim having lunch with her mother, Sally Waldman, who is a new Fair Oaks resident.



Left to right: Blumenthal Jewish Home resident Eva Weinberg and Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman, have lunch with Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson at Starmount Country Club.

A+ To Blumenthal Jewish Home Staff

Home Receives Highest Possible Rating From State Agency

A deficiency-free nursing home survey is rare, but not for the Blumenthal Jewish Home, which has received a "zero deficiencies" rating from the North Carolina Division of Facility Services again this year. A team of surveyors from this agency visits nursing homes on an annual basis to determine recertification for continued participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program. Appearing unannounced in July, the survey team, consisting of nurses, a dietician, and a pharmacist, left no "chart" unturned in their three-day visit.

Following an extensive examination (which included observing all facets

of resident care and service, along with resident interviews) the team members met with the administrative staff and department managers to present their report. The North Carolina Division of Facility Services Survey team both congratulated and complimented the Blumenthal Jewish Home staff and presented a report stating that no deficiencies were noted after reviewing the Home on an extensive 500 item check list.

Congratulations to a deserving staff whose dedication and commitment to their work every day made possible this A+ rating.

**Happy
Anniversary**
*Congratulations to the
following staff members
who celebrate anniversaries
of employment in September*

16 Years

Judy Petty, Dietary

9 Years

Sue Clein, Marketing

8 Years

Evelyn Jones, CNA, Fair Oaks

7 Years

Cenith Brewer, Laundry

3 Years

Maria Jacobs, Dietary

Grace Stanley, CNA, B2

2 Years

Melissa Dinkins, Laundry

Jo King, CNA, B2

Melba Peoples, Housekeeping

1 Year

Debra Baley, CNA, B1

Kristy Kitts, Administration

Yvonne Smith, CNA, B2

IN MEMORIAM

Blumenthal Jewish Home is saddened by the tragic and untimely death of Michael Blevins. Michael had worked in the Blumenthal Jewish Home Dietary Department since April 1991. He began as a student employed part-time and advanced to his recent full-time position as a cook. We will miss Michael, who at the young age of 22 was killed in a motorcycle accident on July 28, 1995. Blumenthal Jewish Home extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Blevins.



Blumenthal Jewish Home residents enjoy the pleasures of a cookout on a rare cool summer day.

BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME KICKS-OFF CHARLOTTE ANNUAL DRIVE

In August 1994 the Blumenthal Jewish Home initiated an Annual Drive in the Charlotte Jewish community to raise money for its Endowment Fund. The drive was very successful, raising over \$40,000 while securing financial commitments for future gifts. In September 1995 the Home will once again ask members of the Charlotte Jewish community to open their hearts, allowing the Home to continue the Mitzvah of providing the highest quality of care to residents in a safe, warm, home-like Jewish environment.

The goal for this year's campaign is to raise an additional \$50,000 from the Charlotte Jewish community. These funds will go into the Home's Endowment with interest from the endowment being used to underwrite the cost of medically indigent care for some 57 residents. Currently sixty (60) percent of the Home's residents are medically indigent. Since it is the policy of the Blumenthal Jewish Home to continue to provide care for our residents even after they have run out of money, this results in an annual deficit of \$500,000 in costs that are not reimbursed by Medicaid, Medicare and Special Assistance. Currently fourteen (14) Jewish communities are contributing fifty (50) percent of the deficit but we desperately need the continued

financial support of individuals and families living in the Charlotte Jewish community. The Home faces many challenges as we enter a period of health care reform. Lower reimbursement rates, managed care and tougher regulations all will have an impact.

The Chairperson for the committee overseeing this campaign is Stan Greenspon, of Greenspon and Associates. He is joined by committee members Audrey Madans, Evelyn Berger, Ruth Goldberg and Bennett Lyons. These dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this campaign. Twenty-five (25) individuals have volunteered to become solicitors for the Home and will be contacting members of the Charlotte Jewish community, asking for support for the Home's Endowment.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and mostly for your caring. I know that it is impossible to contact all members of the Charlotte Jewish community, and if you are interested in making a contribution to the Blumenthal Jewish Home's Endowment Fund, or would like to receive additional information, please contact one of the committee members listed above or Seth D. Levy, Executive Vice President at (910) 766-6401.

Blumenthal Jewish Home Receives Gift from NationsBank

Joseph Martin Principal Corporate Affairs Officer with Nations Bank in Charlotte, NC recently presented the Blumenthal Jewish Home with a generous check for the Capital Campaign. In a letter to Herman Blumenthal, Joe Martin says, "I am very pleased to enclose our check for the Blumenthal Jewish Home For the Aged. The Home provides a great service, and we are pleased to be able to assist you in its support.

We are also very grateful, Herman, for all that you have done for our company and for our community. This extraordinary gift for the Home reflects our great admiration for you personally and our gratitude for your leadership in so many good things."

The Home is truly grateful to be the recipient of this generous grant by Nations Bank and to have the continued campaign leadership and support provided by Herman Blumenthal.

*30th ANNUAL MEETING
BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME
FOR THE AGED
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1995*

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WISH LIST

Several times a year we ask our Department Heads for their "Wish List." The item could be a piece of equipment or a program that would improve the quality of life of the residents or the overall efficiency of the Home.

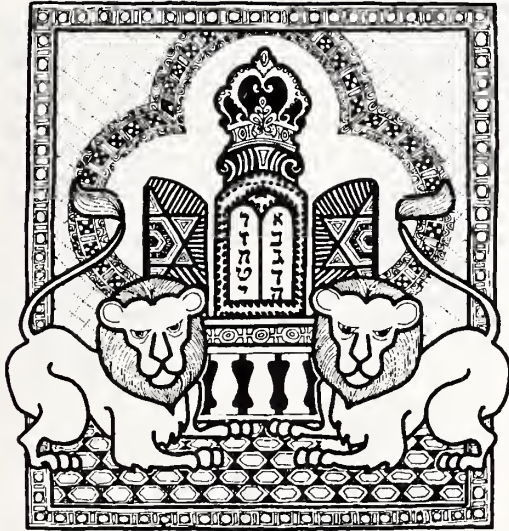
We invite you to help us purchase these items. If you are interested, please send your check to:

The Blumenthal Jewish Home
7870 Fair Oaks Drive
Clemmons NC 27012

If you have any questions, please call Christine Greene at (910) 712-4534. We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Price</i> |
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| Letter Folding Machine | \$300.00 |
| Calculators | \$500.00 |
| Color Ink Jet Printer | \$500.00 |
| 30 Sets of Large Print Prayer Books | \$1,500.00 |
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Get the New Year off to a Good Start



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Minimum Donation: \$100.00

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*Fair Oaks resident Nellie Schwarz enjoys a visit from her
brother Hugo Rosenberger and niece and nephew Allie and Eric
Lerner of Charlotte.*



The Tree Of Life

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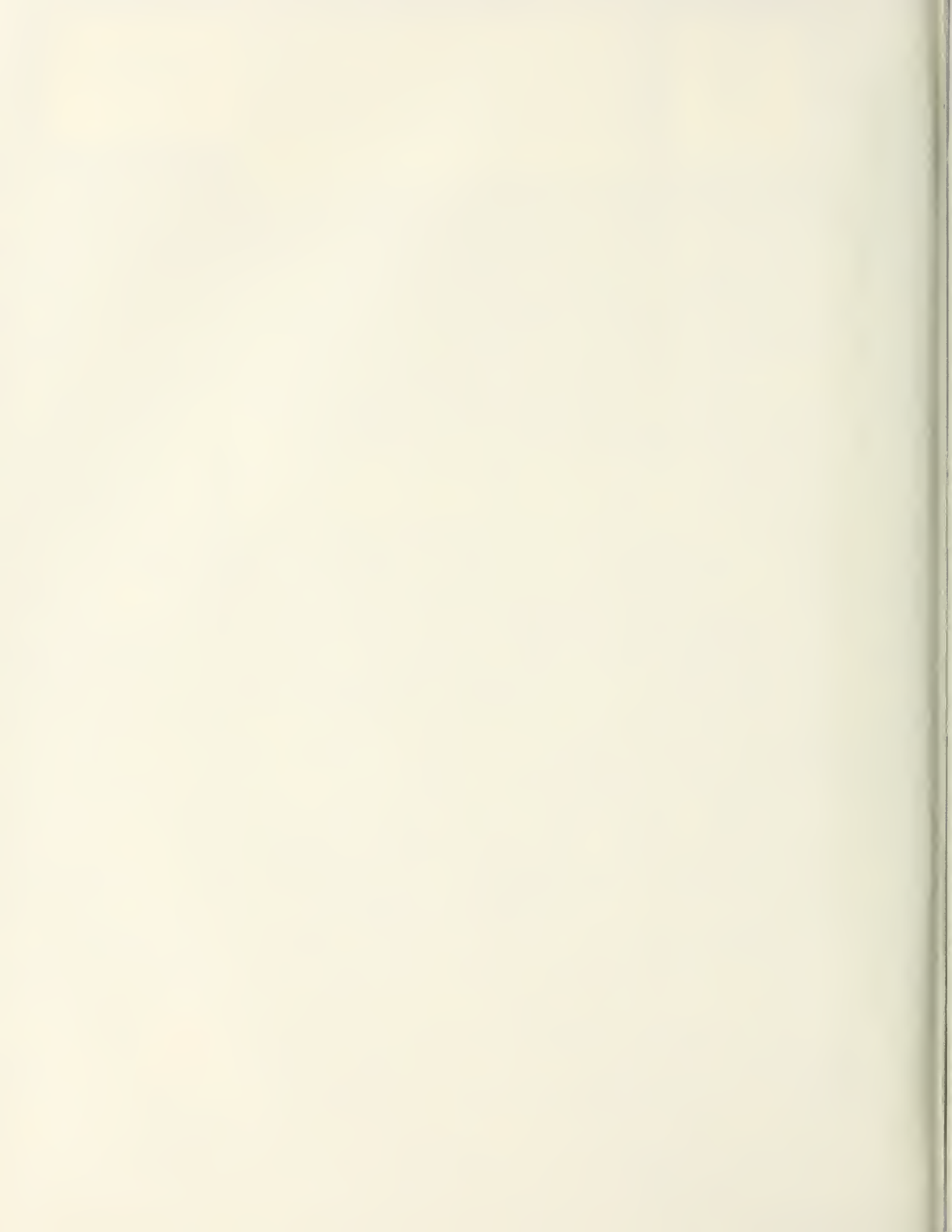
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