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American Jews and Israelis: A New Business Partnership?

by Elmer L. Winter, Chairman

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Prime Minister Rabin recently sent shock waves through the Jewish Agency Assembly when he called on Diaspora Jewry to be Israel's business partner and not its benefactor.

"We are not a poor country," Rabin pointed out. "If you want to be our partners, then be our partners with us, but don't give to us as a charity."

This conviction, in fact, has guided the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel (CEGI) since its inception. As a joint group of American and Israeli business leaders, we have believed that while Israel needs contributions through UJA and the purchase of Israel bonds, its permanent security and welfare hinges on economic development and growth.

That vision has been shared all along by Yitzhak Rabin. In 1976, during his first tenure as Prime Minister, it was Mr. Rabin who asked me to organize an American-Israeli business leaders group to help build the economy of Israel. Recently, I wrote to the Prime Minister and

recalled that episode. I pointed out that since the peace process with the Palestinians is moving forward and there is a new relationship with Jordan, now is the time for an all-out effort to attract additional American investment capital and to encourage more U.S. firms to set up subsidiaries and joint ventures in Israel.

Israel's economic expansion during the past two years has been nothing short of phenomenal. Consider this:

The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development reports that Israel's economy grew faster in 1994 than all 24 of its members. With a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 6.8 percent, it topped Norway, which was in second place with a highly respectable 4.3 percent.

Israel's exports of goods and services increased by 10.8 percent last year over 1993, reaching a peak of \$24 billion. For the most recent three-year period, exports recorded a cumulative growth of 40 percent.

Professor Jacob Frenkel, Governor of the Bank of Israel, reports that the majority of Israel's economic indicators point to expanding economic activity, including industrial production, exports and employment. His report notes that inflation dropped during the first half of 1995 to an annual rate of 5.1 percent, a remarkable accomplishment when one recalls the skyrocketing inflation of a decade ago.

In March and April of this year, industrial production shot up a striking 22 percent over the previous two months, January and February. Foreign investment in Israel rose by 52 percent to \$904 million in the first half of this year, compared to \$595 million in the first six months of 1994.

What this means is that Israel must now be considered as an important and major business partner. The timing for foreign investment has never been better. American companies are in the final phase of a downsizing frenzy and are looking to find strategic partners worldwide.

More than 200 U.S. firms already have factories in Israel, which provides some 20 different incentives to help American firms in Israel increase profit levels and finance their research and development programs. (R & D can be done in Israel at a cost of 25 cents on the dollar!)

Israel is mounting a \$13 billion infrastructure program, which could provide an opportunity for U.S. companies to bid on a variety of construction projects. It also opens up job opportunities for skilled American scientists and engineers in high-tech fields who, surprisingly enough, are now in short supply in Israel. Community planners, architects, market consultants and a wide range of other skilled specialists who are finding openings in the U.S. sharply curtailed at this time, will find that Israel provides a new frontier for their talents, skills and experience.

With the acceleration of Israel's privatization program and the expansion of its market economy, there is literally a golden opportunity for successful private investment and its accompanying army of bankers, accountants, stock brokers, computer programmers and other financial workers.

Remember, too, that many of these skilled professionals will also be in demand for projects that open up in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan and Egypt as the peace process continues to settle in. Forty countries will provide \$2.4 billion to the Palestinians alone to get their economy going. The funds will be used to build industrial parks, housing projects, schools, hospitals

and an array of other facilities.

Are there still problems to overcome? The answer is yes. But I consider these temporary and solvable. In my letter to Prime Minister Rabin, I pointed out the need for Israel to speed up the removal of unreasonable bureaucratic restrictions that have caused some American companies to bypass Israel in the past. Much progress has been made in recent years in ridding Israel of governmental red tape, but more needs to be done.

Another problem stems from the fact that while a number of Arab states have, de facto, abandoned the boycott of Israel, some foreign companies are continuing to avoid Israel because of the lack of a clear statement from the Palestinians and other Arabs that the boycott has been officially wiped off the books. It seems to me that one of Israel's requirements for the establishment of normal diplomatic relations with her neighbors should be the formal repeal of the boycott by the Organization of Arab States.

Israel is on the verge of the peace and security it has sought since its founding. Economic growth is an all-important factor in reaching that goal. A first step for American Jews who want to help in that journey is to begin to view Israel as a legitimate business partner.

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Editors Note: September 16, 1995 Governor James B. Hunt Jr lead a North Carolina Delegation of Leaders to Israel. The Mission promised to involve these delegates in a number of exciting and dynamic events that focused on strengthening relationships between North Carolina and the Middle East, with a primary focus on Israel. The delegates are:

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The Hazardous Life of the Etrog



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The Hazardous Life of the Etrog

by Sharon Kanon

(WZPS) Growing the perfect etrog, used in the celebration of Sukkot, is no small achievement. This year, it's a race against the clock in Israel to harvest the fragile "golden apple" in time for the holiday. While the winter rains were a boon for the water-thirsty orchards, the frisky or below-normal cold weather was a bane. Says Avraham Ludmir of the Tel Aviv Etrog Center, "At least 50% of our trees were destroyed by the cold." At best, there was a delay in blossoming and ripening of the fruit.

Fruit of the Tree of Beauty

One of the four species required to fulfill the mitzva of the Feast of the Tabernacles, many botanists consider the etrog the "pri etz hadar," the fruit of the tree of beauty, to be the highest order of plant development. It is exceptional because its fruit, its leaves, and its bark are both attractive and fragrant.

And yet, the overly tart lemon-looking fruit is rarely eaten today, although sometimes made into a jam. In ancient times, it was used for various medical purposes--as a tonic, for stomach ailments, and to sweeten breath. Thus one basis for its name "citrus medica."

Paradox seems to be part of the etrog mystique. Long needle-like thorns are hidden in the leaves of the tree which, one would assume, protect it. They don't. On a recent visit to an orchard, I watched while a worker carefully tied up the branches of a tree so that not even a leaf, let alone the insidious thorns, could touch the fruit. Supporting frames were built to hold up the branches which get very heavy and can fall from the weight of the growing fruit. Although grafted trees are generally stronger, their fruit is considered ritually defective.

Exactng Care

Like other citrus trees, the etrog needs to be watered intensively. This year, cultivators are using extra water and fertilizer to compensate for the late blossoming. Tending is an exacting job. The trees must be carefully pruned so that they remain low and spreading, making it easier to pick the fruit.

The tree itself is the least sturdy of the citrus family. Unlike its cousin the orange, etrog trees are delicate. "The average life span of an etrog tree is 10 years while that of an orange tree is 34 years," says Yossi Zlochevsky who tends the orchard his father planted more than 40 years ago. "An etrog tree only has two or three good fruit-bearing years," adds Ludmir. "The first three years, the fruit can't be used because of 'orla' (the halachic prohibition of using the fruit of trees for the first three years of its life). The last years are not very productive."

From the time the tree begins to blossom in the spring, the fight is on against its predators. One of the first is the flower-eating moth. A hormone mixture is placed in metal pails near the trees to repel the moth. An etrog is even more susceptible to pests, fungi, and viruses. Expensive insecticides are used to counter them and black cloth is draped over the trees to protect the pale fruit from "sunstroke."

Beauty is Only Skin-Deep

Unlike oranges that can be tossed in a bin when harvested, every etrog needs individual attention. The Mishna (legal codification containing the core of the oral law) is very particular about the etrog's beauty--even if it is only skin-deep: "It is unacceptable if its skin is defective, its nipple has fallen off, if it is partly peeled or split, or pierced, or in any way incomplete." (Sukkah,

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Simchat Torah

What Simchat Torah's All About

"Joyfulness," said the saintly Rabbi of Kotzk, "is the result of holiness."

Simchat Torah begins on October 17 (Reform Jews combine Simchat Torah with Shemini Atzeret, one day earlier.)

Why is Simchat Torah such a holy-and-happy occasion?

Holy because it is not a holiday in memory of a hero, or a nature celebration, or even an occasion marking independence or freedom from slavery. No; it is holy because it is dedicated to a book--the greatest book of all--the Torah. On this day we end the reading of the Five Books of Moses in the synagogue and begin all over again with the wonderful story of Creation.

Happy because Simchat Torah is a time of great merriment. Everybody comes--young and old, tall and small. Children carry flags. The Torahs are all removed from the Ark and borne lovingly around the synagogue in a procession called *Hakafot*.

The Torah reading is finished with the last chapter in Deuteronomy. The Torah reading is begun with the first chapter in Genesis. Thus the cycle of Torah reading continues and the circle of the Torah is eternal, without beginning or end.

What is in the Five Books that we shall be ending and beginning? Here

is a quick survey, book by book, of the *Humash*, or Pentateuch.

GENESIS: Twelve sidrot, or weekly portions. . .Discusses how the world began. . .why men must work hard to earn a living. . .how murder entered the world. . .when man got the idea of fashioning tools with his hands. . .Tell us *how* God



wants us to live in this world and describes the origin of the Jewish people.

EXODUS: Eleven sidrot, that tells us about the hardships of the Israelites in Egypt and how they escaped from slavery under the leadership of Moses. We read of the way in which our ancestors received the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. . .the first Passover. . .The building of the Tabernacle in the desert. We learn that slavery is evil and that God wants all men to be free.

LEVITICUS: Ten sidrot, dealing

with Jewish nationhood. . .What kind of judges and courts would we have? . . .How defend ourselves in war? . . .What legal rights do women have? . . .Also discussed are parent-child relationships, how to treat the orphan, the widow, and the poor. . .festivals and fasts. . .dietary laws.

NUMBERS: Ten sidrot, that tell us what happened between Mt. Sinai and the arrival at the border of the Promised Land. . .The trials of the pioneers. . .the problems of their new-found freedom. . .After all those years of slavery, it was not easy to become an independent nation overnight!

DEUTERONOMY: Eleven sidrot, that review the history and the laws contained in the previous four books. . .(*Deuteronomy* comes from the Greek *deuteronomium*, which is a translation of the Hebrew *Mishneh Torah*, "repetition of the law."). . .The Torah ends with the poetic song and blessing of Moses just before the great leader dies, after viewing the Promised Land from afar.

There it is, from beginning to end, from end to beginning. A cycle and a circle, happiness and festivity, all coming from holiness. The meaning of Simchat Torah. Happy holiday, all!



Detail of cloth embroidered in gold and silver thread.

A Jewish-Arab Encounter at the Rosenzweig Museum

by Lenora Ucko, Curator

Arabs. Nevertheless, the saga of this cloth, given back and forth as a token of esteem, good will, and friendship is a heartwarming story. The Rosenzweig Museum is pleased to display this artifact and make its unique story known.

At the Public Reception, Mr. Ayman Sabi, a recent owner of the cloth, will share his recollections and family stories about this heirloom. A panel of university scholars will then discuss with the audience the roots of social, economic, and religious relations between Jews and Arabs, and the friendly and sometimes unfriendly circumstances that have resulted.

Following the formal program, a tour of the Museum will focus on those items that illustrate Jewish-Arab interrelationships. Besides the featured cloth, people will see, for example, the silver commemorative medal struck by the State of Israel in honor of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, inscribed in Hebrew, Arabic, and English; two old brass *chanukiyahs* from North African Jewish communities

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At the Rosenzweig Museum in Durham NC, a special program, entitled "Jewish-Arab Cross-Cultural Encounters," will be offered to the public Sunday, November 5, 1995 at three p.m. The afternoon will be devoted to understanding and illuminating Jewish-Arab cultural relations in the past and the present.

This subject is well illustrated by a large, old, formerly elegant but now quite frayed, Hebrew-embroidered cloth on exhibit at the Museum. The associates' story, briefly recounted

here, is symbolic of the history of Jewish-Arab encounters in the Middle East. This once decorative and highly prized cloth traveled from North Africa to Jordan to the United States over the course of a few hundred years, and belonged alternately to members of the Jewish community, the Arab community, and back to the Jewish community again. Maintained by an Arab family as a valued item for generations, the cloth deteriorated badly following the 1948 war between the new State of Israel and Jordan, mirroring the ensuing hostility between Jews and

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showing the artistic influence of Arabic design; a 100-year old Arabic *galabaya*, a man's long outer garment, bought in the old city of Jerusalem in recent years, and heavily embroidered with designs similar to those sewn by Ethiopian Jewish women in Israel today; a scribe's old-time portable quill- and ink-holder, decorated with an Arabic proverb on the side and marked with Hebrew letters or initials on the inkwell. These and other artifacts have a long history of shared experiences between Jews and Arabs, and can help us toward enhanced relations in the future.

In recognition of the timeliness and importance of this topic, the North Carolina Humanities Council has awarded the Rosenzweig Museum a Small Grant to help defray expenses and to provide an explanatory brochure about the artifacts. The Public Reception, entitled "Jewish-Arab Cross-Cultural Encounters," will take place Sunday, November 5, 1995, three p.m., at the Rosenzweig Museum, in the Judea Reform Congregation building, 2115 Cornwallis Road, Durham NC 27705. Invitations are extended to all members of the Jewish and Arabic communities and to everyone interested in the subject and in the Rosenzweig Museum. Refreshments will be served. For more information, phone Sheri Hoffman or Lenora Ucko at 919-489-7062.

(Right) One corner of the large, once very decorative cloth with Hebrew lettering--recently returned to the Jewish community from a Jordanian Arab family.

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3,6). An etrog is unfit if it is smaller than an egg or dried up. An etrog that grows without a "pitom," or nipple, is kosher. These stringent restrictions mean that at least 50% of the yield is thrown away before reaching the market.

To avoid any hazards in handling on the way to the market, etrogs are wrapped in pink netting at the orchards. Before they are classified they are placed in flax-lined boxes and stored for five days during which time any problems usually surface. The Ministry of Agriculture releases no etrog until it has passed the five-day test. A label certifying that the fruit is "free from the Mediterranean Fruit Fly and the Citrus Flower Moth and other pests" is pasted on every etrog box for export.

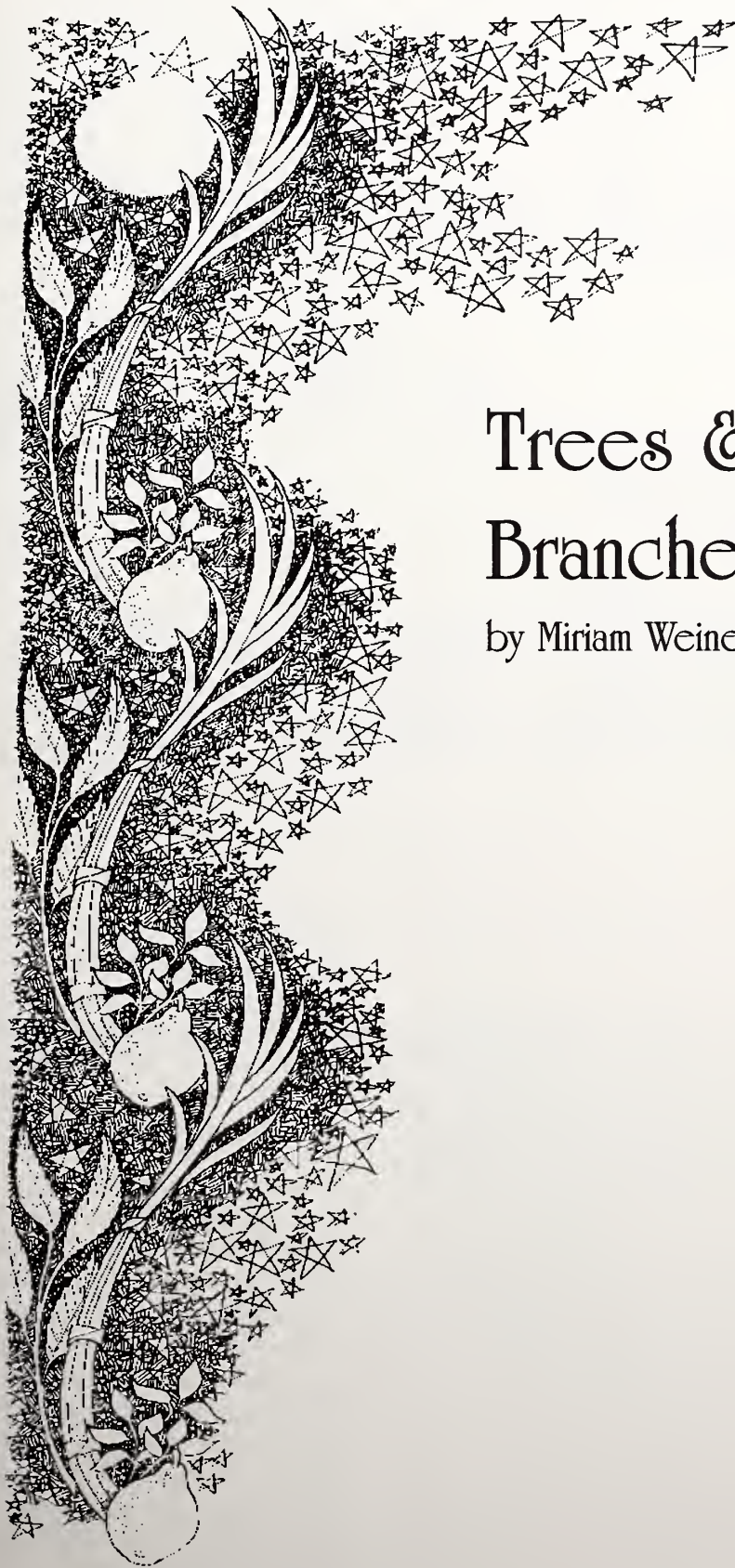
There are three grades of etrog. Grade A is so carefully scrutinized

that customers who come equipped with a magnifying glass are likely to find the smallest blemish. Even a cosmetic blemish can lower the price of an etrog by 10%.

What characteristics should you look for in an etrog? If you're not looking for a "badatz" (the authority of the ultra-orthodox) approved etrog or the large etrog favored by the Yemenites, keep the following criteria of beauty in mind. An etrog should weigh no less than 120 grams (about four ounces), should not be too round or too wrinkled, light green or light yellow in color, symmetrical, conical or tower-like in shape, bumpy texture--and of course adhering to the ritual specification--no punctures, etc.

And when you select your fruit of the "goodly beauteous" tree this year, think of the hazardous journey it sustained to reach you.





Trees & Branches

by Miriam Weiner

Antique Postcards: A Window Into the Past

"More moving than any other type of collection for the Jew in search of his roots, the postcard collection is still little known by the general public."

Gerard Benoit, Nice, France
Encyclopedia Judaica (1988-1989
supplement)

When I met Ryszard Bogdziewicz who was working in a secondhand bookstore in Lublin, Poland, I was overjoyed to find someone who spoke fluent English and who knew of a source for old postcards. During many subsequent trips to Poland, I made time to visit as many bookstores and antiquarian shops as possible searching for out-of-print books, maps and old postcards.

When Ryszard described his collection, I made an appointment to meet with him later and discovered the unreliability of taxis in a blinding snowstorm in Poland. It didn't matter because the few hours I spent with Ryszard and his wife pouring over their wonderful postcard collection created a warmth within me that the extreme cold couldn't touch.

It went far beyond just viewing the scenes of towns as they once existed, inhabited by Jews who had lived and contributed so much before the devastation and destruction of the Holocaust. What was overwhelming to me was the writing on the postcards, poignant stories of family

separations, hardship and life as it really existed.

My introduction to the delights and nostalgia found in historic postcards began about ten years ago when a fellow genealogist invited me to an international postcard show held twice a year in New York. I arrived unprepared for the huge gathering of postcard enthusiasts--investors, collectors, genealogists--all eager to sort through thousands of postcards neatly catalogued by subject or geographic area. Those few hours were the beginning of a new dimension to my collection of family memorabilia.

Within a few minutes, I located postcards depicting the "S.S. Celtic," the passenger liner which brought my grandfather, Morris Weiner, to this country in 1912.

That first purchase years ago led to a series of postcard shows and a collection that now chronicle the history of my family beginning with postcards depicting scenes of Jewish cemeteries in Russia where my great-grandparents and their ancestors are buried. Another postcard shows the train station at Kiev where my grandparents traveled enroute to America.

So far, the postcard which has captivated me the most is a scene of a Russian family in their one-room home with a dirt floor where you see one of the children sleeping on a ledge above the fireplace used for cooking and heating. The significance of this postcard reflects the image described to me often by my paternal grandmother, Malka Ochs Winikur. She told me when she lived in Russia, the family occupied a one-room house in a "shtetl" called Sudilkov, located southwest of Kiev

in Ukraine. She recalled how her children (my aunts and uncle) slept on ledges above the fireplace to keep warm during the harsh winters. When I look at this postcard, I can "see" my family.

Most of my family immigrated through Ellis Island and when I saw postcards depicting the immigration experience, they rapidly joined my growing collection as an important part of family history.

Postcards first appeared in the late 1860s in Austria as a conveyor of brief messages that could take the form of advertisements, announcements, communications between friends and relatives or represent a souvenir from the sender. Their popularity grew rapidly with the addition of photos on postcards which may represent the only family photographs for many of us.

Postcards record changes in customs and traditions while depicting the history of our hometowns through the continual demolition and rebuilding process.

Collecting postcards is not an inexpensive hobby. The price is determined by the quality of the card, its rarity and the subject. Postcards of Judaic sites are growing in popularity and concurrently in price. It is not uncommon to see synagogue postcards from Eastern Europe priced at \$75 each because of their limited numbers and popularity with both investment collectors and genealogists.

An important reference work on Judaic postcards is *Images et Traditions Juives* by Gerard Silvain (CELIV, Milan: 1980, 476 pp.). The

colorful reproductions are chronicled by country from Abyssinia to Yemen with 34 countries in between. The personal notes found on some postcards reflect the life and times of the writer while also representing a poignant peek into their personal thoughts. The jacket cover notes that a thousand postcards (1897-1917) represent the history of the Diaspora.

In the 1988-89 Supplement to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, the editors devote a 36-page photo essay to "The World of Jewish Postcards" featuring a fascinating narrative by Silvain with over 200 postcards (many in color) from well-known collections throughout the world.

According to Silvain, "Collecting postcards has become the second largest type of collection in the world (following stamp collection) and all signs indicate that it is on its way to dethroning that, too."

You needn't travel to a postcard show or to Poland to discover special cards relating to your ancestral roots. Try the obvious places in your home such as shoeboxes (among the photo collections), old correspondence files, and boxes stored away in attics and basements.

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Shunning 70-hour work weeks, Generation Xers are defining their own American Dream

by Jennifer Singer

We grew up on Brady Bunch reruns, Reaganomics and Soviet nuclear missile threats. We are Generation X, and according to some in the media and a number of frustrated Baby Boomers, we are big business's greatest disappointment. Some Baby Boomer bosses have labeled my generation self-oriented, cynical and non-committal. In reality, many of us Gen Xers are simply finding our own entrepreneurial solutions to a dramatic restructuring of corporate America.

We were born after the post-war baby boom, roughly between 1965 and 1975. There are several titles for us, including Generation X (after a October 1995

novel by Douglas Coupland), Baby Busters and Twentysomethings. We are also referred to as slackers for our apparent disregard for everything the Yuppies labored for while we were busy watching MTV.

I can understand why my generation appears apathetic and lazy. Unlike our Boomer predecessors, some Gen Xers are rejecting the traditional climb up the corporate ladder. We appear to be disloyal to employers when we shun 70-hour work weeks. As a member of Generation X, however, I know well that we are trying to deal with a business world that changed considerably soon after we declared our majors in college.

When I graduated from Boston University six years ago, I saw the 1980s promise of making a million dollars on Wall Street by age 30 disappear as quickly as President Bush's helicopter did after his speech to my graduating class. My entire teenage and college years fell into the era of the famous line from the film "Wall Street"--"greed is good." Yet when my classmates and I hit the streets with diplomas in hand at the end of the decade, that upwardly mobile brand of greed was gone. It was lost in a federal deficit that had swelled almost five times its size since my 5th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

Even though Gen Xers are the best-educated generation in U.S. history, many of us couldn't find jobs after graduation. Some went to graduate school to wait out the recession-and are still waiting. Those who were lucky enough to land entry level positions for \$17,000 a year (in shrinking 1990 dollars) and to move home were happy simply to find employment and a nice place to live.

In fact, my generation is the largest group to live with our parents as young adults since the Great Depression. Some label our return to the safety of our parents' homes as an avoidance of adulthood. I believe many of us simply can't afford the obligations of adulthood.

Before we even left the security of our college dorms, we knew there would be a business world less kind and gentle toward graduates. While we were rushing to macro economics class, IBM--which once declared Big Blue would never have layoffs--let go tens of thousands of loyal employees. Around Homecoming 1987, the stock market crashed--and the job-for-life crashed with it. We had watched many Baby Boomers dedicate much of their lives to companies that eventually let them go during middle-management layoffs.

Like the Woodstock Generation, who rebelled against their parents' pre-Vietnam acquiescence to establishment, many Gen Xers feel as though we have been led down the garden path. And big business was our tour guide. As a result, Generation X is swinging the pendulum away from the blind corporate careerism we learned

about on TV's "Thirtysomething" as teenagers. We are capitalizing on our experience with technology and heeding our affinity toward individualism to take a more entrepreneurial approach to our careers and our lives. Some say Generation X may well be the most entrepreneurial generation in decades. Some believe we are reshaping the American dream.

Still, our desire for more quantity time makes us Gen Xers seem lazy. But as the first generation of divorce--some 40 percent of us grew up in homes of divorce or separation--many of us felt

neglected while growing up. We don't want to neglect our families or ourselves.

So, if your Generation X employees, co-workers and bosses seem to snub traditional corporate procedures, understand that they are not trying to be difficult. Don't confuse a new approach to a rapidly changing business atmosphere with apathy or laziness. Instead, give us some credit for remaining loyal to ourselves at a time when the business world can't. Remember, Boomers, you can still trust anyone under 30.

Jennifer Singer, of Kinnelon N.J., launched a communications firm three years ago--at age 25.



food for thought

Banana Marble Cake by Abbie Brody

1 Duncan Hines Banana Cake Mix
1 pkg. instant banana or vanilla pudding
4 eggs
1 c. sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla
6 oz. chocolate syrup
1/2 c. oil

Beat eggs on high speed for 5 minutes. Slow down speed (add oil, sour cream and vanilla). Slowly add cake mix and pudding and beat slowly for 8 minutes. Pour 1/2 of batter into greased tube pan. Fold in syrup to remaining batter in bowl. Pour rest of batter into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Parve Chocolate Cake
by Lee Barnett

1/2 lb. shortening
1 box brown sugar
3 eggs
2 squares melted chocolate
2 c. Gold Medal flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 c. ice water
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream shortening and brown sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, and melted chocolate. Sift together and fold in the flour, baking soda, and water and vanilla. Grease and flour pan and bake for 1 hour at 325 degrees.

Hershey's Chocolate Cake
by Sima Sussman

1-1/4 c. flour
1/2 c. margarine
1 c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs
3/4 tsp. baking soda
1-1/2 c. Hershey's syrup (1 lb. can)

Cream margarine, sugar, vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time. Beat after each addition. Combine flour and baking soda. Add alternately with chocolate syrup to creamed mixture. Pour into greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. (Pierce with a toothpick to see if ready. Do not overbake!)

Reviews



Holy Days: The World of a Hasidic Family

by Lis Harris

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Like most secular Jews, Lis Harris knew precious little about the bearded and black-coated Hasidic men whom she saw on the streets of Manhattan and Brooklyn. For her, they represented a form of Judaism that was far removed from the concerns of everyday life. In a journey both journalistic and spiritual, she entered the world of Hasidic Jewry and grew to understand the inner strength that has allowed this unique community to survive against untold disaster and oppressive odds.

A beloved contemporary classic, *Holy Days* is a personal account of New York's Hasidic community, its beliefs, its mysteries, and its encounter with secularism in the present age. Combining a historical understanding of the Hasidic movement with a journalist's

discerning eye, Harris captures in rich detail the day-to-day life of this traditional and often misunderstood community. Harris chronicles the personal transformation she experienced as she grew closer to the largely hidden men and women of the Hasidic world.

Holy Days is a beautiful and moving portrait of the spiritual vibrancy that characterizes the Hasidim and of the special relationship to tradition and solidarity that has enabled them to face the challenges posed by modern times. Lis Harris's encounter with the spiritual foundations of the Hasidic way of life not only enlarged her own, but will resonate with Jewish and non-Jewish readers alike.

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Antisemitism in America

Today: Outspoken Experts Explode the Myths

Edited by Jerome R. Chanes

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Twenty essays are many, and having read them leaves one with mixed impressions. The contributors to *Antisemitism in America Today* are all in positions to command respect as authorities on their subject.

Having lived through the 1920s and 1930s when antisemitism was at its zenith in America, the change in our position as Jews today never ceases to delight me. (This spelling of antisemitism is used by Jerome Chanes, saying there is no such thing as semitism; antisemitism is an invented word, coined by a German antisemite to replace the term "Jew-hatred.")

The first chapter is written by Jerome Chanes, and its title tells what this book reports, "Antisemitism and Jewish Security in America Today." That is really what interests us most. Perception and interpretation have much to do with antisemitism. Despite the results of polls conducted by various organizations and the numerous percentages of results, many of which reveal a high percentage of American Jews who feel antisemitism is a serious problem, "How can nine out of ten Jewish Americans say they 'feel at home' here?"

Investigation finds that more than half of American Jews hold negative stereotypes of non-Jews, causing them to avoid association. It is easy to be prejudiced against people we don't know; acquaintance with an individual often destroys the prejudice and even fosters liking.

It cannot be denied that antisemitism is always a reality. There is a difference between attitude and behavior. Jews are not the only group in America that is not loved by all other Americans. The aim of this book is to examine knowledge and ignorance about antisemitism in the U.S. today; historical, sociological and psychological perspectives on antisemitism, specific examples evaluated for their impact on American Jewish polity; issues of antisemitism now.

Antisemitism in America differs from that in Europe, and we should not forget it. Our country has laws against discrimination. Admitting that laws can be changed, the fact has protected us until now. America has so many minority groups which

are also targets of bigotry, that antisemitism is necessarily diluted in its competition with the others. This is called to our attention by Jack Wertheimer, professor of American Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Further, he reminds us that legislation dealing specifically with Jews does not exist here, as it does in Europe. We are protected by the separation of church and state and by free speech, allowing us to combat antisemitism.

During the Civil War, Gen. U.S. Grant ordered Jews expelled from the territory of Tennessee, accusing them as violators of trade regulations and of black marketeering. President Lincoln immediately countermanded the order, and it was a sole of instance of its kind.

During times of great upheaval, antisemitism has increased, and old stereotypes have been called. The period during and after World War I was perhaps the worst. The case of Leo Frank who was lynched in Georgia and the linkage of Jews with the Bolshevik revolution in Russia were bad developments. The great immigration of Jews from eastern Europe touched off further antisemitism. Sadly, the immigration laws were then changed to limit the number of "undesirable" immigrants like them, besides the poor Italians and others who did not fit into the concept of what America should appear to be. Those laws were not changed until it was too late to help victims of the Nazi regime.

Historians differ as to whether it was the lower classes with their strange appearance and manners, or the upper classes who threatened the

established class. The apex of discrimination and exclusion of Jews from spheres of the elite, especially the best schools, affected upward mobility. It was common for Jews to change their names and hide their distinctiveness in an effort to break the barriers.

It was not until after World War II that the tide reversed. In the 1950s and 1960s, Jews made enormous strides. Antisemitism was confined to the private arena, as it has been during most of U.S. history.

We now face new challenges in the form of black antisemitism, some conservatives and the growth of new hate groups. The writers of these essays have much to say about each of these current issues.

It is good to keep in mind that the history of antisemitism in the U.S. does not include pogroms, concentration camps for Jews, nor state-sponsored discrimination. Antisemites have failed to get our government to single out Jews for ill treatment. Antisemitism is at odds with our public culture, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Jack Wertheimer reflects as follows: "As the struggles between liberals and conservatives intensify in the coming years, Jews will need to assess whether the reintroduction of some religious expression in American public life necessarily will unleash antisemitism or whether a more religious America will also be more civilized--and thereby offer Jews and other Americans greater safety." Interesting.

The politics of today is troubling, yet it is hard to feel threatened by a Pat

Buchanan whose pleasure it is to sit with this gingery cat on his lap, while sipping a glass of Chardonnay (*Charlotte Observer*, Sept. 9, 1995).

Can antisemitism disappear? It is unlikely. Arthur Herzberg, noted historian, believes that increased representation in Congress furthers cooperation and increases the likelihood of interests receiving attention. We need to support the idea of pluralism.

There are chapters on hate groups with detailed account of the KKK and others, some of which are now defunct, having been bankrupted by lawsuits. Rabbi A. James Rudin, internationally active as interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, writes of the Christian-Jewish encounter, as we enter the 21st century. He states there has been more progress in Christian-Jewish relations in the past 20 years than in the previous 2,000. Christian bodies, one after another, have repudiated antisemitism and the role of the church in its history. He lauds the founding fathers of the United States for their attitudes and for not pronouncing this a Christian country, as they might have done.

Rabbi Rudin cites examples of accomplishments in fighting antisemitism, and he states what more needs to be done. He sounds hopeful, as he did when he spoke at the Wildacres Interfaith Institute this summer.

It was at the same podium that Clark Williamson (Church of Christ) announced his intention to "put the Anti-defamation League out of business." by putting an end to defamation of Jews.

There is much optimism in this collection of essays on antisemitism in America, but times change with climate and circumstances, and it is important to be informed and vigilant at all times. The general message is to take pluralism seriously.

It is tempting to quote from all of those whose writing appears in this book, but the sampling here may convince our readers that they should read all of the book. The final chapter by Anne Rolphe is the best from a literary view. Entitled "Antisemitism: Our Constant Companion?" her piece asks questions and voices better than others have done what we know of our history and our position here. Tolerance is not acceptance. "The real question is: Is the security of Jews in this country at risk?" There are criticism, envy, dislike of our

strange customs, denials of the Holocaust. Anne Rolphe cautions we must not allow anything to deprive us of our Judaism, of our unity. Being persecuted and being Jewish should not be synonymous. Antisemitism does not define Judaism.

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Creed to Live By



Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you. Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless. Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past, or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life. Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave. Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings. Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose. Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been but also where you're going. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

--Nancye Sims

First Jewish-Arab Mammography Mission to West Bank



A team of seven from the United States, headed by a Jewish-American radiologist and an Arab-American surgeon, will arrive in Israel on August 14 to deliver a mammogram machine and other equipment to the Ramallah Hospital in the West Bank.

The team, including a service engineer and two female radiological technologists, will stay three weeks, to train Palestinian physicians and health professionals in mammography, film interpretation and the means of educating Palestinian women about the importance of mammography for the early detection of breast cancer. They will also participate in teaching sessions at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem and other hospitals in Israel.

The initiator of the project, Dr. Richard Hirsh, Chief of the Division of Diagnostic Radiology at Summa Health System in Akron OH, and Assistant Professor of Radiology at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, is no stranger to helping medicine in Israel.

Since 1988, together with the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel (APF), a Boston-based organization of physicians supporting the advancement of medicine in Israel and chief sponsor of the mission, Dr. Hirsh has arranged study fellowships for both Jewish and Arab Israeli nurses at major medical centers throughout the United States. He is a member of the Executive Committee of APF.

Dr. Hirsh has a parallel commitment to bringing mammography to areas of medical need. His first such mission was to India in 1989. Last year, Dr. Hirsh organized and led a mission to Nepal, bringing that country its first mammogram machine.

Dr. Hirsh and his Arab partner, Dr. Nabil Manneh, also of Akron, decided to help Palestinian women of the West Bank because there is a real need and as a way to contribute to the peace process. Dr. Manneh was born in Lod in pre-1948 Palestine and received his medical education at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem.

The project has earned enthusiastic support from both Jews and Arabs in the United States, and both Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East. Dr. Ephraim Sneh, Israel's Minister of Health, has given the project his full backing. Dr. Shouki Harb, Medical Director of Ramallah Hospital, is eagerly awaiting the team and the establishment of updated mammography services at the hospital.

The team will deliver an all-day seminar, organized by Dr. Harb, on "Mammography and the Early Detection of Breast Cancer," for Palestinian health personnel on August 18 at the Ambassador Hotel in East Jerusalem. Corporate supporters of the seminar include Bennett X-Ray of Long Island, N.Y. and Med-Technica of Israel.

The three-week mission will also include teaching sessions of Israeli medical residents at the Hadassah Medical Center and other hospitals throughout Israel.

Dr. Hirsh has obtained donations of equipment worth over \$100,000 for

the mission, which will remain at the hospital in Ramallah. Lorad of Danbury, CT is contributing a mammogram machine, Baldwin of Cleveland OH a film processor, and DuPont Medical Products of Wilmington DE x-ray film and cassettes.

The project has been organized by the APF, with significant additional financial and logistical support from the United Palestine Appeal, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, the Arab Community of Akron OH, and the International Foundation in Wayne NJ. The project has also received ongoing cooperation and endorsement from Israel's Ministry of Health.

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel (APF) is an organization of North American physicians devoted to advancing the state of medical education, research and care in Israel. APF has, since 1950, provided fellowship assistance to nearly 1000 Israeli physicians undertaking specialty training in the U.S. and Canada. It supports a range of projects that seek to create a bridge between the medical communities of Israel and North America.

For further information about the project, contact Don Perlstein, Executive Director, APF, 2001 Beacon Street, Brookline MA 02146. Tel. 617-232-5382 (Brookline MA); Daniel Goldfarb, APF Israel Director, 02-383-926 (Jerusalem); or Diana Sufian, Mammography Project Press Coordinator, (after August 13), 02-273-273 (East Jerusalem).



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Dear Members and Friends:

1995 marks the 30TH ANNIVERSARY of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. On October 29, 1995 the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM) will help the Home celebrate this grand occasion by once again conducting its ANNUAL FUNDRAISER for the benefit of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Please help us by participating in the annual fund raising project. Let's mark the 30th Anniversary with all of our support.

This year's outstanding CAJWM Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 29 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 29.

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"A Miracle on the Yadkin" read the headline in the Charlotte Observer, September 27, 1964. An old estate on the Yadkin river was about to become the North Carolina Home for the Jewish Aged. The dream of its founders, a small group of North Carolina Jewish men and women, was about to come true. That dream became a reality October 20, 1965 when the Home opened its doors to its first residents. This dream has been a legacy entrusted to the many men and women who have enabled the Blumenthal Jewish Home to grow and to continue to fulfill the promise of its founders, to provide a Jewish Home for the aged in the Carolinas.

This month we complete 30 years of service to our communities. It is a time to recall our beginnings and to celebrate our future. We hope you will join with the Blumenthal Jewish Home, its members, friends and Board of Trustees in celebrating this tradition of caring. The 30th Anniversary Celebration will take place Saturday, October 28 at Bermuda Run Country Club. A Gala Dinner with guest speaker Barry Farber is planned. The 30th Annual Meeting will be held at the Home on Sunday, October 29 beginning with a festive brunch at 11 a.m. Plan to be there in 1995.



I.D. Blumenthal, president of the Home, conducts a meeting at the Home in 1973.



Members and friends of the North Carolina Home for the Aged attend the Dedication Ceremony held on the front lawn of the mansion, May 21, 1967. Were you there?

HIGHLIGHTING 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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THE FIRST DECADE 1960-1970, IN THE BEGINNING, WERE YOU THERE?

April, 1960--The Lasater Mansion and 117 acres of property were purchased for the North Carolina Home for the Jewish Aged, a joint project of the NC Association of Jewish Women and the NC Association of Jewish Men.

May, 1964--Groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of the first wing take place. Governor Terry Sanford delivered the main address.

October 20, 1965--The first residents move into the newly constructed A-wing.

May, 1967--Dedication of the NC Jewish Home takes place. The Honorable Philip Klutznick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, gives the keynote address.

November, 1967--The first meeting of the North Carolina Jewish Home was held on the Home grounds. Mr Elbert Levy was the Executive Director. Mr. I.D. Blumenthal of Charlotte is President of the Home's Board of Trustees.

THE SECOND DECADE 1970-1980, THE DREAM BUILDS, WERE YOU THERE?

November, 1973--Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new B-wing take place. Governor James Holshouser delivers the address. The President of the Board of Trustees is I.D. Blumenthal of Charlotte.

October, 1976-- The new B-wing expansion opens increasing capacity from 48 beds to 135.

July, 1978-- The name of the North Carolina Jewish Home was changed to the Blumenthal Jewish Home in honor of I. D. Blumenthal.

October, 1980--The 15th Anniversary celebration is held in the Mansion of the Home. The Grand Builders Plaque is dedicated at the Annual Meeting. The President of the Board of Trustees is Cy Jacobs of Greensboro NC.



Governor James Holshouser speaks at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new B-wing, November 11, 1973. Pictured from the left are; I.D. Blumenthal, Mollye Freedman, Elbert Levy, Ruth Julian, Governor Holshouser, Mrs. Holshouser, Morris Brenner and Senator Bagnal. Were you there?

THE THIRD DECADE 1980-1990, EXPANDING THE DREAM, WERE YOU THERE?

OCTOBER, 1985-- The 20th Anniversary Dinner Dance is held at Bermuda Run Country Club. President Norman Pliner of Raleigh announces plans for expansion of the Home at the Annual Meeting.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Fair Oaks Personal Care and Commons building took place June 22, 1986. Pictured from the left are: Audrey Madans, Marian Sosnik, Ellis Berlin and Dan Horvitz. Were you there?

June, 1986--Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 46 bed Fair Oaks personal care unit and Commons building take place. Dr. Ronald Levine, Director of the State Health Department gives the keynote address.

March, 1988--The Dedication of Fair Oaks and the Commons building is held. Senator Marshall Rauch was the guest speaker. Leonard Guyes of Greensboro is President of the Board of Trustees.

October, 1990--The 25th Anniversary Celebration is held at Bermuda Run Country club. Robert Evans is the guest speaker. President Daniel Horvitz of Raleigh presides at the 25th Annual Meeting.

**THE FOURTH DECADE 1990-2000
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, WERE YOU
THERE THEN? WILL YOU BE THERE NOW?**

October, 1990-1992--Lewis Eisenstadt of Greenville SC serves as President of the Board of Trustees. The Capitol Campaign

reaches \$5.5 million toward its goal of \$8 million under the Chair of Herman Blumenthal of Charlotte,NC.

October, 1992-1994--Ellis Berlin of Winston-Salem, NC serves as President of the Board of Trustees. Seth Levy joins the Home as the Executive Director, March 1994.

October, 1994-1995--Audrey Madans of Charlotte serves as President of the Board of Trustees. The Fair Oaks Capital Campaign reaches \$ 7.5 million mark under the chair of Herman Blumenthal.

Join with the supporters and friends of BJH for this special occasion as we celebrate our past and plan for our future. The future will require the same vision , perseverance and dedication from all of us that your mothers, fathers and grandparents demonstrated. We must continue to dream and to commit ourselves to providing our elderly with the quality of life they deserve. Will you be there?

October, 1995--The 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held.

Saturday, October 28

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President Audrey Madans Presiding

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CAJWM Annual Drawing

MEET THE BJH TRUSTEES



Eric Handler with his wife Kim

ERIC HANDLER Ric Handler presently serves as the First Vice President on the BJH Board of Trustees. He joined the board as a Presidential Appointee in 1992 and was elected for a three year term and served as Secretary in 1993. As a Vice President, he is responsible for the Personnel, Legal and Long Range Planning committees. Ric also serves on the Admissions, Finance, Medical Ethics, and Resident Services committees. He grew up in Durham and attended the

Lawrenceville School. He obtained undergraduate and law degrees from Duke University. Ric and his wife, Kim Pyle, live in Greensboro. As a shareholder in the law firm of Turner, Enochs & Lloyd, P.A., his practice is concentrated in the areas of business litigation and commercial real estate. Kim is the general sales manager for radio station WMAG. They have three children, Jason (UNC-CH '94), Holly (UNC-G '94) and Theresa Turner (a senior at NCSU). Ric is currently President of The Adult Center for Enrichment, Inc., a non-profit agency providing programs of specialized day care and respite for impaired elderly citizens.

HYMAN MUSS Hy Muss joined the BJH Board of Trustees as a Presidential Appointee in 1993. He was elected to a one year term on the board in 1994. Dr. Muss is a member of the Medical Advisory committee and serves as Chair of the Medical Ethics and Infectious Disease committees. He is a physician associated with Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the Department of Medicine, Section on Hematology/Oncology in Winston-Salem NC. Active in many organizations in his community, Hy Muss is on the Board of Cancer Services, served as a soccer coach and is a member of the Boy Scouts and the American Cancer Society. He and his wife Loretta and their three children, Sarah, Jonathan and Daniel live in Winston-Salem.



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A MESSAGE FROM RIC HANDLER

Until my father, Philip, died in 1981, neither I nor my brother had really considered how to provide the care that our mother, Lucy, would need. She was only 64 then, but she lived in Durham and multiple sclerosis severely limited what she could do for herself. I was in Greensboro, divorced with two small children, and my brother was in the process of moving to Florida. At that point, I had never heard of the Blumenthal Jewish Home (BJH).

Over the next two years, as mother's illness progressed, it became clear she needed care that only a nursing home could provide. It also became clear that a connection to Judaism somehow nurtured her as she grieved the loss of her husband. Fortunately, in 1984, BJH was there to provide both for her.

From mother's first day at BJH, I was impressed at the smooth efficiency of operations. But there is something else here that has taken much longer to see. It was hard for my mother to give up the autonomy of living alone, as it would be hard for anyone. She was angry, and she has a will of iron. But just as water eventually smooths a jagged rock, the loving patience and dedication of the BJH staff eventually outlasted that anger. Mother has found a peace that I once thought too much to hope for. I am profoundly grateful to the Home's staff for their kindness, their compassion and their professionalism.

And so it became easy for me to take for granted how smoothly everything at the Home seems to work. When I was asked to serve on the Home's admissions committee, I agreed mostly as a way to express my gratitude for all the love and care my mother receives.

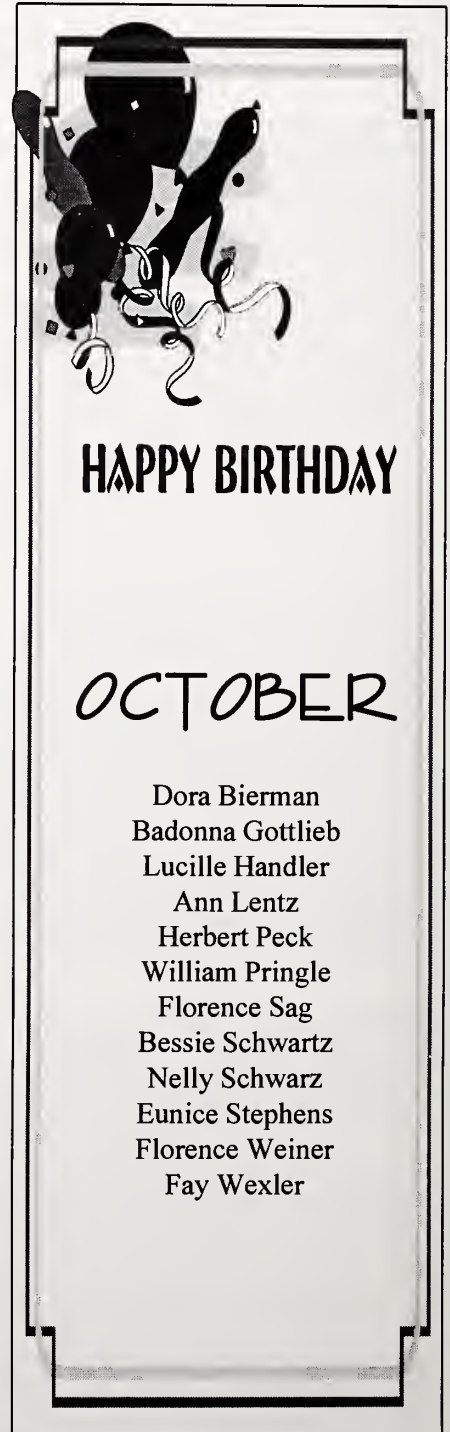
But by serving on that committee, I began to understand how the Home really works. The more I learned, the more I realized that those smooth operations I took for granted were the result of enormous efforts by the Home's staff and by dedicated volunteers. I learned also, of course, what it costs. The Home needs your leadership and your financial support. It will take a sustained commitment by the Jewish community to assure that the Home is here for others as it has been for my mother and for me.

IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of:

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Sue's News

THEN AND NOW,

THIRTY YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS

Thirty years have brought new faces, new names and new activities to our volunteer program while maintaining the loyalty of many of our early volunteers. A glimpse into the photo archives draws one into the fascination of discovering our history and the fun of recognizing the faces of family and friends. An early photo of the Gift Shop, a popular volunteer project, depicts its very beginnings in one large cabinet in the A wing lobby. As the Home grew so did the Gift Shop which now has a beautiful shop to browse in located in the Commons building. With expansion in the Home the need for volunteers increased as well as the areas and ways in which volunteers could give their time.



The first BJH Gift Shop, a cabinet located in the A-wing lobby, is pictured in this early photo with dedicated volunteers seen from the left: Rose Clein, Gertrude Brenner, Miriam Brenner and Ellen Berlin.

The recent years have seen the volunteer program flourish with many new volunteers who are brimming with energy, enthusiasm, dedication and new projects joining the ranks of a dedicated and loyal corp of volunteers. Two most recent additions to our volunteer programming for our residents began this summer. The Sunday Card Club is a new activity conducted by veteran volunteer Don Freedman and brand new volunteer Charles

Shapiro. These two young men deal out a fun-filled afternoon while they deal blackjack and a little of their own good humor to the residents attending the Card Club. On the second Wednesday of the month the Sing-along with volunteers takes place for those who enjoy old fashioned singing and having a good time. The singing is led by volunteers Lynn Eisenberg and Laura Milgrim with the assistance of volunteers Diane Leshin and Gail Citron and pianist Jan Sawyer. New

volunteers who enjoy singing and most of all bringing a good time to others are invited to join them.

As we prepare to celebrate BJH's 30th anniversary we also want to celebrate the many individuals, men, women, teens and children who have given of themselves over the years as volunteers for Blumenthal Jewish Home. We applaud you, BJH volunteers, you are the best!

To help celebrate BJH's 30th become a BJH volunteer now. Call Sue Clein 910-766-6401.

What Volunteers do in 1995!

Volunteers play cards, assist at special events, host luncheons, sing at sing-alongs, go shopping at the Mall, and much much more. They offer a helping hand and share their hearts; they are a friend.





Jason Moff tapped danced his way into the hearts of residents when he performed for the July birthday party. Jason, a veteran performer at BJH, is a real crowd pleaser performing original choreography and exciting toe-tapping routines. Congratulations to Jason whom we have watched grow into a true professional during the years he has shared his talent and love of dancing with the residents at BJH.

Student dancers with the Greensboro Ballet Company twirled their way into the residents hearts when they presented a delightful dance performance for the August birthday party. Maryhelen Mayfield, Director of the Greensboro Ballet School and Company, and John Dennis, Associate Director, brought 20 students who participated in Summer Festival Ballet, a training program offered to dance students from many schools. The program enables students to continue dancing and have performance opportunities during the summer. Residents enjoyed watching the dancers perform a broad repertoire from dance class exercises to modern and classical pieces. "What a delight" exclaimed the residents, "The best we have seen in a long time" Our thanks to the Greensboro Ballet Company for keeping its students performing and for allowing BJH to be the beneficiary.

Volunteers Bill Bronstein and Andrew Ettin set just the right tone for the High Holy Days with special programs for the residents in late summer. Bill Bronstein, Education Director at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem inspired residents with a talk entitled "Uplifting for the High Holy Days" and Andrew Ettin, Rabbinic Aide at Temple Emanuel prepared the residents for the approaching Holy Days during his stimulating monthly Rabbi's Hour programs. Inspirational messages combined with the comfort of tradition provide a spiritual dimension to life at BJH.



Volunteers Lynn Eisenberg and Laura Milgrim lead the sing-along.



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Briefs

Employee of the Quarter

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

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Jane Brown, CNA, B1

7 Years

Lorraine Hetrick, Unit Manager, B2

Patricia Oberle, CNA, B1

5 Years

Teresa Cook, Dietary

3 Years

Vickie Owens, Administration

2 Years

Margaret Peed, RN, A-wing

Mary Schwartz, LPN, B2

1 Year

Alma Martin, CNA, A-wing

Sherry Swaim, LPN, A-wing

Belinda Totten, Laundry



Suzanne Bennett
RN A-Wing

Suzanne Bennett joined the BJH nursing staff as an RN on A-wing in March 1993. Surprised and pleased to be chosen Employee of the Quarter, Suzanne describes BJH as the place where she had always dreamed of working. Suzanne grew up in Winston-Salem in a home in which her elderly and ill grandmother lived and surrounded by great aunts and uncles who lived close by. She grew up knowing what it was like to care for the frail elderly. After graduation from Forsyth Technical College with a Nursing degree in 1985 Suzanne said the natural

choice for her was to choose working with the elderly. According to Suzanne, BJH was her first preference, however she needed long term care experience before she could be hired. A few years later, Suzanne brought a great deal of long term care facility experience with her when she fulfilled her wish and came to work at BJH. Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing says, "Suzanne Bennett brings a burst of energy and enthusiasm to A wing. She is a team player and willingly tackles any task that is asked of her by residents, families and staff."

Suzanne shares the pleasure she finds in her work with her colleagues and says "I like the people I work with; the staff are people I would want to take care of me if I was ill, they are conscientious and their hearts are in the right place." Suzanne lives in Winston-Salem with her husband Jamie and two sons age fifteen and six. She says she enjoys simple pleasures, especially outdoor activities she shares with her sons.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to congratulate Suzanne Bennett, an outstanding employee and a deserving recipient of this award.

A Special Thanks

A special thank you to the CAJWM (Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men) for their generous contribution which will provide monthly maintenance and stocking of the lovely fish tank on A-wing. The residents derive a great deal of pleasure from this bright and cheerful addition to the A-wing lobby.

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
Laser Printer	\$1,800.00



ABOVE: The lawn, mansion and new A-wing addition as it appeared when the Home opened in 1965.

BELOW: Since 1979 residents have enjoyed a beautiful courtyard featuring a garden dedicated in memory of Madolyn Blumenthal and the marble fountain in given memory of Ben Clein.



Janie Douthit invites you to visit "Blumies" the BJH Gift Shop, located in the Fair Oaks Commons building.
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Calendar Highlights October

- 1 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Trip to the Dixie Classic Fair, Winston-Salem, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 10 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B1 Dining Room
- 11 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 13 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 15 Card Club with Don and Charles, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 18 Rabbi's Hour with Andrew Ettin, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 19 Schmoozing with Seth, 1:30 p.m., Pre-Assembly Room
- 19 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Brenner Concert, Jerry Funicello, Pianist, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 26 Music with Jan Sawyer, Commons Auditorium, 3:15 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Party with Anchor Club, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium



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Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Sisterhood News

The opening meeting was Sunday, August 27, with a brunch, followed by a craft program, involving the members.

Synagogue Membership Committee

Members of last year's committee are staying on and working on both ongoing and new programs for the upcoming year. They are Toby Cohen and Alan Levy (co-chairs), Natalie Kramer, Adele Rose, Tom Rosenberg, and David Seidenberg. New to the committee is Susan Anzaha.

An Open House for new and potential members was held Sunday, August 13, with socialization with active members on the board at an informal brunch.

Chai Lights

New members: Richard Nielsen and his wife, Jane. Richard is a high school math and science teacher.

The Pasternack Family, David, Barbara, and their young daughter, Hillary. David works for American Threshold. Barbara is into decorating their new home. Hillary, three years old, goes to the J.C.C. preschool program.

October 1995

Mazon

Rachel Lewin, as part of her Bat Mitzvah community service project, was the coordinator for Beth Israel, to the organization Mazon.

She wishes to recognize the following who participated in Mazon this past year: Dr. and Mrs. Rick Chess--in honor of Alice's Bat Mitzvah; Ms. Adele Rose--in honor of her Bat Mitzvah; Mrs. Lillian Wellisch--in honor of her Bat Mitzvah; Ms. Caren Kessler-in honor of her Bat Mitzvah; and Mr. and Mrs. William Lewin--in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Susan Hedgepeth, who led services Friday September 15, and Saturday, September 16, as a Bat Mitzvah. A Kiddush followed the services Saturday.

Synagogue News

Congratulations to our Elementary School graduates: Andrew Harr, Amy Heller, Amy Joyce, David Kopelman, Mason Moshoures, Josh Rudow, Nicole Siegel, Shana Slosman, and Margaret Teich.

Yishar Koach and Mazel Tov to Josh Rudow, Margaret Teich, and Teva Brown, who received the Superintendent's Award for academic achievement. And, though it seems a long way away, we need to recognize our youngsters, Sara and Jackie Levinson, Mattie Neimkin, and Jacob Sutton, who did a great job on the Manishtana during Pesach and to Kori Brown and Jackie Levinson for memorizing the Ve'havata.

A great big Mazel Tov to grandpa,

Abe, and grandma Roz, Freedman, and their son David, and his wife Libby, on the birth of "Gary Freedman," and to grandma Pauline Tenenbaum and to the late Morry Tenenbaum, grandpa, their son David and his wife Laura, on the birth of "Samuel Morris Tenenbaum."

Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD held a working session starting at 10:15 a.m. Monday, August 7, at Sonja Shulimson's, with lunch, mainly a masterful tuna mousse, by Ace Cook and Sisterhood President Shirley Berdie. True to its name, the session resulted in the accomplishment of mountains of work. With Sonya's beautiful gardens and pretty house to admire, not to mention the mousse and the pleasant company, the day was a big success.

THE BROTHERHOOD project to build an exterior sign for the Temple is progressing, said Dick Braun, chair of the sign committee, in the August Temple bulletin. The goal is to have the sign finished in time for the holidays.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC, jointly sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood, was held Sunday, August 20 at Recreation Park, Gashes Creek Road. There were the usual hot dogs and hamburgers, which unaccountably taste so much better outdoors than in, and all the trimmings, all arranged under the direction of head chef Bob Janowitz. Among the games there was the Egg Toss, which both amuse its

participants and fertilizes the lawn. There was good company, which is the best of all.

SUMMER NOTES that there weren't room for last month: A--a list of Sonja Shulimson's committee--members responsible for the huge success of the "Frame the Presidents" cocktail party on June 3: Lillian Bieber, Jan Cooke, Fritzi Fligel, Ellen Gilreath, Jean Karpen, Julie Lee, Kathie Rosenberg, Laura Livingstain and Sandra Stone. Details: Through the good offices of Irene Braun, program chairperson, music was provided by the talented David Cohen on the piano and by Susan Wadopian, who sang songs from the 1940s beautifully, and by her father, George Sanders, who narrated. Shirley Berdie, Sisterhood president, thanked them all. John Berdie won the \$250 raffle at the party and donated his winnings to the Sisterhood and the Elevator Fund.

B.--During Sisterhood Sabbath on June 9 these members read from the bima: Fran Aaron, Niki Benatan, Shirley Berdie, Lillian Bieber, Irene Braun, Ruth Chicurel, Jan Rosenberg, Elizabeth Davis, Judy Haller, Julie Lee, Sylvia Meyer, Shirley Rapoport, Rose Rose, Susan Ratner, Marjorie Schachter, Rosalie Schreier and Sandra Stone.

C.--The Religious School Tzedakah collection went to Helpmate, Inc., American Red Cross (to help the Oklahoma bombing victims), Make a Wish Foundation and the Jewish National Fund.

A FAMILIAR VOICE can be heard by early bird radio fans who tune in to WQRS--88.1 on your dial-

-between 5 and 9 a.m.. You'll be listening to the new morning man, the Temple's own versatile organist, music director and religious school principal DavidCohen, doing the local announcements, replacing John Hall, who is undertaking a project in Europe.

"NEW TV A REALITY!" says Rabbi Ratner's note in the August Temple Bulletin. "Thanks to a most generous gift by the Lebensburger Family we have a new large screen TV for new educational and social programs . . . Thank you, Scott and Brenda!"

TORY MAY SANG AGAIN at Temple on August 18. The daughter of Les and Shirley Cohen, Tory is cantor at Gates of Prayer in New Orleans. As expected, she gave a thrilling performance.

THE FRONT PAGE of the monthly Temple Bulletin is always occupied by material headed "From the Rabbi's Study." The message is

always illuminating and pertinent, and the August one was no exception.

It spoke to the fact that often a prayer offered at the end of what was an exemplary public program is given "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," making it impossible for a Jew to say "Amen." The gist of it was that it's everybody's responsibility to try to see to it that inclusive language is used. "Inclusive language strengthens unity," Rabbi Ratner said, and certainly no one can argue with that.

A WARM WELCOME to new Temple member Jerry Sternberg.

MAZEL TOV to Sarah and David Cohen on the arrival of their new son Marc Perry, 3, from the Philippines, and to Randee and Allan Goodstadt and their son Daniel Joseph on Daniel's Bar Mitzvah on August 11, and to Melinda and Howard Rubin on the naming of their son Isaac Scott in the sanctuary on August 18.

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The Greensboro Jewish Federation

The Greensboro Jewish Federation Kids Campaign and B'nai Shalom Synagogue, Inc. are presenting the **SHLOCK ROCK BAND** Sunday, October 15, 1995 in Greensboro, NC.



WHO: **SHLOCK ROCK** is a Jewish Rock Band that spreads Jewish pride, identity, and cultural awareness through its music. **SHLOCK ROCK** communicates with Jewish children and adults by putting original words to popular songs and using Jewish themes. For instance, The Drifters song "Under the Boardwalk" became "Under the Chupah" talking about a Jewish wedding. The Billy Joel song "We Didn't Start the Fire" became "We've Got a Strong Desire" and takes you on a tour of Jewish history from Adam to the Intifada, The Band, formed in 1986 by Lenny Solomon, has performed in Israel, England, South Africa, Australia, Canada, and, of course, the United States. They have produced 11 albums and two videos that use all styles of music from rocks to reggae.

WHERE: Beth David Synagogue and B'nai Shalom Synagogue, Inc., 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro NC.

TIME: Show time begins at 10:00 a.m.. Breakfast with **SHLOCK ROCK** begins at 8:30 a.m.

DATE: Sunday, October 15, 1995

TICKETS: Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12. 100 Tickets only will be sold on a first come first serve basis for **BREAKFAST WITH SHLOCK ROCK** and **CONCERT ADMISSION** for \$18.00 (Children and Adults). Tickets are available in advance through the Greensboro Jewish Federation, 713-A Greene Street, Greensboro NC (910) 272-3189 and B'nai Shalom Inc., 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro NC (910) 855-5091.

ORGANIZATIONS

New Lubavitch Rabbi Comes to Charlotte

Rabbi Shlomo Cohen and his wife Yiskah, recently arrived in Charlotte to assume teaching positions at the Jewish Day School of Charlotte. In addition, Rabbi Cohen will serve as program director at Lubavitch of North Carolina.

Rabbi Cohen, originally from Pittsburgh, has received his rabbinic ordination at the Central Lubavitch Yeshivah "Tomchei Tmimim" in Brooklyn NY. Rabbi Cohen also attended the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown NJ and the

Rabbinical Academy of Greater Miami.

Yiskah Cohen comes to Charlotte from Amsterdam, Holland and has received her teaching instruction at the Bais Chanah Institute in Jerusalem, Israel. Mrs. Cohen has taught at the Jewish Day School of Amsterdam and specializes in Hebrew education.

Rabbi Cohen will also teach at the Lubavitch Talmud Torah, which

meets twice a week at the Chabad House. The Cohens join Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner and Rabbi Binyomin and Channie Weiss as members of the Lubavitch staff in Charlotte.

Shlomo and Yiskah Cohen are pleased to make their home in Charlotte with their young son Mendel, and look forward to working within the Charlotte Jewish community.

Simchat Torah Celebration at Lubavitch

The most joyous festival of the Jewish year is Simchat Torah. This is when the annual reading of the Torah is concluded and the cycle begins once again.

The joy celebrates the eternal connection between the Jewish people and the Torah. As every Jew, man, woman, old and young are connected to the Torah, they all celebrate this very happy festival.

Lubavitch will host its annual Simchat Torah celebration with an elaborate program that will involve children. The event will be held Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. A festive holiday meal will be served followed by singing and Chassidic dancing.



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Yiddish Institute at Wildacres

Reported by Estelle Hoffman



Cantor Robert Abelson perform with Zalmen and Avram Mlotek



Zalmen and Avram Mlotek



1995 Yiddish Insitute Committee

Seventeen years ago, the Charlotte Yiddish Institute was created by a group of Charlotteans with a vision. Encouraged and sponsored by the Blumenthal family, the Institute has become a tradition, and it thrives as originated, besides having been copied elsewhere. Furthermore, from the initial idea there emerged the Yiddish Vinkl that meets regularly in Charlotte, assisted by the sponsorship of the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, which joined with Wildacres in backing the Yiddish Institute.

This year the Yiddish Institute held its 17th annual session at Wildacres from August 17 to 20, during the Kosher period there. The enthusiastic participants were pleased to have Ruth Barlas deliver talks on "Tevey's Daughter," Yiddish poetry, and productions on the Yiddish Stage. Her sensitive treatment of the changing world of Sholom Aleichem's Tevey was deeply moving to a generation in her audience that witnessed some of the transition, if not the beginning, which occurred during the beginning of our modern age. Ruth Barlas spoke and read in both Yiddish and English, pleasing everyone.

There were workshops in beginners' Yiddish, conversational Yiddish and Yiddish readings conducted by Eleazer Goldin, Shmuel Wallace, Benyamin Rudow and Abraham Luski. Reuven Freedman held a workshop on "Nature in Yiddish Songs and Poetry."

Returning with music and song were Cantor Robert Abelson and Zalmen Mlotek. Each brought an added attraction: Cantor Abelson brought with him the lovely Martha Novick from Springfield NJ, where she is a Cantor. Besides a friendly participant in the Institute, Martha read from the Torah during religious services and proved to be an unexpected delight.

Zalmen Mlotek, now a familiar member of the Institute's staff, had with him his eight-year-old son Avram, who charmed the group with his already professional demeanor and performance, accompanied by his father.

Since the Yiddish Institute begins Thursday and ends Sunday, Shabbat is observed lavishly, from candle lighting to Havdalah. There are the Challas, the wine for Kiddush, Oneg Shabbat, and the annual treat that must be mentioned--the Halvah that Adele and Leonard Morris bring from Florida. That was just one of the delicacies served by the members, brought from home, snacks, cookies, Sarah Ackerman's tuna antipasto. Serving as hosts were Sarah Ackerman and Elkie Tulman.

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Shabbat services were led by Yayneh Pransky Yehudah Goldman, Lazer Hoffman, Shmuel Wallace, and many others assisted.

There was a well supplied gift shop featuring Yiddish books and sundry items, the work of the untiring Raizl Luski. There were daily Minyonim, Zmiros and dancing and singing until all hours.

In 1990, in Washington DC, Jewish Community Center leaders from our entire nation during their convention presented an award to the Charlotte Yiddish Institute for achievement of excellence in various categories. Those who attend the Wildacres Yiddish Institute, becoming acquainted with the quality that has been attained by this group, will attest to the validity of the recognition the award certified.

Committee members since the beginning are: Baila & Yayneh Pransky, Raizl & Abraham Luski, Yehudah & Mae Goldman, Sam Wallace, Sarah & Gedalia Ackerman, Elkie & Zalman Tulman, and Liebeh Pollard who handles the huge task of registration and room assignments. If you will be applying next year, do so early. There is limited number of main floor rooms, please remember, and only 56 rooms altogether.

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism

The 48th annual North Carolina Institute of Judaism was held August 14 to 17 at Wildacres, where B'nai B'rith Institute originated, due to the inspiration of Maurice Weinstein of Charlotte, in large part. He is no longer with us, and the assembly paid tribute to him with prayer and fond remembrance.

This year's faculty included Dr. Kalman Bland, Arye Mekel and Rabbi A. James Rudin. Chairman of the committee in charge was Norman Pliner of Raleigh, assisted by Sherry Bernstein, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, Betty and Richard Deutsch, Sylvia and Abe Holtzman, Retha and Bill Jasper, Hilda and Herb Learner, Ruth and Richard Levi, Audrey Madans, Myra and Bernie Minek and Muriel and Sidney Rubin.

"A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts" included talks by Rabbi Rudin on these subjects: The Challenge of the Religious Right to the Jewish Community, Vatican-Israel Relations, and Muslims and Jews in the U.S. Rabbi Rudin is National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, whose writings appear in publications throughout the world. He is a remarkably informative speaker, due to his activities on behalf of world Jewry, and has met with Pope John Paul II, Polish President Lech

Walesa, Arab delegations in Lebanon and Jordan. He led a delegation of Black Christian leaders to Israel. He is recognized as an expert on cults.

Rabbi Rudin was an exciting speaker, making a significant contribution to the knowledge and understanding of his listeners.

Dr. Kalman Bland spoke on topics of Jewish Mysticism and the Bible. His background in the research on Medieval Jewish and Islamic philosophy and interpretations of biblical interpretations of Jewish literature brings enlightenment on those subjects, difficult for the average person. He teaches at Duke University, and is a frequent writer and speaker.

Arye Mekel is Israeli Consul General in Atlanta GA. He spoke on current issues in the peace process and Israeli interests of Americans.

Entertainer during evenings of the Institute was Avram Grobard, a talented Israeli artist now living in the U.S. He performed with a new synthesized accordion, singing a great variety of songs in several languages. A decidedly modern musician, he introduced new Israeli songs to the delighted audience, with their frequent participation.

B'nai B'rith Institute II

District Five B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism No. II was held at Wildacres August 10 to 13. The theme of the Institute was "Jewish Identity and Continuity." Speakers were Diane and Michael Medved.

Chairman of the Institute was Todd Savitt, assisted by Richard Melenson. Dr. A. J. Kravtin presented the speakers. He has long been the moving spirit behind this Institute.

Topics of the speakers were "Judaism as a Counter Culture," "Judaism as a System of Self-Help," "Mixed Jewish Messages from Hollywood: The Good The Bad and The Ugly," "A Jewish Case against Divorce," and "Is Religion Good for the Jews." Both speakers joined in presenting "Jewish Survival Skills," followed by questions and answers.

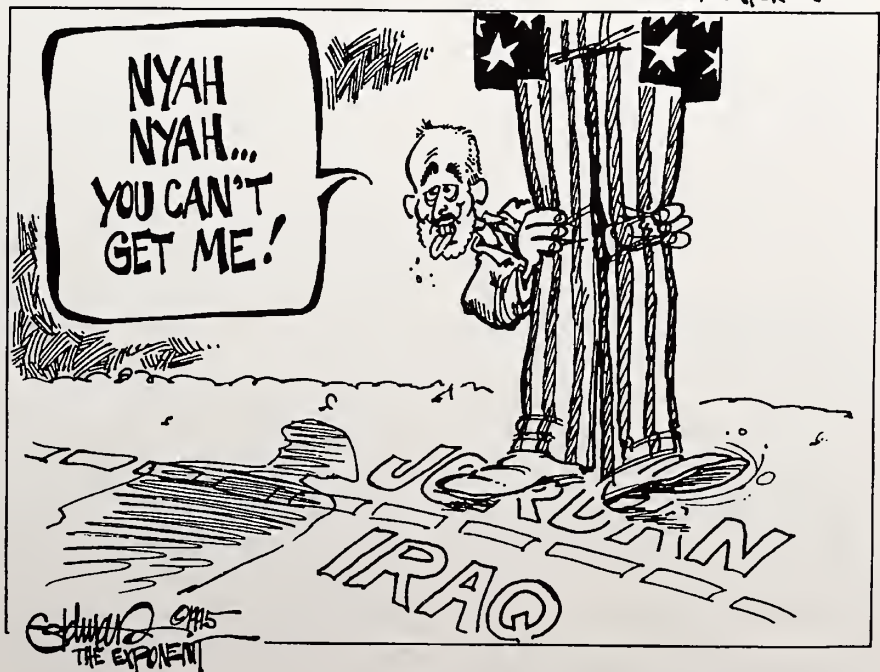
There were small group discussions led by the Medveds. The movie "Alan and Naomi" was shown Saturday evening, followed by Havdallah.

Shabbat services were led by Todd Savitt, Richard Melenson and Werner Spiegel. A concluding discussion with the faculty and attendants was held Sunday morning.

Michael Medved is a nationally known film critic, author and TV

personality. He is co-founder of the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice CA. He holds an honorary doctorate by Hebrew Theological College/Jewish University of America.

Diane Medved is a clinical psychologist, author of three books and a nationally known media personality. She holds a Ph.D. from UCLA.



The Rabbinic Kallah at Wildacres

by Rabbi Tamara Miller

Torah as Love Goddess: Dramatic Stories in the Talmud



Guest scholar Professor Ari Elon, his wife, Galit (a professional dancer), and their children, Eliya and Healai (all Israeli born) in the gazebo at Wildacres. Professor Elon is Director of Rabbinic Texts Program at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA.

We come every year to Wildacres to study together amidst the magnificence of the mountains that surround us. This year was no exception. Ninety-seven of us gathered from August 3 through August 9 to renew old friendships, to form new ones, to pray and to sing, to study and to live Jewishly together.

Our Beit Midrash convenes in the meeting room morning and evening and extends to the dining room and the library, the walkways and the hallways that we affectionately call our Wildacres retreat.

This summer our guest scholar was

Professor Ari Elon whose book "Alma Di" will be translated into English by the Jewish Publication Society this fall. The book reflects a modern scholar's view of living the world of a contemporary Israeli. Professor Elon, an eighth generation sabra is a scholar of the Talmud and is presently directing the Rabbinic Texts Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Pennsylvania.

He has led workshops in rabbinic texts for psychologists, artists and theater groups. He has a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree from the Hebrew University.

Ari Elon was raised in Jerusalem in a modern Orthodox home and he now lives in Elkins Park PA. with his wife Galit, two young sons, Eliya and Hilai. His daughter Hagar, lives in Israel.

Professor Elon entreats us to enter into his world of the Talmudic story by focusing on the Torah as a Love Goddess. Dr. Elon contends that the talmidei hakhamim, our sages, placed Torah study above all other daily needs and obligations. They became passionate and obsessed by

the study of Torah to the exclusion of other interests and other people, including their wives and their families.

Dr. Elon presented several stories gleaned straight from the Talmud to demonstrate his point of view. The stories were as perplexing as they were suspenseful. They were provocative and poignant. They related the events of the past, but revealed to us the secrets of the present.

Rehumi's Love Triangle tells a story of the relationship between man, his love goddess, the Torah and the love for the human woman. This text represents the core of Professor Elon's thesis.

Rav Rehumi could always be found before Rava in Mahozah, and used to go home every Yom Kippur Eve.

One day the shm a'ata (portion of Torah) allured him.

His wife was waiting for him:

He's coming now! He's coming now!"

He didn't come.

She lost her senses,

a tear fell from her eye.

He was sitting on a roof--

the roof opened underneath him and he died.

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ASHEVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY BOOK FAIR

We as rabbis and teachers understand the attraction to Torah study. We are all lovers of the Torah and we are allured to Torah study on different levels for a multitude of reasons. Professor Elon seduced us to study with him by uncovering the generosity of his teaching and revealing to us his unique talents for weaving these stories into the work of genius.

Outside the study halls, we shmoozed and we sang and we slept. The children and teens were occupied with recreation and art and the preparation for the Big Show, our annual summer talent show the last night before we leave for home.

We observed Tisha B'av during our Kallah by reading the book of Aichah, Lamentations. The haunting chant of Aicha was rendered in various tones by rabbis from New Jersey to Florida and the mood created added to the melancholy of the evening prayers.

Hineh Mah Tov. The Kallah afforded us the gift of study in a setting that promotes reflection and renewal. Hineh Mah Tov. How good was it? It was very, very good.

The Asheville Jewish Community will be holding its first Jewish Community wide Book Fair from Saturday evening, November 11 through Tuesday, November 14, 1995. This event is open to people in the entire western North Carolina area.

The keynote speaker for this event will be Joel Grishaver, author of the popular book, "Forty Ways To Save The Jewish People." Mr. Grishaver, who comes from Los Angeles, has degrees from Boston University and the University of Chicago and has completed coursework for additional degrees at both Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California. He has written more than forty books and countless other educational materials.

The speaker is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Judaism, a regular instructor in their Department of Continuing Education, and a fellow of the Whizin Institute for Jewish Family Living.

Local speakers for the book fair will include Rabbi Shmuel Birnham of Congregation Beth Israel, Rabbi Robert Ratner of Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila, Dr. Ileana Grams, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and Dr. Martin Lee, President of the J.C.C.

In conjunction with the fair will be a writing contest (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) for different age categories from third grade through adult. (The deadline for submission was September 29, 1995.) The essays will be published and winners will have an opportunity to read their offerings at the Book Fair.

Available for sale during the fair will be hundreds of titles of Jewish books in such categories as children's books, reference books, cookbooks, fiction, holiday celebrations, religion, philosophy, and biography. In addition, there will be art prints, audio materials, and Judaica jewelry available for sale.

The co-sponsoring organizations include the Asheville Havurah, Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila, Congregation Beth Israel, Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center, and the UNC-Asheville Center for Jewish Studies.

Local bookstores participating in the Fair include Accent on Books, Bookstore on Wall Street, and Malaprop's Bookstore.

The chairperson of the event is Philip Cohen and Executive Director of the JCC is Marlene Breger-Joyce.

NORTH CAROLINA HILLEL

North Carolina Hillel is about students.

N.C. Hillel is about students. They are the leaders of today and tomorrow. The students of North Carolina Hillel are leading the Jewish community into the future. Through orientation activities, First Year Focus groups, student board retreats, Grads Plus events, Shabbat services and dinners, Cameron's Kosher cafe, and other exciting events, the students at N.C. Hillel are creating a vibrant Jewish campus community.

The opening bagel brunch on August 20 was a perfect chance to welcome new students and allow old Carolina faces to reunite. There were over 85 students in attendance. It was the kick off event for a great orientation week of activities. On Wednesday August 23 our grad students met for a wine and cheese social. Students from both UNC and State were present for a chance to socialize and hear about upcoming events. September was a great month for our First Year Focus groups. New students were given a chance to meet each other and become a part of the N.C. Hillel Jewish community. Every Tuesday night is Cameron's Kosher cafe, the only kosher restaurant in the Triangle.

The students at North Carolina State have been busy as well. From a trip to Doug's Ice Cream to an opening bagel brunch, the students were busy meeting and learning about Jewish life at State. During the September bar-b-que, students worked together to plan the calendar of upcoming events. On September 15, Shabbat

services and dinner were held on campus.

Shabbat is a special time at Hillel. There are both Reform and Conservative minyan and each is student led. Afterwards, we come together as an entire Jewish community for kiddush and a delicious Shabbat dinner prepared by our students.

The holidays are a busy time at North Carolina Hillel. For the second year, NC Hillel has both reform and conservative High Holiday services led by past Hillel Director, Andy Koren, and Jodi Perlman, an Elon College student. Although some students go home for the holidays, many students are able to take advantage of our Hillel community. During Sukkot there was the Sukkah shake program. A perfect chance to shake the lulav and etrog and have ice cream shakes in the Sukkah.

October 27-29 is the NC Hillel statewide retreat. It is a great chance for students all over North Carolina to meet each other in a relaxed social atmosphere. We expect students from Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill for this exciting weekend event.

We at North Carolina Hillel know that the students are the community of Hillel. They are the leaders, the community members, and the future of Judaism. They are what we are about!

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North Carolina, the
nation and the world
say good-bye to a man of peace



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
1922-1995

The Blumenthal Foundation and the staff of The American Jewish Times Outlook express our sorrow and grief over the tragic assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. He was a nationbuilder who inspired us in our efforts to mobilize Jews worldwide to help fulfill our shared vision of a thriving, economically strong Jewish nation. Yitzhak Rabin spent his life in the heroic fight for Israel's survival, and gave his life in the cause of peace for his people.

We reach out with affection and sympathy to Leah Rabin, to their family, to Israel's leaders, and to the nation's people, with whom we share the pain of the loss of Yitzhak Rabin.

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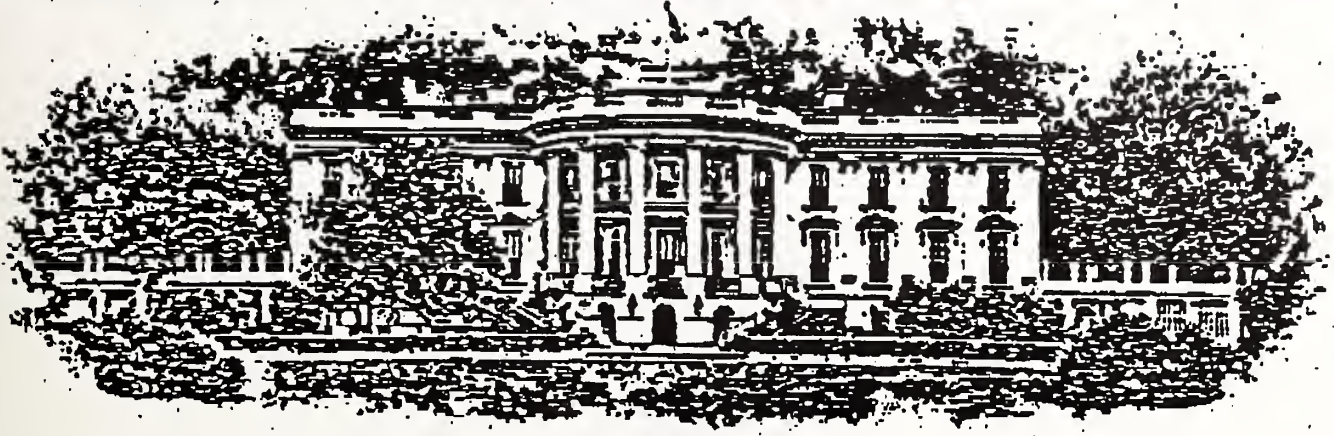
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Death of Yitzhak Rabin

By The President of The United States of America

A Proclamation

Today a senseless act of violence has robbed the United States of a close friend and robbed the world of a statesman and courageous champion of peace.

Yitzhak Rabin was a brave man who defended his country for half a century and whose vision and tenacity brought the world closer to peace.

He was a man of hope, a man of wisdom, a man who sought to improve the lives of all those he touched.

The peace process that he began will be his legacy. The people of the United States and the peace-loving people of the world are determined that the peace process will go forward.

As a mark of respect for the memory of Yitzhak Rabin and America's support for peace in the Middle East, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff upon all buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until his internment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States Embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.



President Bill Clinton

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CLINTON
AT THE STATE FUNERAL OF
THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL,
YITZHAK RABIN

Har Herzl Cemetery
Jerusalem, Israel

2:24 P.M. (L)

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Lea, to the Rabin children and grandchildren and other family members, President Weizman, Acting Prime Minister Peres, members of the Israeli government and the Knesset, distinguished leaders from the Middle East and around the world, especially His Majesty King Hussein for those remarkable and wonderful comments, and President Mubarak for taking this historic trip here. And to all the people of Israel.

The American people mourn with you in the loss of your leader. And I mourn with you, for he was my partner and friend. Every moment we shared was a joy because he was a good man and an inspiration because he was also a great man.

Lea, I know that too many times in the life of this country you were called upon to comfort and console the mothers and the fathers, the husbands and the wives, the sons and the daughters who lost their loved ones to violence and vengeance. You gave them strength. Now, we here and millions of people all around the world in all humility and honor offer you our strength. May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Yitzhak Rabin lived the history of Israel. Through every trial and triumph--the struggle for independence, the wars for survival, the pursuit of peace, and all he served on the front lines--this Son of David and of Solomon took up arms to defend Israel's freedom and laid down his life to secure Israel's future.

He was a man completely without pretense, as all of his friends knew. I read that in 1949, after the War of Independence, David Ben Gurion sent him to represent Israel at the armistice talks at Rhodes, and he had never before won a necktie, and did not know how to tie the knot. So the problem was solved by a friend who tied it for him before he left and showed him how to preserve the knot simply by loosening the tie and pulling it over his head.

Well, the last time we were together, not two weeks ago, he showed up

for a black-tie event on time but without the black tie. And so he borrowed a tie, and I was privileged to straighten it for him. It is a moment I will cherish as long as I live.

To him, ceremonies and words were less important than actions and deeds. Six weeks ago, the King and President Mubarak will remember, we were at the White House for signing the Israel-Palestinian agreement. And a lot of people spoke. I spoke, the King spoke, Chairman Arafat spoke, President Mubarak spoke, our foreign ministers all spoke. And finally Prime Minister Rabin got up to speak and he said, "First, the good news--I am the last speaker."

But he also understood the power of words and symbolism. "Take a look at the stage," he said in Washington, "the King of Jordan, the President of Egypt, Chairman Arafat, and us, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel, on one platform. Please take a good, hard look. The sight you see before you was impossible, was unthinkable just three years ago. Only poets dreamt of it. And to our great pain, soldier and civilian went to their deaths to make this moment possible." Those were his words.

Today, my fellow citizens of the world, I ask all of you to take a good hard look at this picture. Look at the leaders from all over the Middle East and around the world who have journeyed here today for Yitzhak Rabin and for peace. Though we no longer hear his deep and booming voice, it is he who has brought us together again here in word and deed for peace.

Now, it falls to all of us who love peace and all of us who loved him to carry on the struggle to which he gave life and for which he gave his life. He cleared the path and his spirit continues to light the way. His spirit lives on in the growing peace between Israel and her neighbors. It lives in the eyes of the children, the Jewish and the Arab children who are leaving behind a past of fear for a future of hope. It lives on in a promise of true security.

So let me say to the people of Israel, even in your hour of darkness, his spirit lives on, and so you must not lose your spirit. Look at what you have accomplished--making a once barren desert bloom, building a thriving democracy in a hostile terrain, winning battles and wars and now winning the peace, which is the only enduring victory.

Your Prime Minister was a martyr for peace, but he was a victim of hate. Surely we must learn from his martyrdom that if people cannot let go of the hatred of their enemies, they risk sowing the seeds of hatred among themselves.

I ask you, the people of Israel, on behalf of my nation that knows its own long litany of loss, from Abraham Lincoln to President Kennedy to Martin Luther King, do not let that happen to you.

In the Knesset, in your homes, in your places of worship, stay the righteous course. As Moses said to the children of Israel, when he knew he would not cross over into the promised land, "be strong and of good courage, fear not for God will go with you. He will not fail you. He will not forsake you."

President Weizman, Acting Prime Minister Peres, to all the people of Israel, as you stay the course of peace, I make this pledge: Neither will America forsake you.

Legend has it that in every generation of Jews from time immemorial, a just leader emerged to protect his people and show them the way to safety. Prime Minister Rabin was such a leader. He knew as he declared to the world on the White House lawn two years ago, that the time had come, in his words, "to begin a new reckoning in the relations between people, between parents tired of war, between children who will not know war." Here in Jerusalem, I believe with perfect faith that he was leading his people to that promised land.

This week, Jews all around the world are studying the Torah portion in which God tests the faith of Abraham, patriarch of the Jews and the Arabs. He commands Abraham to sacrifice Yitzhak, "Take your son, the one you love, Yitzhak." As we all know, as Abraham in loyalty to God was about to kill his son, God spared Yitzhak. Now, God tests our faith even more terribly, for he has taken on Yitzhak.

But Israel's covenant with God--for freedom, for tolerance, for security, for peace, that covenant must hold. That covenant was Prime Minister Rabin's life's work. Now, we must make it his lasting legacy. His spirit must live on in us.

The Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for mourning, never speaks of death, but often speaks of peace. In its closing words, "May our hearts find a measure of comfort and our souls the eternal touch of hope." "Oseh shalom bimromov hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu ve'al kol Yisrael, ve'imru amen." And shalom chaver.





Statement from Former U.S. President

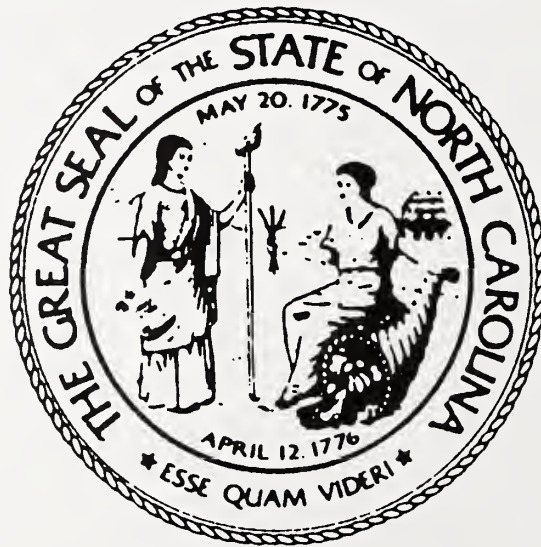
Jimmy Carter

on Death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

Rosalynn and I are shocked and deeply saddened by the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. His death is a tragic loss to the world, and most especially to those Israelis, Palestinians and others in the Middle East whose dreams of peace he has nurtured.

I also mourn the loss of a personal friend, a man I have known since he hosted my first visit to Israel 23 years ago. I knew him then as a hero of the Six Day War and later, during my administration, as a dedicated leader of the Israeli people. In recent years, he has become known to the world community as a true man of peace.

Those responsible for his death are guilty of a despicable crime and must be brought to justice. But in the wake of this tragedy, the peace process must continue. My hope is that Israelis and Palestinians will come together and reaffirm their commitment to the process that Prime Minister Rabin helped start, and that those left behind must finish.



North Carolina Governor

Jim Hunt

Statement on the Death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

11/6/95

"I am both shocked and saddened at this senseless act of violence. Prime Minister Rabin was not only a great leader and a friend to the United States, he was also a friend to North Carolina. As the leader of our delegation to Israel in September, I was honored to have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Rabin and attend a reception and dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Rabin's home.

"Mr. Rabin was a man of strength and vision. He was a warrior, a patriot and a peacemaker. I cherish the time I was able to spend with him and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and to the people of Israel.

"I encourage all North Carolinians to pray that Mr. Rabin's dream of peace for the Middle East will one day come true."

In September, Gov. Jim Hunt led a 103-member delegation on a trade, educational and cultural mission to Israel. During the trip, Hunt and other members of the delegation met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv and later attended a reception and dinner at the Rabin's home in Jerusalem. In accordance with an order from the President of the United States, the U.S. and North Carolina flags will be flown at half-staff today at all government buildings.

O God, open our eyes to the opportunities of making this world into the world you ordained. Help us to live up to the challenge of being your partners in the work of creation, bringing peace to this world and prosperity to all humanity. We are blessed to be living in a time of possibility when Jews, Muslims & Christians can move beyond old wounds and create new realities. May we work together to bring peace in the lands of the Middle East and to every corner of the earth. Holy One of Blessing, we praise You for the blessing of peace. Amen.

Texts: Numbers 6:24-26; Psalms 34:15; Micah 4:1-5; and Proverbs 3:13-18

The Hebrew Bible

Modi'in

by Michelle Mazel

A New City With An Ancient Past

(WZPS) Midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, tractors are at work leveling the ground while new roads push farther and farther into the silent hills. Israel is busy building Modi'in, a new city with an ancient past.

Some scholars believe that Joshua's impassioned plea some 35 centuries ago: "Sun, stand thou still upon Givon, and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ayalon" (Joshua 10:12) prior to the defeat of the five Amorite kings (who were in league against the Children of Israel), was made from the summit of one of Modi'in's two hills. No one, however, disputes the fact that Modi'in's highest summit (235m.) was used in ancient times to transmit messages by bonfire and smoke signals to neighboring settlements. Hence the name Modi'in, which in Hebrew means to inform.

The city's main claim to fame dates from the middle of the second century BCE when the Greeks ruled

the land. An altar to Zeus was built in Modi'in, and Mattathias, the high priest, was asked to make a sacrifice to the Greek god. He refused and together with his five sons--the Maccabees--led a revolt. Thus began an epic tale which ended with victory and miracles. Jerusalem was freed from the Hellenist yoke and the Temple was cleansed and rededicated in a series of events commemorated by the Chanuka festival.

After the war, Shimon, the last surviving son of Mattathias, built a mausoleum on the site where his father and four brothers, who were killed in the fighting, were laid to rest. The most famous of the brothers was Judah, who had been nicknamed "Maccabi," hammer in Hebrew, because he was "the hammer of God." The city later disappeared from the maps.

At the beginning of this century, a complex of tombs hewn in stone, believed to be the tomb of the

Maccabees, was discovered west of the highest summit. Since then, each Chanuka eve, a torch lighting ceremony takes place at this site and the torch is then carried to Maccabi clubs the world over.

Modern Modi'in has little in common with the ancient town except its name and location. Designed to attract Israelis working in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the coastal plain willing to travel the extra distance to work in order to enjoy a better quality of life, Modi'in is the first city in Israel to benefit from such large-scale integrated overall planning and construction.

According to planning and marketing consultant Sharon Tussia-Cohen, "Modi'in will be the fourth largest city in Israel, and the first to be planned and built from scratch. It will be similar to Rishon le Zion and become part of metropolitan Tel Aviv. Its residents will, on the whole, be upper middle class and mirror the overall Jewish population

of Israel at that level. Its inhabitants," he anticipates, "will probably not work in Modi'in itself but commute to Tel Aviv."

"The modern town of Modi'in, like its ancient forerunner from the Hasmonean era," said Minister of Housing Binyamin Ben Eliezer, "represents a new lifestyle concept in Israel which will attract thousands of Israelis from the crowded central and coastal regions."

Since the project has the government's full blessing, it enjoys massive investment. Ten million dollars have been budgeted for the first phase of construction-public buildings, including a library, a center for the performing arts, and country club--and an additional five million dollars for the next stage of construction--five synagogues, two ritual baths, three day-care centers

and two well baby clinics. The Ministry of Education will invest some 50 million dollars in a long-term plan to build 36 pre-schools, 18 kindergartens, 126 classrooms for elementary schools, three comprehensive schools and a number of sports facilities.

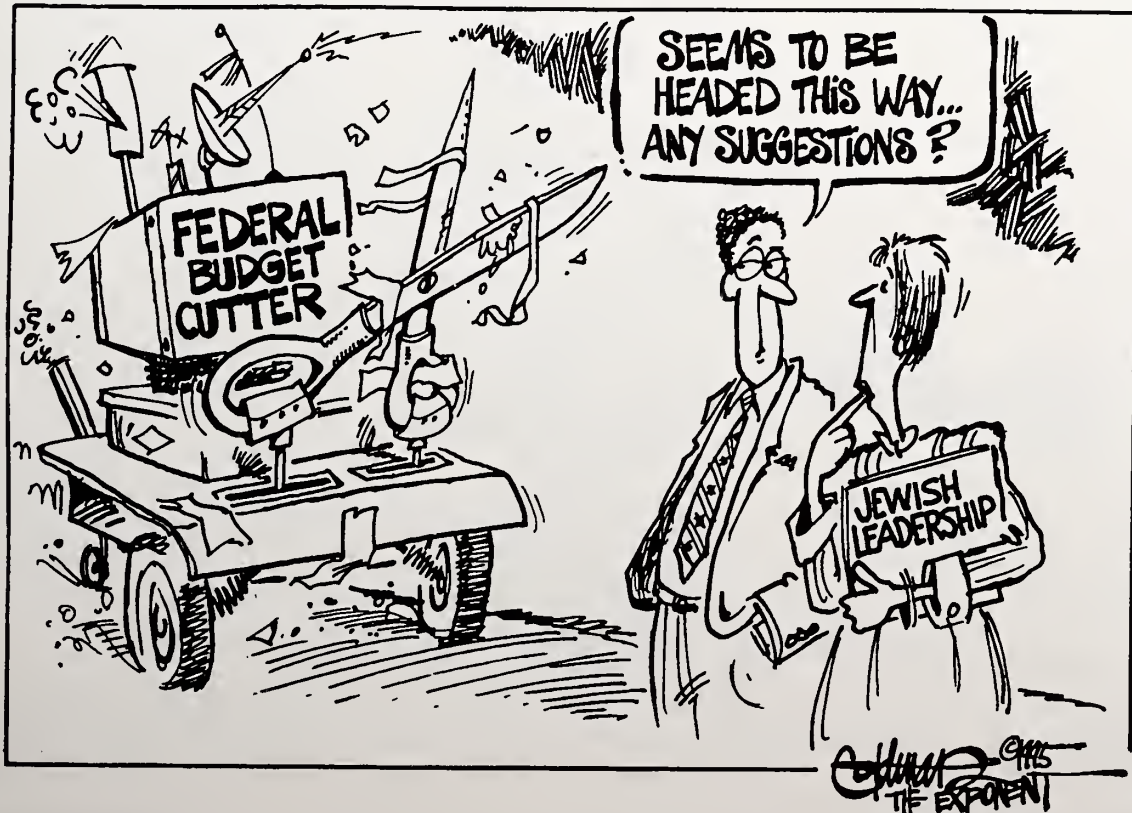
Courts of justice, cinemas, a pedestrian mall and a commercial center, as well as central bus and train stations designed to transport the city's predicted 250,000 inhabitants, and extensive underground parking are also planned.

"Roads will be built during the coming years, including the trans-Israel highway," said Ben Eliezer, "in order to enable the citizens of Modi'in to work in greater Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the central region and return easily to their homes in Modi'in."

Pleasant residential areas will be located among the city's trees and greenery, municipal infrastructure will be underground, and where once smoke signals were used, there will be a state-of-the-art hi-tech communications system.

Beyond the residential areas, an industrial zone and science park are planned, and further out, a sports and leisure center with first class tourist facilities, reachable by a network of excellent secondary roads.

Sales of houses are proceeding briskly, particularly as prices are relatively cheap compared to similar homes in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and the first 17,000 housing units should be completed and occupied by 1997. Young Israelis, it seems, are attracted by this ancient city's promise of the future.



This Lending Hand Yad Sarah Servicers A Nation

by Shelley Kleiman

(WZPS) An 85-year-old Jerusalemite spends five mornings a week repairing inhalators, wheelchairs and walkers. An unemployed, 61-year-old electronics engineer from the CIS is being trained to assemble orthopedic equipment. A retired therapist teaches a stroke victim how to operate a computer, while a former teacher shows him how to draw and paint.

From young adults offering the elderly companionship and a helping hand to senior citizens teaching disabled and homebound contemporaries a craft, these are the faces of Yad Sarah, the Organization for the Free Loan of Medical Equipment and the Rehabilitation of the Sick.

Just one year ago, on Israel's Independence Day, Yad Sarah, which has become synonymous with the spirit of volunteerism, was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize.

"Although most people associate Yad Sarah with medical equipment, the organization is concerned with human needs in the very fullest sense of the

word," says its founder and driving force, Rabbi Uri Lubiansky, also deputy mayor of Jerusalem.

It all began in 1976 when a neighbor knocked on Lubiansky's door, asking to borrow a vaporizer for a sick child. "There were no agencies which rented out medical equipment in Israel and purchasing costs were prohibitively expensive," Lubiansky recalls.

His father had asked Lubiansky to establish a "gemach" (free loan fund) in memory of Uri's grandmother, Sarah, who perished in the Holocaust. Lubiansky decided to lend medical equipment instead of money, and transformed a corner of his already crowded apartment in an ultra-Orthodox section of Jerusalem into a lending station.

What began as a modest one-man operation now numbers 70 branches throughout Israel with some 50 salaried employees and over 4,000 volunteers, making it the largest non-partisan volunteer organizations in Israel. The annual budget runs \$8 million, almost all of which comes

from donations from Israel and abroad.

Some 200,000 people a year borrow from the organization's supply of 272 types of medical and rehabilitation equipment, totaling 300,000 items. The equipment on loan runs from walkers, hospital beds, breast pumps, and infant car seats, to cardia-apnea monitors—a highly expensive life-saving device for infants with threatened respiratory failure.

Sometimes the requests are less than ordinary. A kibbutz near Netanya asked Yad Sarah to supply them with a chair for an ailing kibbutz member, an octogenarian who had been working in the cowshed for over 40 years clipping the animals' hooves. Yad Sarah came up with a specially designed chair to support his weakened knees, and the cows continue to receive their regular pedicures.

The only prerequisite for borrowing equipment is need. There are no forms to fill out, no red tape.

Everyone who requests assistance, regardless of personal status, race, nationality or religion receives it. One simply walks in, pays a symbolic deposit and walks out with the item. If it is a complicated piece of equipment, Yad Sarah will deliver and install it and instruct the patient or caretaker in its use.

In 1993, Yad Sarah, in conjunction with the Joint Distribution Committee, Israel opened two Skill Training Centers, in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Catering mostly to immigrant technicians from the CIS, they are taught Hebrew and an additional skill, either assembling orthopedic equipment or emergency beepers, items that until now were imported. As a result, despite receiving a paycheck from Yad Sarah, Bubil Yefin from Gorky and Fishel Teitelbaum from Uzbekistan along with 40 or so other immigrants, are saving Yad Sarah an estimated \$3 million dollars a year.

It is estimated that Yad Sarah saves the Israeli economy \$250 million in hospitalization and medical treatment costs. Keeping people out of medical institutions is one of the organization's guiding principles. Helping them survive on their own is another.

At Yad Sarah's soup kitchen--"Bet Chava"--up to 60 people (in three shifts) are fed daily, thereby providing some of the city's most destitute residents with their only meal of the day. They are charged two shekels (less than \$1) per meal in order to allow them to preserve their dignity.

The ambiance is markedly different at the nearby almost bohemian-looking golden age cafe, one of the many located throughout the country,

where a bulletin board lists upcoming events: films, lectures, evenings of song and dance. In a sun-drenched room in a nearby building, a group of people, many in wheelchairs, have just completed a ceramics class, and at another table a yoga class is in progress.

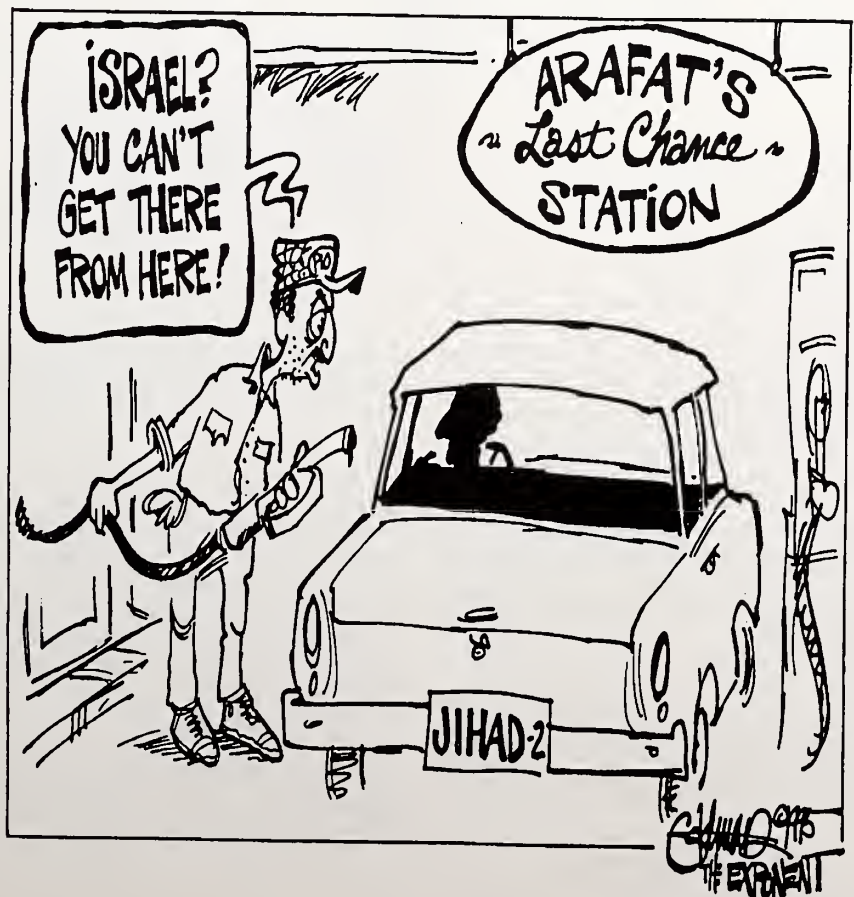
Yad Sarah's three-year-old Day Care Center provides free rehabilitation services, including art, music and drama therapy, and massage and reflexology, to people referred by hospitals as well as those labelled by the medical community, beyond rehabilitation."

One of the center's newest programs is horticulture therapy, which was initiated less than two years ago by Dr. Eliezar Shenhav, a retired surgeon, and teaches the disabled basic gardening skills. "The benefits of working with plants, of nurturing

growth," says Shenhav, himself a Yad Sarah volunteer, "are both physical and psychological."

For the homebound, Yad Sarah offers laundry and transportation services, home visits by volunteers who help with the shopping and provide a break from the monotony of being alone, and training the elderly to use computers provided by Yad Sarah. Some have even been encouraged to record their memoirs.

Work has recently begun on a multi-million dollar building project which will house all of Yad Sarah's Jerusalem offices and services under one roof, including ample underground parking for the handicapped. Situated on eight dunams near Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the contrast provides an affirmation of the sanctity of human life.



The University of the Jewish People
 Celebrates
 70
 Years

by Dan Goldberg

(WZPS) The establishment of the Hebrew University in 1925 not only opened doors that were previously closed to Jewish students from Eastern Europe, but heralded the beginning of a new epoch in the history of a people and spearheaded the revival of the national language-Hebrew.

Indeed, the history of the University runs in tandem with that of the State itself, whilst being simultaneously

and inextricably linked to the destiny of the Jewish people the world over.

“In the early stages of our Movement there was a dream about a University. It was a great dream. Dreams are always more beautiful than reality, and it was not difficult to dream of the most magnificent ‘Temple of Learning.’ I dreamed that dream.”

So said Dr. Chaim Weizmann as the foundation stone of the Hebrew

University was laid on a rugged Mount Scopus in 1918. Little did most of those present realize that this stone was simultaneously and inextricably linked to the destiny of the Jewish people the world over.

Seven years later, at the University’s inauguration, its dual objectives were outlined: “To serve as Israel’s leading academic institution. . .pursuing basic and applied research at the highest level; to serve the Jewish people by preserving and expanding the Jewish cultural, spiritual and intellectual heritage.” Significantly, among the members of the first Board of Governors were Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud—a measure of the academic heights that the founders set out to achieve.

In the light of the pariah status of most Jewish students in Eastern Europe at the time, the establishment of the Hebrew University not only opened doors that were previously closed to them, but heralded the beginning of a new epoch in the history of a people. .

The ensuing influx of students fleeing Europe during the ‘30’s and ‘40’s, fortified the University, and by 1947 it had established a respectable status as both a center of higher education and research plus a center of culture for the Diaspora. However, the War of Independence left Jerusalem divided and the University all but abandoned, due to its curious location deep inside Jordanian controlled territory.

For 19 years Mount Scopus was, effectively, a University in exile. Classes were held on an ad-hoc basis at various locations in West Jerusalem. With little hope of

returning to Mount Scopus, alternative plans were devised and by 1967 more than 12,000 students were enrolled, spread among three new campuses in Givat Ram, Ein Kerem and Rehovot. However, the re-unification of Jerusalem that same year simultaneously terminated both the exile of the Jewish people from their ancient capital and the staff and students from the Mount Scopus campus. At once, both Jerusalem and the University were re-unified.

Almost immediately, restoration and construction work began although it was not until 1981 that Mount Scopus, once again, became the central campus of the University.

Today, the spectrum of disciplines taught at the University spans seven faculties and 14 schools, and over 20,000 full-time students study at her four campuses. In sum, over 70,000 degrees have been awarded since her inception.

In the pursuit of basic and applied research, the University also has a record of excellence: 2,500 research programs are currently in progress in 90 of its research centers, and the annual research and development budget is in the region of \$50 million and is indicative of its intense quest for scientific development and technological advancement.

The University's uniqueness, however, lies in its second objective--as University of the Jewish People. Paradoxically, the concept of Jewish continuity in the Diaspora runs counter to the central tenet of Zionism: that the State of Israel is the home of the Jewish people. However, its role as the University of the Jewish People is as apt as it is vital in these troubled times for our

Diaspora community.

Currently on campus, there are three main institutes which focus on serving the Diaspora in an effort to maintain Jewish continuity: the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, the Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, and the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry. One thousand five hundred students come from abroad to study at these institutes each year.

Since its founding in 1971, the Rothberg School for Overseas Students has served as a gateway to Israel, a training ground for tomorrow's Diaspora leadership and a meeting place for students from a spectrum of backgrounds. It is therefore no great surprise that the University recently revealed plans to build a new Overseas School in the heart of the main campus at Givat Ram, signifying a major commitment by the University to bring foreign students into the main fold.

Moreover, the school itself is upgrading its eight current programs and expanding its courses, particularly for graduate students. This year will witness the first two English language M.A. programs in Jewish Civilization and Religious Studies.

Concomitantly, as the Diaspora grapples with various methods to combat the triple 'A' forces of Assimilation, Anti-Semitism and Apathy, a prescriptive panacea is on offer at the University's Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora. Created in 1968, this research and training center is now home to the world's largest faculty

and graduate student body specializing in this field, providing curriculae and training to Jewish educators the world over. Currently, its focus is on assisting those in the former Soviet Union with the awesome task of rebuilding Jewish identity amidst the Communist funeral pyre.

The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry is another pipeline of education, research and information pertaining to the Jewish experience. As the only institute of its kind in the world, it divides its studies into geographical regions; academic themes, including Anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and Jewish Demography; and specialized centers, most notably the Spielberg Jewish Film Archives.

In addition, one of its most important and most recent facets is its internet system which allows academics, researchers and teachers across the globe to access information at the click of a button.

With so much of the history of the University intertwined with that of the State, there is little doubt that it should play a role in the future of the State. As Israel and her Arab neighbors begin to close the final chapter in their joint treatise of war, the University is currently preparing introductory research papers for the postscript: Peace.

Ironically, the first bricks and mortar that were cemented on Mount Scopus after the war were those of the Truman Institute--a center for the advancement of peace. Whilst playing a significant role in the aftermath of the peace treaty with Egypt, the Institute had--prior to the

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Attitude

by Charles Swindoll

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company. . . a place of worship. . . a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. . . we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. . . I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. . . we are in charge of our attitudes.”

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Oslo Accords-initiated series of research projects in conjunction with Palestinian researchers on key issues such as water, environment and economy. Similarly, the Departments of Medicine, Agriculture, Science and Social Science have all established contacts with Palestinians in their field. Indeed, a member of the Department of Economics is on the Israeli delegation to the bilateral economic talks.

Currently the Institute is engaging

in an exciting new project in cooperation with the Palestine Consultancy Group, bringing together Israeli and Palestinian academics to discuss short, medium and long term issues that confront both peoples on the path to peace. Working committees composed of ten delegates from each side meet to discuss topics such as joint water management (short); a conference on regional tourism (medium) and the status of Jerusalem (long).

No other University in the world can

claim to have such an impact both on the history and future destiny of a State and a people. Academically and intellectually, the University has indeed remained true to the ideals of its founders. As it enters the 21st century, the Hebrew University carries with it the destiny of the entire Jewish People in its mission to preserve and expand the cultural, spiritual and intellectual heritage of the Jewish Diaspora.



Happy Thanksgiving

Cheese Ball

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1 (4-ounce) blue cheese
- 1 (7-ounce) smoked Edam or Gouda, grated
- 1 (16-ounce) extra sharp cheddar, grated
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- 1 teaspoon fines herbes
- 2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 dashes cayenne pepper
- 1 cup pecans, finely chopped

Put all ingredients except nuts in a mixer bowl and beat well until creamy. Add nuts and mix together. Can pat into a serving dish and serve with crackers, freeze in Ziploc bags, or mold into shapes and freeze, then cover airtight.

Note: A double recipe of the cheese ball can be molded with your hands into a Pilgrim or Indian's face. Ice with cream cheese beaten smooth and colored with food coloring. Use your imagination. The children will be delighted with it.

Cornbread Dressing

- 3 cups onions, chopped
- 2 cups celery, chopped
- 3/4 stick margarine
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 6 cups cornbread crumbs
- 6 cups toasted bread crumbs or biscuits, crumbled
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried sage, or to taste
- 6 cups rich chicken or turkey stock
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 eggs, lightly beaten

Saute onions and celery in butter and oil, moderate heat for 5 minutes. Add green pepper and cook until tender, stirring occasionally. Set aside. Put crumbs and herbs in a large bowl. Mix. Add vegetables, broth, salt and pepper. Mix well. Stir in eggs. Cook a small amount and adjust seasoning. (Can freeze dressing at this point: Put in foil lined greased baking dishes, freeze; remove pan and wrap air tight.) Cook at 350 F 45 minutes or until golden brown. (If frozen, thaw before cooking or bake longer if frozen). Makes about 15 to 18 servings.

Note: Spoon a few tablespoons of gravy from turkey on top before dressing finishes cooking.

Roasted Turkey

- 1 13-14 pound fresh turkey
- 1-1/2 cup onions, sliced
- 1-1/2 cups, celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 stick margarine, softened
- 1 (14-1/2 ounce) can chicken broth, warmed
- 1/3 cup very dry sherry
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven 425 F. Wash turkey, pat dry. Put 1/4 cup each of the onions and celery inside turkey, tie the legs together with kitchen string. Rub turkey all over with butter and place breast side up in roasting pan. Scatter balance of vegetables in pan and cook 20-25 minutes or until turkey browns. Do not let vegetables burn. Add three tablespoons of water if needed. Carefully remove pan from oven. Turn turkey over, breast side down, pour broth, sherry, salt and pepper over turkey. Return to oven and cook at 325 F, basting with the juices in pan every 30 minutes until meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh registers 170 F. Cover turkey with foil if it browns too much. Transfer turkey to platter, reserving juices in pan for gravy. Cover top of turkey with foil and let rest 20-25 minutes before carving.

Sweet Potato Casserole

- 11 cups sweet potatoes, baked (12-15 potatoes uncooked)
- 2 sticks clarified margarine, melted
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/2 tablespoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 9 eggs
- 1/4 cup Jack Daniels
- 1/4 cup Grand Marnier
- 2-1/2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

Topping:

- 1 1/2 cups corn flake crumbs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
- 1 stick margarine

Peel cooked sweet potatoes and beat in several batches, while still hot, until very creamy (remove strings from bottom of beaters once during beating.) Add butter, beat and put into large container. Mix sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, grated rind and set aside. Beat eggs until creamy, add sugar mixture slowly, then Jack Daniels, Grand Marnier, water and extracts (add slowly to avoid spattering). Mix the egg mixture with the sweet potatoes, beat well and put into 2 well-greased baking dishes. Cook at 350 until done, but still creamy. Mix topping. Sprinkle on top of casseroles last 10 minutes of cooking. Uncooked recipe makes 16 8-ounce servings.

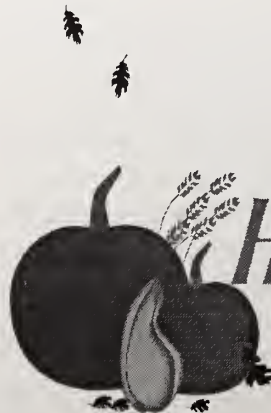
Note: To cook potatoes line several large pans with heavy foil. Scrub potatoes with brush. Dry. Rub with Crisco. Put in pan, cover with foil. Cook at 375-400 until tender. Do not prick with fork more than necessary to test if done. Remove foil last 15 minutes. Casseroles freeze well. Line several oblong baking dishes with heavy foil, grease well, pour in potatoes, freeze without topping. (Put that in separate Ziploc plastic bag). Remove pan when frozen and wrap airtight in foil. Thaw most of the way before cooking (if cooked frozen, time of baking will be longer). Half or quarter recipe for a small group.



Peas and Asparagus Casserole

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons green onions, minced
- 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, peeled, dried, sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 (15-ounce) can LeSeuer Peas, juice reserved
- 1 (19-ounce) can LeSeuer asparagus spears, juice reserved
- 1 cup milk, warmed
- 1 cup grated extra sharp cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup salad olives, sliced
- 3/4 cup Ritz crackers, crumbled

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in sauce pan, add green onions and cook, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Add mushrooms, the other tablespoon butter and lemon juice and cook quickly, stirring for a minute. Remove mixture from skillet with a slotted spoon, leaving the liquid. Slowly stir one cup of liquid from vegetables into the flour. Add to the pan with the mushroom liquid, stir in the milk. Cook over moderate fire, stirring until thickened slightly. Add cheese, salt and pepper. Stir until cheese melts. Remove from fire. Add mushrooms, peas and asparagus, water chestnuts, almonds, and olives and mix gently. Pour into a greased baking dish. Pour crackers on top. (Can freeze at this point; line casserole with heavy foil, greased well. Add mixture, freeze, remove foil enclosed vegetables and seal airtight). Bake 350 until hot and bubbly, longer if frozen.



Happy Thanksgiving

Cranberry Jello Mold

- 1 (3-ounce) package orange Jello
- 2 (3-ounce) packages raspberry Jello
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (12-ounce) cranberry orange Can-Fruit
- 1 (16-ounce) whole cranberry sauce
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice
- 1-1/2 cups apples, peeled, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped fine
- 2 cups walnuts, chopped
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, freshly grated
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Grand Marnier, optional

Sprinkle Jello into boiling water, stirring until dissolved. Put Cran-Fruit and cranberry sauce into a large bowl and pour hot liquid over it, stir with a fork to break up sauce. Add pineapple, apples and celery. Mix nuts and spices. Stir into Jello. Add juice and Grand Marnier. Pour into a 10-cup mold which has been greased lightly with vegetable oil. Chill until firm. Cover with plastic wrap. To serve, dip mold for 3 seconds in a sink of hot water. Remove from water, shake. Put platter on top of mold, turn over and remove mold. Decorate as desired.

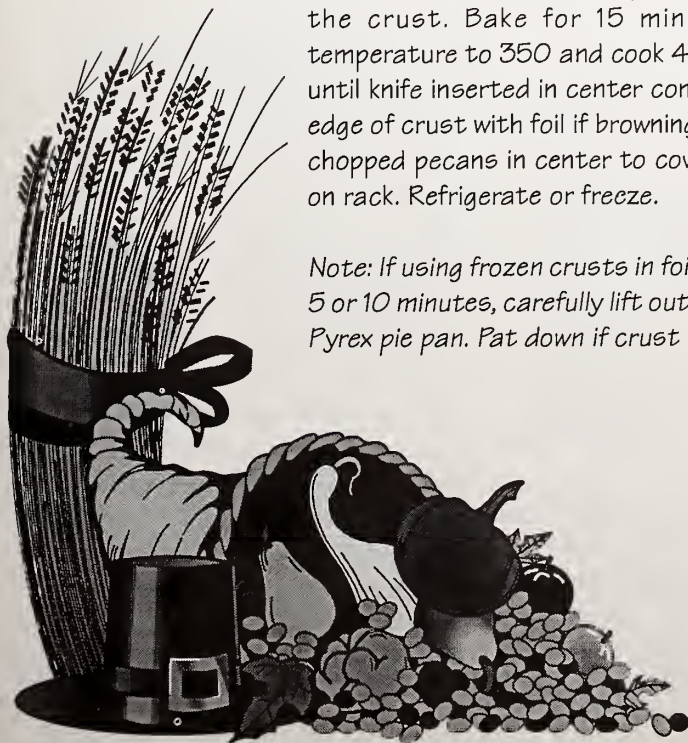


Praline Pumpkin Pie

- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 9-inch deep dish pie shell, unbaked
- 1 (16-ounce) can solid pack pumpkin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 extra large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 (12-ounce) can undiluted Pet Milk
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 425. Combine the sugar, pecans, butter and flour. Mix with a fork until well blended. Sprinkle into the unbaked pie shell and press firmly into the bottom and half way up the sides of the crust. Beat the pumpkin, sugars, spices and vanilla. Add the eggs. Beat well. Slowly add the milk. Pour slowly into crust over a large mixing spoon to avoid disturbing the crust. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 350 and cook 40 to 50 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cover edge of crust with foil if browning too much. Sprinkle chopped pecans in center to cover knife marks. Cool on rack. Refrigerate or freeze.

Note: If using frozen crusts in foil pans, allow to thaw 5 or 10 minutes, carefully lift out and place in a glass Pyrex pie pan. Pat down if crust breaks.





Book & the Arts MEDIA Review

The Rose Horse

by Deborah Lee Rose

Drawings by Greg Shed

Harcourt Brace & Co. 56 pp. \$16.00

Reviewed by Baila Pransky

This heartwarming story depicts the traditions of Jewish immigrant woodcarvers who played an important part in the history of the American carousel. Written for young readers ages 8 to 12, *The Rose Horse* is set against the backdrop of pre-World War I Coney Island and is sprinkled with Yiddish throughout, giving an authentic flavor of immigrant life at that time in New York.

A handy glossary of Yiddish words and phrases, with excellent English translations, to guide the reader through the text, is included at the end of the book.

The year is 1909 and *The Rose Horse* recreates Coney Island in the heyday of American carousel making, capturing the art and Jewish heritage of some of its greatest carvers.

The tale unfolds when Lily's little sister Rose is born prematurely. The doctor sends the tiny baby and her mother to Coney Island's famed incubator clinic where she can be cared for properly. Lily and her father follow a few days later and move in with his cousin Samuel, who carves the beautiful animals that adorn Coney Island's carousels.

Life at Coney Island is exciting for Lily. She spends her days helping her father and Samuel in the carousel shop, riding the palomino Rose Horse and exploring Dreamland Park with her newfound friend Mae. But Lily also misses her mother and her baby sister whom she can only visit at the clinic for short periods of time.

Samuel's wife helps Lily mark the days until her mother and sister can come home by sharing an Omer calendar. Carved by Lily's grandfather in eastern Europe, the calendar counts the seven weeks

from the holiday of Pesach to Shevuos. While waiting for Shevuos and her mother and Rose's return, Lily learns a great deal about her culture and the importance of family.

The concept for the book came from several treasures the author discovered at her local Jewish Community Center (Walnut Creek, CA). There she found a picture of a synagogue carving by a man named Marcus Illions, and the caption read "Best known for his carousel carvings." Research showed that Illions was one of America's greatest carousel carvers and carved in Coney Island.

The second critical piece of research was on the JCC's bulletin board where there was an illustration of a carved Omer calendar.

The Rose Horse is Debora Rose's third book. She has authored *The People Who Hugged The Trees* (Roberts Rinehart, 1990) and

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Rabbi Olitzky is the Director of the School of Education at Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and the organizer of many retreats and seminars on substance abuse in the Jewish community. He has been a

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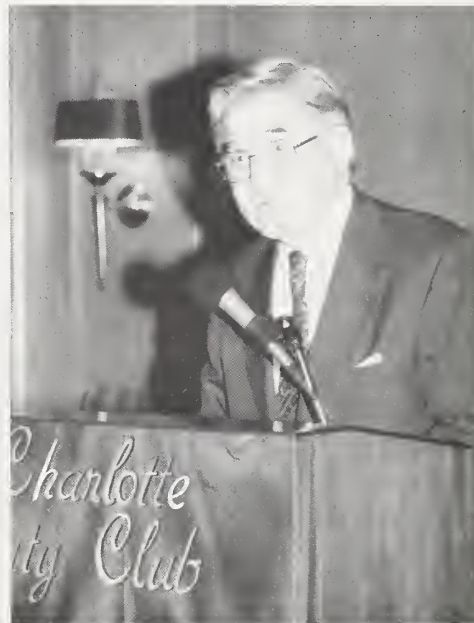
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Philip Blumenthal



*Remarks by William Friday
Charlotte, NC
October 18, 1995*



William Friday

Thank you, Philip, for your very kind words. I wish to thank you and Herman Blumenthal and all the members of your family present for this grand occasion. Happy 50th Anniversary to Wildacres Retreat. I salute your half century of educational activity in the interest of the state.

But I wish to say to you, Herman, that creating this Fellowship program is a glorious expression of faith in the future of North Carolina. It is a splendid example of an investment in human capital to make certain the continuation of that splendid tradition in North Carolina of public service and of giving of oneself.

A special word of thanks also to Jim Preston, Rolfe Neill, Mark Bernstein and Billy Wireman who were generators of ideas and persistent advocates of the essentialness of a

first-rate leadership program.

A special word of thanks, too, to Jim Preston and all of the members of the Board of Advisors who constituted themselves as the selection committee for this first generation of Fellows. Your very substantial commitment of time has brought us to this great evening of celebration.

And to the scholars themselves, I congratulate your adventurous spirit and your now professed willingness to grow and to learn about the affairs of state for the next eighteen months.

And to Clay Thorp, I join in the unanimous expression of gratitude and appreciation being expressed to him and to Amanda, his colleague, by everyone here.

Please permit me a personal reference. Ida and I were children of the Depression. To be here this

evening for this glorious occasion is a kind of experience that one never imagines. We are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Institute's work. There is no way I could deserve the high honor you pay me; but it having been done, I am going to do everything I can to make this program a great success.

Now a personal word to each of the Fellows. First, warmest congratulations on being chosen. You have before you an awesome and unprecedented personal challenge. Indeed it is an enormous opportunity for growth and learning and especially for learning about yourselves. You will soon discover how willing you are to change. You will find out how tolerant you are of a point of view that conflicts with your own. You are going to discover how much courage you really have in challenging demagoguery,

hypocrisy, expediency and misdirected ego. The Blumenthal Foundation has in fact given you a public trust. Guard it carefully, enter into it with gusto and qualify yourself to be the leader you so clearly indicate the ability to be.

Rolfe Neill in a recent viewpoint Sunday column cited a statement of Daniel Boorstin regarding leadership:

The hero was distinguished by his achievement; the celebrity by his image or trademark. The hero created himself; the celebrity is created by the media. The hero was a big man; the celebrity is a big name.

The overkill of information by mass media dealing with rock stars, athletes, some talk show personalities and others has yet to produce a single authentic hero or leader fitting

Boorstin's definition. What a tragedy for each of them and for our country. That inability to distinguish between celebrity and leader plagues our country. The selection committee for this Institute however, has made that choice based upon your rich promise. So the real question now is how well you will grapple with the issues that are certain to challenge you. Let me illustrate: When we look at the national scene, we observe a consistent opinion of criticism and disrespect for the Congress of the

United States. If you turn on your radio, you will hear over and over again the abuse being heaped upon the Office of the Presidency of the United States and just in the past month we have seen the judicial process of our country become the subject of much criticism and disrespect.

These are very dangerous symptoms of a disillusioned and unhappy American public. So the question is, What will you do to correct these conditions? How much of your time and energy and thought will you share in giving redirection to the Republic?



Mark Bernstein, (rg). with keynote speaker, Garry Wills

During the last several days, we have seen the massing of Afro-American citizens seeking ways to redefine the elements of personal responsibility and the means to regain hope and self-respect. Everyone of us knows that race relations are not what they should be in the United States and here, too, you have a powerful challenge to meet.

But let's talk about our own North Carolina. This evening over

1,000,000 of our fellow citizens live below the poverty line. Far too many of our citizens cannot communicate adequately to meet competitive requirements in business and industry. One out of three North Carolinians do not have adequate health care and this morning over 350,000 children went off to school hungry. This is a shameful circumstance in a state with a billion dollars surplus. Our emphasis has been on building prisons and cutting taxes rather than trying to discover answers to these crippling circumstances that so hobble the future of our state. What we really speak about here is the gaining of hope, the importance of self-respect and a sense of personal dignity so essential to human health. So the question is, What will you do to correct these conditions? How will you make your mark in finding an answer? Will you speak for these people who apparently have no voice at all?

Leadership and your success as a leader depend upon your own sense of moral standards and personal accountability in the use of your considerable personal skills and native intelligence. In public life, character and integrity--once lost--cannot be restored. So guard jealously against the temptations of expediency, celebrity status and short-term gain. Please understand that leadership is difficult, that it is demanding, and that it is sometimes abused. But that is the price that must be paid for being ahead in

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THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The call of the Shofar and the chanting of Kol Nidre brought the traditional sound of the High Holy Days to the residents at BJH. Keeping with tradition, volunteers Elbert Levy and Alan Andler returned to assist Sam Jacobson with the High Holy Day Services this year. A special moment in the service is the stirring rendition of the Kol Nidre prayer chanted by Alan each year. Completing the holiday observances were services for Sukkot and Simchat Torah and traditional holiday meals featuring favorite foods and honey cake to sweeten the year.



Members of the Winston-Salem BBYO gather in the BJH Sukkah. Seen from the left are: Zane Garland, Jonathan Thull, Robyn Block, Dana Covitz, Benji Stern(second row), Danny Thull, Taylor Baskin, Jodi Ehrens and Yael Ascher.

The sounds of the Sukkah were more than just the wind whistling through the branches or the rustle of fruit being tied to the frame. The sounds of the sukkah began with the noise of construction, the gathering of the materials, the tying together of the bamboo poles and the placing of the greenery on the roof. The building of the Grand Sukkah at the Home is a yearly tradition enjoyed by the staff of the maintenance department. Its creation is watched expectantly as the sukkah takes form.

Completing the chorus of sounds emanating from the sukkah were the joyful voices of the members of the Winston-Salem BBYO. The youth added the finishing touches of fruit and decorations to the sukkah just in time for the holiday to begin. Thanks to the members of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization and to our maintenance staff, the large BJH Sukkah stood as a beautiful centerpiece in the courtyard beckoning all to step inside and listen to the sounds of the holiday.

The sweet sounds of piano music were an added treat to the senses this season. Talented Greensboro volunteer Dottie Solomon was the featured entertainer for the September birthday party. Dottie delighted her audience with a beautiful medley of familiar piano pieces. Winston-Salem volunteer Jan Sawyer brings both the sounds of popular old favorites to the residents when she accompanies the monthly Sing-along and a touch of the classics to BJH when she presents monthly informal piano concerts. The sounds of music are always in tune with the season at BJH adding a cheery note to any day.



Dottie Solomon



Jan Sawyer

BJH
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Sue Clein

CELEBRATING SUKKOT

A week of beautiful sunshine and festive observances included listening to the stirring melodies of traditional Jewish music sung by folk singer Merri Robinson, enjoying holiday stories told by Bill Bronstein, Education Director of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, sharing holiday treats with visitors from Temple Emanuel Pre-school, blessing the Yom Tov candles, wine and challah with Executive Director Seth Levy and activity therapist Gail Ruthfield and celebrating Sukkot in the beautiful sukkah decorated by the Winston-Salem B'nai Brith Youth Organization.





Meet The BJH Trustees



Sandy Deckelbaum joined the Blumenthal Jewish Home Board of Trustees as a community appointee in 1986 and was elected to the Board as a Trustee in 1987. Sandy has served as a Trustee since 1987 holding the office of 2nd Vice President from 1992 to 1994. She presently serves on the Home's Development Committee and as the Chairperson of the 30th Anniversary Celebration. A native of Washington DC, Sandy became a North Carolinian in 1965 when she

moved to Charlotte NC. At that time she joined the Carolina Association of Jewish Women and Men and became a supporter of the Home. Sandy and her husband Stan moved to Raleigh in 1980 and are members of Beth Meyer Synagogue. Active in numerous organizations Sandy is a member and has served on the boards of Beth Meyer Synagogue, Hadassah, Israel Bonds and B'nai Brith in Raleigh.

Howard Silverstein is a Certified Public Accountant in Greensboro NC and a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Howard joined the BJH Board of Trustees in 1985 and served as Treasurer from 1986 to 1989. An active member of the Board since he joined. Howard presently co-chairs the Finance Committee and is a member of the Admissions Committee. Howard has also been involved with community organizations and has been a board member and a past treasurer of both Temple Emanuel in Greensboro and the Greensboro Jewish Federation as well as being a past chairman and treasurer of North Carolina Hillel. Additional volunteer interests have included coaching the Jewish Federation Team in the High School Church League. Howard and his wife Linda are members of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro NC. Their family includes grown children Becky and Dale Whetstone and Laurie and Ray Sonhsheim and grandchildren Lauren, Jacob and Aaron.



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**Kathy Nathan
Joins BJH
As
Director
Of
Social Services**



Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Nathan, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., as the new Director of Social Services. Kathy earned her BA degree in sociology with distinction from the University of Michigan. She received her MSW in clinical social work from Smith College School for Social Work in Massachusetts following a unique two year program with working internships. During her training Kathy completed internships at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington DC and at Jewish Family Services in Miami. After graduation Kathy returned to Michigan and obtained experience at the Community Mental Health Center and the Psychiatric Hospital of the University of Michigan Hospitals. She brings to BJH her experience working with individuals, groups and families with assessment, problem solving and working within a team setting.

According to Kathy there are multiple dimensions to the role of social worker in a nursing home and she is looking forward to getting to know and work with residents, their family members and the BJH staff. She is appreciative of the team work which is a major component of the Home's philosophy of care. As Director of Social Services she feels her emphasis will be on building a strong foundation with the residents' families as well as working in conjunction with the nursing staff. Kathy views the development of positive relationships with family members as an integral factor in understanding and assisting both residents and their families with concerns, feelings and adapting to change.

Kathy Nathan lives in Clemmons with her two children, David age 15 and Lizzie age 13. BJH welcomes Kathy to this position. Please stop by Kathy's office and say hello or call her at 766-6401-ext.512 and introduce yourself.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

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

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IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of:

**Rose Berzin
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Debbie Nelson
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*May their cherished
memories bring comfort to
their loved ones.*

Sue's News

Pet Therapy-A Creative Way To Communicate



wonderful way for residents to receive and to give love. Often individuals who have lost many of their abilities to communicate may smile or reach out to touch an animal that gives affection freely. Playing with and watching the animals can also evoke childhood memories which can be a positive experience for the resident.

Our appreciation to Joanne and Lib and Grant and to their popular pets for bringing this therapeutic dimension to the volunteer activities at BJH. Persons and their pets interested in participating in the pet therapy program may call Sue Clein at 910-766-6401.

The "Critter Cuddling" hour is a time for Anne Nelson to receive a visit from volunteer Grant Queen and a favorite friend.

Every Wednesday evening at BJH you are likely to see a few rather unusual volunteers scurrying through the halls. They are very friendly, like to be petted and often will jump into the lap of a favorite friend. These four legged volunteers always bring along their owners to visit with residents as they travel together through the wings stopping for a friendly pat or a loving touch. Pet Therapy is not a new phenomenon at BJH. The program began in 1989 through the Forsyth Humane Society. It has continued weekly with BJH volunteers Joanne Clarkson and Lib and Grant Queen bringing their pets to visit!

Bonds of affection have developed between the residents and the animals. Wednesday evening finds residents eagerly anticipating their weekly visitors during the "critter cuddling" hour. Animals give unconditional love and provide a

Sue Michielutte enjoys a visit from volunteer Lib Grant and her critter friend.



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.

<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
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30 Sets of Large Print Prayer Books	\$1,500.00
Laser Printer	\$1,800.00

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If you have any questions, please call Christine Greene at (910) 712-4534. We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.



Volunteer Joanne Clarkson brings her favorite pet to visit with Mickey Samet.



Volunteer Janie Douthit invites you to stop by BLUMIES, the BJH Gift Shop. The shelves are filled with wonderful new gift ideas just in time for holiday giving for friends and family. Unique gifts for teachers, neighbors, co-workers, children and adults from \$2.00 to \$20.00 can be found at BLUMIES. Remember, shop at BLUMIES and you are also giving a gift to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.



Calendar Highlights November

- 2 Leave for Stevens Center, Broadway musical "State Fair", 1:00 p.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 7 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 8 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, "Adaptive Clothing Sale", 1:30-3:30, Friendship Room
- 10 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 12 Brenner Concert, "Centinial Squares" Square Dancing, 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 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 16 Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 16 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, 3:00 p.m., Friendship Room
- 17 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 19 Card Club with Don and Charles, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 22 Thanksgiving Services, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 28 Music by the "Treble Makers", 11:00 a.m., Upper Commons`
- 30 Music with Jan Sawyer, 3:30 p.m., Awing Dining Room



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Pre-schoolers from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem learn the joy of giving at a young age when they visit BJH to share holiday celebrations with the residents

The Board of Trustees, residents and staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to those individuals, businesses and organizations who have provided the financial support necessary for us to continue our mission of providing the very best care and quality of life possible for our residents.

Because of the continuing generosity of these loyal friends, no resident has ever been asked to leave because their funds were exhausted. While this provides a wonderful sense of stability for our residents and their family members, it leaves us in an awkward financial position. Medicaid is able to pay only a

portion of the cost of care for our residents, leaving us to make up the balance through our fundraising efforts. Currently, the shortfall between the amount Medicaid covers and our actual expenses is approximately \$750,000 annually. To combat this ever-increasing problem, the Blumenthal Jewish Home has established an Endowment Fund, the income from which will be used to care for our indigent residents.

As the end of the year approaches, it is a good time to examine the benefits of charitable giving. While recent tax law changes have eliminated many deductions from your taxable income, charitable

contributions remain a good way to reduce your tax burden. The Blumenthal Jewish Home would like to ask that you consider making a gift to the Home by the end of the year to our Endowment Fund. Not only may all or part of your gift reduce your taxable income, you will be allowing the Home to continue to perform the Mitzvah of "Honoring thy Mother and Father".

For further information, please contact the Development Office at (910) 712-4534, or send your check directly to:

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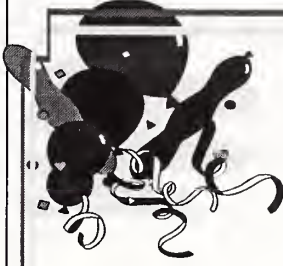
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Laura Sparks



Greensboro volunteer Marilyn Belenky serves cake and a bright smile to the residents at the September birthday party.



Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem NC

by Miriam F. Blickman

Temple Emanuel started the New Year with an enthusiastic welcome for our new Rabbi, Marla Joy Subek. We are pleased to present another highly qualified young woman rabbi to our North Carolina Jewish community. Rabbi Subek, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College--Jewish Institute of Religion, has had extensive experience in the pulpit of Temple Jeremiah of Northfield IL, where she served as associate rabbi. She also brings to us many years of working with young people as a teacher and counselor.

Rabbi Subek had the chance to test the mettle of her new Congregation because she had no sooner arrived when she suffered a badly broken leg, which caused pain and inconvenience. So our congregants and Caring Committee joined forces to care for her as best they could. Rabbi Subek tells us our Temple did a good job. Through it all, she managed to retain the light touch we have all appreciated. So perhaps the injury brought us together even more quickly.

At our High Holy Days services Rabbi Subek was well on the road to recovery and conducted the programs with vigor, learning, and spiritual insight. In addition, Cantor Marlene Fuerstman enriched the

service with her beautiful soprano voice. She served as cantor and choir director at Temple Israel in Charlotte for sixteen years.

Friday, October 21, Temple Emanuel's service featured members and families who had helped found the congregation, formally established in 1931. It was very moving to hear the stories of the early Temple, which occupied rooms in an old bank building downtown. Newcomers learned what it was like "to grow up Jewish in Winston-Salem."

Our many committees are active within and outside the Temple. The Social Action Committee, chaired by Barbara Freiberg, performs true Tzedakah with their participation in community youth projects, the Samaritan soup kitchen, Habitat for Humanity and many other charities. Our Sisterhood, under the leadership of Jean Fromson, has mounted many informative and fund-raising programs. Marian Ackerman, a local women's leader, was presented by Sisterhood in a talk on her fascinating trip to the UN Conference on Women, held in Peking. She said the experience was exhilarating and the events moved with incredible smoothness and much was accomplished, despite media reports to the contrary.

Our expanding Sunday school and Hebrew classes are under the able direction of Bill Bronstein, our Director of Education, who was appointed last year. Bill received his B.A. in Judaic Studies from SUNY in Albany and spent one year in Jerusalem at Machon Greenberg, an

institute dedicated to training Judaic teachers from Israel and all over the world. He came to us with ten years of experience in the field.

We have about 125 students in our Sunday school, which now features a revised curriculum and more intensive teacher training and parent involvement.

Temple Emanuel looks forward to a year of celebration, study, and communal sharing under Rabbi Subek's leadership.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory NC

by Leslie Archer

It was our pleasure to have Rabbi Ted Gordon back in Hickory for the High Holy Days. It is wonderful to have him here to lead Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. It's great to have several weeks in which to enjoy the company of Rabbi and Florence Gordon. During his stay he was also invited by Dr. Ryan La Hurd to be a guest speaker at Lenoir-Rhyne College's Convocation.

We welcome back Cantor Shelly Sperling as our spiritual leader. Our schedule for Rabbi Weekends 5756 is as follows: October 13 & 14, November 17 & 18, December 8 & 9, January 19 & 20, February 9 & 10, March 8 & 9, April 19 & 20, and May 17 & 18.

Friday night services are at 8:00; Saturday morning services 10:00; and Covered dish dinner 6:30 Saturday evening, followed by adult education.

THE TEMPLE BOARD for this year includes Aaron Tosky, president; Al Garrick, vice president; Sue Rappaport, secretary, Sue Cole, treasurer, Jane Mandel, Freddie Schneider, Leslie Archer, Ron Berndt, David Peltzer, and Bob Friedman.

Project Isaiah has been successfully reintroduced by Freddie Schneider, collecting food to help the needy in our community.

We are keeping in touch with our children away at college by sending them holiday packages through the efforts of Jane Mandle and Barbara Bauman.

Mike Bauman was honored with a plaque by the congregation for his years of service to the Temple. Brian Mandle's Eagle Scout project was completed and looks great! Our new azaleas at the parking area will beautify our grounds for years to come. Thanks to Brian and to all who made this possible by their generous support.

SISTERHOOD'S second annual New Member Brunch was held on August 27. The occasion was to meet and welcome newcomers to the Hickory area. The Sisterhood baked their hearts out and put out an amazing spread of food. Neither the teeming rain nor a bagel cutting mishap could spoil the relaxed atmosphere as we all got caught up after a long, hot summer.

Our new officers are Leslie Archer, president; Ronnie Berndt, vice president; Linda Guttler, secretary; Harriet Sederholm, treasurer; Sonia Peltzer and Dana Galinsky-Malaguti, past co-presidents.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year of planning Shabbat and holiday festivities and, of course, fund raising, including our current calendar sale and upcoming Bake Sale & YardSale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will raise funds at our Fall Book Fair Sunday, October 15. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated by the owners of the Hickory bookstore, "Buy the book," members Peter and Eileen Cangemi.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS Jonah & Sherry Cottrell, Ray Malaguti and Dana Galinsky-Malaguti, Bonnie & Steven Gold, Craig & Debbie Hoffheimer, Ralph & Sylvia Kaufman, Bill & Gertrude Klein, Greg & Priscilla Rosenfeld and Mark & Ruth Zanoni.

We are sorry that Warren and Julie Hutton are leaving Hickory. We wish them much happiness in Winston-Salem.

Temple Israel
Kinston NC
by Harriet Glassman

Rosh Hashanah represents a renewal process of spirituality and self reflection. It is also a renewal of our Jewish heritage and tradition. In light of this, Temple Israel was well attended by both community members and also those from neighboring communities and some as far away as Florida. All helped to conduct services and enlighten our younger members to traditional prayers associated with these holidays. The feeling of fellowship within the synagogue radiated a warmth of togetherness and made the services all the more special.

Our Yom Kippur service was concluded with the traditional blowing of the shofar by Mr. Michael Page, and our annual Community Breakfast. The entrance to the fellowship hall was decorated with wall prints made by our religious school students under the direction of Mr. Irving Gross, which made the meal not only delicious but pleasing to the eye as well. Breakfast was again hosted this year by Mrs. Nan Page with the help of the temple sisterhood president, Mrs. Vivian Rose and all sisterhood members. The food was an eclectic mixture of traditional Jewish dairy dishes and those of other ethnic origins, only to be rivaled by the food at the Waldorf.

Our Sukkot service was held outdoors under our beautiful sukkah that was decorated by our religious school students with fruits and gourds. The service was conducted by Rabbi David Rose and the students together with the congregation. Fruits and grape juice were enjoyed by everyone with the help of our hosts, Mrs. Laura Brody and Mrs. Carol Gerdts.

This holiday season was closed with a lively hakafot with music provided by Dr. Stanley Satz and also flags waving and marching torahs. A brief Oneg Shabbat was held which was enjoyed by all.

On October 11, the Adult Study Group was given the privilege to view a film "The Last Chapter." It showed the life of a Jewish shtetl in Poland before the time of the

second World War. Most participants found it interesting to be able to view a lifestyle that most of our grandparents or parents had experienced but we no longer could fully associate with. The experience was most enlightening.

Community News

A warm welcome is extended to our newest members of the temple:

Dr. Robert and Leslie Lacin and their children: Emily, Alexis, Honor and the newest member brother, Elijah.

Mrs. Kala Herlands of Goldsboro.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Mr. Randy Kops upon the loss of his father, Mr. Norman Kops of Florida.

Dr. Richard and Ellen Huberman and Mrs. Gene Huberman upon the loss of her husband and his father, Dr. Victor Huberman.

We wish all of our friends and congregants a continued good year and a big "thank you" for their attendance and contributions. We look forward to seeing you throughout this year.



thinking. Change must be effected in the political process but today we abuse our public servants. We are even cruel to a point of denial and we lose very talented people who could lead us to the more civil and reasoning society we deserve.

A decade from now you will need to assess what you have done with the golden opportunity given you this evening. I trust each of you will fully justify the faith the Blumenthal family expresses in you tonight. It is quite clear that the greatest need in our state and country is for a generation of leaders with moral principles and ethical standards that are a part of all that they do. We need a



Amy Blumenthal with Rolfe Neill



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generation of leaders with an unshakable commitment to a sense of grace and courtesy and decency. We need a generation of leaders who prepare themselves by studying their lessons and we need a generation who understands that the fate of the poor, the sick, the homeless will be our fate also. With all of the challenges we have identified, we still live in a wonderful place, long the leader in educational growth and in the development of a better life for all of our people.

You are very special people with a very special trust. Hold on to your sense of mission and may the Father of us all guide and bless you in this splendid year that lies ahead.



Rabin: From Soldier to Statesman**1922**

Born March 1 in Jerusalem to Russian immigrants Nehemiah Robichov and Rosa Cohen. Named after maternal grandfather, Rabbi Yitzhak Cohen, an anti-Zionist.

1940

Graduated Kadoorie Agricultural School. Recruited by Moshe Dayan to join Palmach, the elite strike force of the Haganah underground, the following year.

1945

Led raid on Atlit detention camp, south of Haifa, that freed 200 Jewish immigrants held by British. Was arrested the following year with other Jewish leaders by British and imprisoned in Gaza for six months.

1947

Appointed deputy commander of Palmach, serving under Yigal Allon

1948

Commanded Har-El Brigade in operation to keep open the road from the sea to a besieged Jerusalem during Israel's War of Independence. Also took part in battles to gain control of Negev and Eilat. Married Palmach battalion mate Leah Schlossberg. They had a son and a daughter, as well as three grandchildren.

1949

Served as delegation member that signed armistice agreements with Arab states at Rhodes.

1953

Graduated from British Staff College.

1954-56

Served as head of Israeli army's training branch and promoted to brigadier general.

1961

Appointed army's deputy chief of staff.



1964

Named army's chief of staff.

1967

As chief of staff, led army victory over Arab states in Six Day War.

1968

Retired from army and named ambassador to the United States.

1973

Returned to Israel and became involved in Labor Party. Elected to Knesset in December.

1974

Appointed labor minister by Prime Minister Golda Meir. Following Ms. Meir's June resignation, became Israel's fifth prime minister.

1975

Signed Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement and first Memorandum of Understanding between Israel and the United States.

1976

Issued orders for Operation Entebbe, which liberated hijacked Air France passengers.

1977

Resigned from prime minister post because of controversy over U.S. bank accounts kept by him and his wife.

1977-1984

Served as member of Knesset and Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

1984-1990

Served as defense minister for National Unity Governments. Supervised army pull-out from Lebanon in 1985 and countered Palestinian insurgencies in West Bank and Gaza of late 1980s.

1992

Elected prime minister again.

1993

Signed Declaration of Principles on White House lawn with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

1994

Signed Treaty of Peace with Jordan's King Hussein. Awarded Nobel Peace Prize with Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

1995

Signed Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement with West Bank and Gaza in September. Assassinated Nov. 4 at Tel Aviv pro-peace rally by right-wing extremist opposed to Middle East peace process.

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Daniel Z. Lepow Named Director of New Region for Weizmann's American Committee

NEW YORK N.Y., August 21, 1995. . . Daniel Z. Lepow has been named Director of the Carolinas Region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science (ACWIS), announced Fran Ginsburg, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of ACWIS.

Mr. Lepow will be responsible for the expansion of fundraising activities and the development of new constituencies of support in North and South Carolina.

"We're thrilled to have Dan join the ACWIS family," said Fran Ginsburg. "He is going to give us the professional background and presence in the Carolinas which we have wanted to develop for some time," Ms. Ginsburg added.

Mr. Lepow joins ACWIS from the Greater Charlotte Jewish Federation where he was Executive Director. He has spent 10 years in fundraising

positions for the Jewish Federations in New Jersey and in Miami.

Mr. Lepow graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.

He and his wife, Susan, live in Charlotte with their three children.

Mr. Lepow may be reached at 6810 Folger Drive, Charlotte 28270 or by phone at (704) 365-6722.

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basic research in the quest for knowledge and the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are high priorities.

Florence Congregation Welcomes New Rabbi

Rabbi Kline became the new rabbi of Beth Israel Congregation. "Florence just reached out and grabbed me," he said. "The congregation and the community have been very welcoming."

Kline has come far from his younger days growing up in a Jewish family in Las Vegas, when he declared himself an atheist as a reaction in part to the religious leadership he witnessed. He became a devout theist the moment his oldest daughter, Corey, 9, was born in Little Rock AK., on the anniversary of his bar mitzvah.

Kline was graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans and went on to receive his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He practiced law for six years in his own firm until he decided to go to rabbinical school.

Rabbi Schoen

Raleigh--Rabbi Abe W. Schoen, who led Raleigh's Beth Meyer Synagogue congregation for 30 years before he retired, died early Friday in Rex Hospital.

Schoen died of cancer after battling the disease for 18 months. He was 73.

"He was warm, compassionate, honest, caring, forthright and wise," said Schoen's wife, Selma, "And he loved his congregation dearly."

Schoen who was from Paterson, N.J., graduated from both the City College of New York and from rabbinic school in New York in 1946, the same year he and his wife were married.

He first served in Connecticut. After two years, he went to a congregation in New Jersey, where he served for seven years. In 1967, Rabbi Schoen came to Raleigh to serve the Beth Meyer congregation, the oldest of Raleigh's Jewish congregations.

He was rabbi at Beth Meyer until he retired in 1986. When the congregation built a new building in 1963, the members marched from the old synagogue on West Johnson Street in downtown Raleigh to the new one, nine miles away.

Schoen was a past president of the N.C. Association of Rabbis, now, called the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis, and was a past president of the Raleigh Ministerial Association. He also was a chaplain with prison ministries at the federal prison in Butner, and taught religion at Shaw University for about 10 years.

"He was very active, and he did march in the civil rights movement," said Normal Zendels, a longtime friend who also worked as Schoen's secretary for several years. "He always was a very open person and wanted to promote understanding.

Sylvia Ruby, who had been friends with Schoen since his arrival in Raleigh in 1957, said there is a Yiddish word, "mensch," that best described him.

"Mensch means just a real, real person, and he was a really fine person," Ruby said.

Schoen was honored at Israel Bond dinners in Raleigh, including a Shalom Award presented to him in 1972 at a State of Israel tribute dinner that ended an annual fund drive by the Raleigh Israel Bond Committee. The award was made for his continual services to Jewish people and the State of Israel.

After he retired, Schoen continued to study and to write.

Surviving are his wife, Selma Popkin Schoen; daughters Gail Haber of Greensboro and Susan Schoen of Mays Landing, N.J.; a grandson Scott Weinstein of Greensboro; a sister, Ida Ezorsky of Paterson, N.Y.; and a brother Herman C. Schoen of Los Angeles.

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Yitzhak Rabin's Economic Vision

by Elmer L. Winter

Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

As I listened to the moving eulogies at Yitzhak Rabin's funeral, my thoughts went back to a meeting with him in Jerusalem that I attended in January 1976.

At the time, I was president of the American Jewish Committee and co-founder and head of Manpower, Inc. I and other Jewish leaders and business executives had been invited by Mr. Rabin--then in his first term as Prime Minister--to participate in a discussion on the impact of the recently-passed United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Mr. Rabin was particularly concerned about the economic fallout of the U.N.'s action. He asked what we could do to help build Israel's economy.

Combining a visionary's foresight with his hardheaded pragmatism, the Prime Minister was convinced that Israel's security lay not only in its military strength but in its economic stability and growth. This was a time, remember, when public

attention and concern in Israel and the United States were focused almost exclusively on Israel's political and diplomatic problems.

I suggested that a mobilization of business leaders on Israel's behalf could best be accomplished through a formal organization of Israeli and American executives working together to expand business relationships. I volunteered the title, "Committee for Economic Growth of Israel."

Yitzhak Rabin was not an impulsive man. But he picked up on the idea immediately--and the name. At the end of the meeting, he asked me to set up the organization. Although I was occupied at the time with the sale of my company, I agreed to his request.

Two months later, the Prime Minister wrote to me emphasizing his confidence in the work of the new Committee for Economic Growth of Israel (CEGI). He noted its significance in helping to build "a stronger society and economy in

Israel" and described this goal as "an indispensable component of Israel's struggle for peace and security."

Since his death, the conventional picture of the martyred leader as presented in much of the media has been one of hard-nosed former general preoccupied with Israel's military defenses, whose transformation into an advocate of peace with Israel's enemies came very late in the day. Those of us who worked with him down through the years know better.

CEGI, the organization to which he gave his blessing, has had as its goal from the beginning, the creation of a Middle East environment in which Israelis would live at peace and harmony with their neighbors. A primary vehicle would be economic development that would foster cooperation between Israel and its neighbors, promote regional trade and joint undertakings and attack the legacy of poverty and hopelessness that has sown frustration and conflict in the region for centuries.

Prime Minister Rabin shared that vision since CEGI's inception and told us so often. He considered economics a principal key to peace. His efforts, in which we proudly played a role, were highly productive. His 20-year effort to attract American companies and investors to Israel encouraged several hundred major U.S. firms to set up subsidiaries and joint venture operations in Israel.

Following the 1993 Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn, American business interests have

expanded dramatically in Israel, due to the sense of confidence that the Prime Minister managed to instill in American corporate executives.

With the start of the peace process, he opened wide the doors for business relationships between Israel and the Palestinians, Jordanians and states in the Middle East. It was an achievement that in turn led to substantial economic associations with countries like Japan, China and Korea that had formerly had adhered to the Arab boycott of Israel.

Yitzhak Rabin believed that peace, economics and national security are branches of the same tree. Shimon Peres, Acting Prime Minister, has given ample evidence that he shares in that philosophy. I first met him when he was Israel's Minister of Defense. He asked me, as chairman of CEGI, to assist in broadening the market for Israeli products among American companies, a task we were pleased to undertake.

Since then, as a fellow architect of the peace process with Mr. Rabin, Mr. Peres has shown his complete agreement with the need for economic development in Israel and throughout the Middle East. Last year, following the economic conference in Casablanca, Mr. Peres and I flew from Morocco to Israel on the same plane. He was delighted with the progress made at the meeting--the first economic gathering attended by both Israelis and Arabs--and was especially gratified that so many Israelis were finding new markets and had begun to discuss joint ventures with the Arab world.

In a recent letter to me, Mr. Peres reiterated his belief in the important contribution that economics can make toward peace and "to the building of a new Middle East."

It is hard for me to say goodbye to Yitzhak Rabin, who inspired and encouraged the work of CEGI. We will continue to try to measure up to

the challenge he laid down in 1976--the creation of a stronger society and economy in Israel.

Shimon Peres's task will not be an easy one. But I have every confidence that the Acting Prime Minister, the people of Israel and the other negotiating partners in the Middle East will continue the effort to forge the final peace for which Yitzhak Rabin gave his life.

It is too late to turn back. The economic and political forces set in motion by the martyred Prime Minister and his "partners in peace" in the Arab world are too far advanced to be throttled--either by terrorists or assassins. Yitzhak Rabin managed to bring Israel into the economic family of nations, thus setting a course toward real peace that cannot be reversed. That is part of the legacy he left to the people of Israel.

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The Story Behind the Story

The history of Chanukah rightly begins, not with Judah Maccabee, but with another great general: Alexander the Great. In the fourth century B.C.E., Macedon's military mastermind conquered the world, or as much of it as he could find. His father Phillip had already conquered Greece, and it was Greek culture that Alexander's armies disseminated. Alexander turned the Near East and Asia Minor into a colossal melting pot, and the resulting brew-blending Greek arts and sciences with the mystic doctrines and barbarous splendors of the East--was Hellenism.



By the second century B.C.E., Hellenism was exercising a keen attraction upon the best and the brightest, the rich and the powerful of Judea--now ruled by the Syrian Seleucids, one of the three dynasties among whom Alexander's empire had been divided. Jewish high society was taken with the perfect portions of Greek sculpture, the all-

embracing rationalism of Greek education. Very early on, Jewish youths began to compete in Greek gymnasium exercises; naked, as Greek customs dictated, they could not help but be embarrassed by their absent foreskins. So Hellenizing Jews stopped circumcising their children, and many even underwent the painful operation of uncircumcision to hide

the original surgery. One thing led to another.

In 175 B.C.E., a very big bribe secured the replacement of High Priest Onias III with his Hellenized young brother, Jason. An even bigger bribe got Jason replaced by an even more extreme Hellenizer, one Menelaus. Menelaus was too much for many moderate Hellenizers to take, and a mild revolt resulted which King Antiochus quickly suppressed--which

resolved him to crush every last vestige of Jewish religious life.

First, a Greek city was founded on the Temple mount. Then, in 167 B.C.E., a new ritual was initiated in the Temple, and the official sacrificial animal was the pig. The gods of the Greek pantheon were to be worshipped, with Antiochus

Epiphanes--God manifest in the person of the king--thrown in for realism. The Torah was outlawed.

Cosmopolitan Jerusalem offered little resistance to the new edicts. The resistance came from the countryside, from the local yokels, the farmers, the uneducated, the poor. Backward and stiff-necked, they had long been scandalized by the loose living and free thinking of the rich Hellenizers--and resentful of the endless taxation that made that lifestyle possible. Rebellion's powder keg awaited a spark, and found it when the new sacrificial ritual was introduced in the town of

M o d i n .

Mattathias, a priest, killed the first Jew who consented to offer up a pig; killed the king's agent; and pulled down the abominated altar, crying, "Who is for the Lord, stand with me." With his five sons he fled to the mountains, where he was



joined by other zealous Jews--Pietists, they were called. His social position made Mattathias the natural leader for the revolt. He had enough aristocratic status and Hellenic education to command respect, but not enough to make him suspect. Mattathias died early in the struggle, but his son Judah was a more than able successor; he became one of the inventors of guerrilla warfare. (His epithet Maccabee is variously derived from macab, "The hammer," from makab yah, "The one named

by God," and from the initial Hebrew letters of the biblical verse, "Who is like unto Thee among the mighty, O Lord?")

The Maccabees, as historian Elias Bickerman reminds us, were not pioneers of religious freedom, were not distant Jewish uncles of the Founding Fathers. They were zealots asserting the supremacy of God's word over the babblings of an earthly king. The revolt began with the killing of a Jew who had broken the commandments; when it ended in victory, Hellenistic practices were forcibly suppressed.

Nor was this a unanimous movement of national liberation--it was more like a civil war. The Jewish Hellenists were many and potent, quite apart from their Syrian support. To be sure, the masses' sympathies were with the Maccabees;

Judah's successes depended not only upon intimacy with the labyrinthine mountain terrain, but also upon swimming--as Chairman Mao would later recommend--in the sea of the people. Moderate Hellenists were forced by the struggle to take sides; and many found that, in the crunch, they were Jews first.

In 165 B.C.E., a peace was negotiated, with Roman assistance, by which the Pietists were amnestied and granted the right to resume their

ancient worship; Jerusalem and the Temple remained in the Hellenized hands of Menelaus. Later in the year, Judah took advantage of the Syrians' preoccupations elsewhere to capture the city and purge it of all idolatry, purifying the Temple and restoring, on the 25th of Kislev, the daily sacrifice. It was then, tradition says, that the miracle of the Temple oil occurred: the one extant undefiled cruse, just enough for one day, burned for eight. In 163 B.C.E., a new treaty made the Torah the binding law of the land.

Victory appeared to be complete. But the Pietists, simple, devout, and essentially apolitical, had no interest in the vital problem of maintaining relations with the Seleucid empire. Gradually, the priesthood and political sinew slipped back to the Hellenist camp.

The Hasmonean dynasty--Mattathias' descendants--became ever more compromised: wealth and power turned them into tyrants, and ultimately assimilationists. They soon lost the love of the poor, and the Pharisees--the artisans and shopkeepers from whose studies the Talmud grew--were so disillusioned with the Hasmoneans that they scanted Chanukah severely in the Mishnah.

Nonetheless, the Maccabees' work had succeeded. Through their uprising, the continuance of Torah was assured. Though Hellenization inexorably continued, it could not now assimilate Judaism--it would now be assimilated by Judaism. Greek rationalism, universalism, the dignity of the individual human mind: these were incorporated into the new, thoroughly Jewish world view of the Talmud.

Latkes

Certain popular fallacies are popular for good reason, and one belief is that Chanukah latkes can be made only from potatoes. It is a palatable fallacy. How can one think any other kind of latke necessary, or even possible, in the face of a plateful of sizzling potato pancakes? But facts are facts: the only fixed law of the latke is that it is fried in oil, memorializing the eight in one miracle oil of the rededicated temple. Potato latkes only became popular when Jews moved to isolated regions where dairy products were scarce. The original Chanukah latke was made with cheese. Enjoy!

Carol's Method

"Grate" one pound potatoes by cutting them lengthwise in quarters and dropping pieces, one at a time, into the feed tube of food processor with motor running. (Potatoes may also be processed with the shredder blade and then the steel blade.) Remove potatoes to colander, gently pressing liquid out, and then place in bowl. Add grated onion; 2 whites and one yolk from medium eggs; one-half teaspoon salt, or up to one teaspoon to taste; heaping tablespoon of matzoh meal; 1/4 teaspoon of baking powder; and 1/4 teaspoon dried ginger. Set aside batter while heating pan 5 minutes. Add 2 teaspoons of oil, fry 4 latkes 3 minutes a side, remove latkes, add 2 more teaspoons of oil and repeat process. May be reheated in oven. If frozen, will probably lose some of the onion flavor.

Noodle-Latkes

2 cups cooked noodles
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
1/2 cup defrosted apple juice concentrate
1/4 cup flour
1 egg, beaten

1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tps. oil

Mix noodles--two cups dry will yield about the same cooked--and poppy seeds. Separately combine apple concentrate, flour, egg, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix with noodles. Heat pan 5 minutes, then add oil. Form 4 cakes and fry until brown and crisp on each side. Good with yogurt, apple sauce, fruited yogurt, or as a side dish for fowl.

Almond Potato (pareve)

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cooked
2 egg yolks, beaten
Salt and pepper
Dash nutmeg
Flour
Egg whites, beaten
1/2 cup chopped blanched almonds
Oil
Put potatoes through ricer. Blend with egg yolks. Add seasonings to taste. Shape mixture into small latkes and dredge in flour. Dip in beaten egg white and roll in chopped almonds. Fry in hot oil until golden. Drain on absorbent paper towels.

Or, brush with oil and bake on oiled cookie sheet in 350 oven for 10 minutes. Turn oven up to 400 and bake for another 4 to 5 minutes. (Check frequently to make sure latkes don't burn.)

Apple-Cheese Pancakes Dairy

1-1/2 cups chopped apple
1 cup cottage or ricotta cheese
1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons chopped almonds
Dash nutmeg
4 eggs, separated
1/2 teaspoon salt
Oil
Combine all ingredients except egg whites. Beat whites until stiff and fold into apple mixture. Heat oil in skillet. Drop batter by large spoonfuls into skillet and fry until golden. Serve with sour cream or low-fat yogurt flavored with cinnamon and undiluted apple juice concentrate.

Low-Cal: Use low fat cottage cheese and yogurt topping.

Israeli Chanukah Buckwheats
pareve
2 packages dry or 1/2 ounce
fresh yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm water
2 cups cold water
1 cup flour
2 cups buckwheat flour
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup melted pareve margarine
1 teaspoon baking soda
dissolved in 1/2 cup cold water
Oil

Dissolve yeast in warm water; add cold water. Sift together flour, buckwheat, and salt. Stir in yeast mixture. Beat well until smooth. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In morning, stir in sugar, margarine, and dissolve baking soda. Let stand at room temperature for 1/2 hour. Drop by spoonfuls onto hot greased griddle or thick pan. As soon as the pancakes are bubbly and puffed, turn and brown on other side. Makes about 32 pancakes.

Cheesy Zucchini Latkes Dairy
2 pounds zucchini squash
1 medium Idaho potato, peeled
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup sliced or chopped scallions
1/2 cup freshly grated cheese
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 cup flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
Oil

Grate, grind, or process zucchini and potato to grated

consistency. Remove as much water as possible by squeezing mixture in a towel. Put mixture in a large bowl and toss with lemon juice, scallions, cheese, garlic, and egg. Sift together flour, sugar, pepper, and salt. Blend into vegetable mixture thoroughly. Form patties and fry in 1/4 inch of hot oil until golden. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot, plain or with sour cream or yogurt blended with chives. Serves 6.

Creamy Broccoli Latkes Dairy
1 6-1/2-ounce can tuna in oil, drained and chopped
2 packages frozen broccoli, cooked and chopped
4 tablespoons margarine or butter
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
1 small onion
Salt and pepper to taste
Dash nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1-1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese
1/4 cup bread crumbs or wheat germ
1/2 cup flour
3 eggs
Oil

Melt margarine over low heat. Stir in flour, blending until smooth. Slowly stir in milk. Add onion. Cook mixture, stirring with wire whip or wooden spoon, until thickened and smooth. Place in 350 oven for 20 minutes. Remove and strain sauce. Add seasonings and stir

in cheddar cheese until cheese is melted. Set aside. Combine tuna, broccoli, bread crumbs, flour, and eggs. Add 1-1/2 cups of the sauce and stir till well blended. Fry in hot shortening or preheat nonstick pan until golden brown. Serve with remaining sauce, warmed over hot water in double boiler.

Low-Cal/Low-Cholesterol: Use the following low-fat white sauce: 2 cups skimmed milk, scalded and seasoned with 1/2 teaspoon salt and dash of white pepper and thickened with 3 tablespoons cream of rice or instant mashed potato. Stir in only 1/2 cup of low-fat grated cheese.

Potato/Tuna/Cheese Dairy
1 standard recipe potato latkes (or 1 package of mix)
1 6-1/2-ounce can of tuna, drained and chopped
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/3 cup chopped walnuts
oil
Combine all ingredients. Fry in hot shortening or in preheated nonstick pan. Makes 4 luncheon main-course servings.

Latke-Making Tips
All latke recipes can be made lighter--if that's the way you prefer them--by separating the eggs and adding the yolks along with the other ingredients. Whip the whites until stiff and fold into the batter before frying.

Calories in all these recipes can be reduced by frying the latkes in nonstick pans or in pans that have been sprayed with nonstick product.

Cholesterol and saturated fat content of the recipes can be reduced by replacing eggs with egg substitutes or with 2 egg whites for each whole egg.

Excess greasiness can be eliminated by having fat at the right temperature for frying (375 or hot enough so that a drop of water sputters when dropped in it) and by draining finished latkes on paper toweling.

Bean and Brown-Rice Latkes

1/2 medium carrot
 1 clove garlic
 2-3 sprigs parsley
 2 scallions
 1/4 cup salsa (taco sauce)
 1 cup cooked beans, drained
 1 cup cooked brown rice
 1-3 Tbsps. water, if needed
 Breadcrumbs (optional)
 2 tps. oil
 Grate carrot, chop garlic, parsley, and scallions; or put carrot cut in pieces, garlic, parsley and scallions separately through the feed tube of a running processor fitted with a steel blade. Mix in salsa, mashed beans, and rice. Mixture should hold together but not crumble. Add water or more salsa if needed. Form 4 patties and roll in breadcrumbs if desired. Fry in

oil that has been added to heated pan. Good with yogurt or salsa.

Classic Potato Latkes (pareve)

6 Idaho potatoes, peeled
 1 small onion, chopped fine
 4 eggs, lightly beaten
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour (or matzah meal)
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon Accent Flavor Enhancer

Oil
 Grate or grind potatoes into a bowl of cold water (to prevent darkening). Drain thoroughly, squeezing out excess water in a towel. Stir in onion, eggs, flour, salt and flavor enhancer. Beat until wellblended. Fry in hot shortening or in nonstick pan until brown or crisp.

Spinach Latkes

1 ten-ounce package of chopped frozen spinach, defrosted
 2/3 cup instant mashed potatoes with fried onions
 1 egg or 2 egg whites, beaten
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg
 2 tps. oil
 Squeeze juice from spinach reserving 1/3 cup. Heat juice to boiling, remove from heat, and mix in potato flakes. Combine with spinach, eggs, salt and pepper, and nutmeg. Knead ingredients until spinach and potatoes are evenly combined. Form 4 patties and fry until crisp on each side in oil that has been added to heated pan. Latkes are good by themselves or with yogurt, cottage cheese, or sour cream on top.



Serve with applesauce or a blend of applesauce and canned whole cranberry sauce. Serves 6.

Latkes Party

Maurice Weinstein

by Robert Weinstein



My father, Maurice Weinstein, was a lawyer's lawyer, a scholar's advocate, a proud Marine, and an avid yachtsman.

A member of the North Carolina Bar for over 50 years, he was known for his impeccable integrity and his zealous representation of clients. He was a mentor and role-model for many younger attorneys. His wisdom and advice were sought after by other lawyers even after he retired in 1981.

He was a lifelong student with a scholar's curiosity. Among the few items he would carry in his pocket were his library cards for Davidson College and UNC-Charlotte. He surrounded himself with books, periodicals, and newspapers. A writer and extraordinary orator, he was taken with the power of the English language. On his desk he kept long lists of words he had encountered and found to be particularly succinct. He spent years doing research on various subjects, mostly for the sake of his own knowledge.

After practicing law for just one year, he abandoned his practice in 1942 to join the Marine Corps. He served in the South Pacific and on the staff of the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He was discharged a Major and was always proud to be a Marine. He kept a full size Marine Corps flag in his living room.

So taken with a love of boats and anything nautical, he founded the Commodore Yacht Club on Lake Wylie. He was a collector of nautical

antiques and a great admirer of Admiral Lord Nelson. His most prized possession was an antique mon from a British Man of War.

Maurice Weinstein was a distinguished attorney, a scholar, a Marine, and a yachtsman. However, above all else, he was a renowned defender of the Jewish people. Jewish survival was his lifelong concern.

I never asked about his initial motivation for this overwhelming concern. Now, as I go through the carefully kept memorabilia of his life, his motivation becomes glaringly obvious. He was born, in rural New Jersey, of parents who were part of the great migration of Jews who were fleeing oppression in eastern Europe around the turn of the century. As a college student in the 1930's, he discovered anti-Semitism was not confined to eastern Europe. He also realized that, as a Jew, he had a special and proud heritage.

He began speaking out as a first year law student at Duke University. A speech delivered to Hillel students at Duke was printed in the May 1938 issue of *The American Jewish Times* (a predecessor of this magazine). Entitled "So What?" the article addressed the individual Jew's responsibility as a representative of the Jewish people as a whole. This same theme was expanded upon in

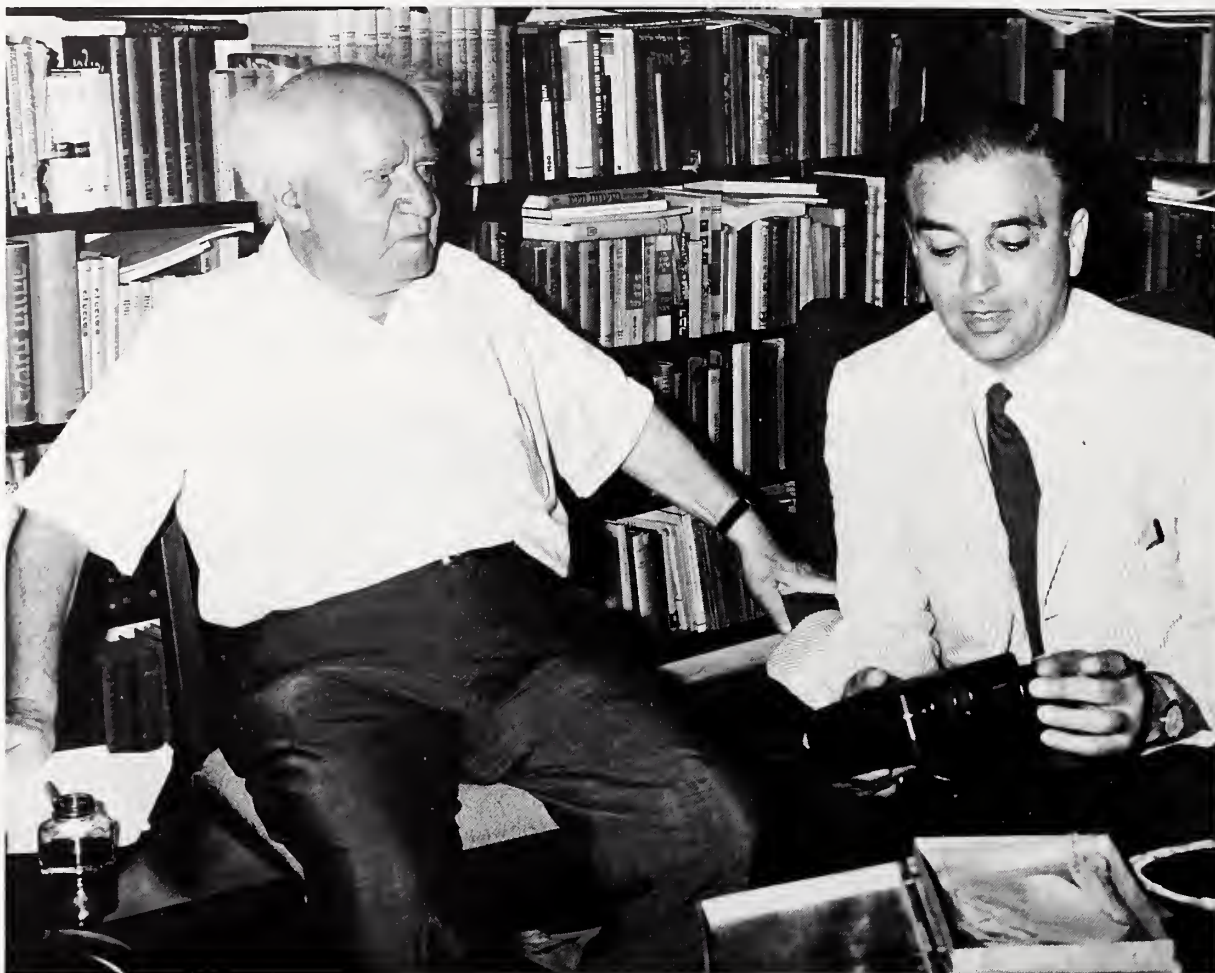
a speech he gave at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation National Oratorical Contest in Chicago in April 1940. The speech recalls that "...people are prejudiced towards the Jewish People because they are ignorant of the true fact of the Jews." He argued that anti-Semitism could be fought through the interchange of ideas between Jewish and Christian



youth. However, he went on to lament that "Too many of us are indifferent, unconcerned, and uninterested in our Jewish religion, culture, and problems. Too many of us face the Jewish religion and affairs of the Jews with an attitude of 'So What? What difference does it make?'" In the years to follow Maurice Weinstein was determined to make a difference.

After World War II, Jews were entering the mainstream of American life, a challenge that seemed almost impossible just a generation earlier. With the freedoms and opportunities in America came a new dilemma as to whether or not Jewish Americans could remain attached to their Judaism. This dilemma became a favored topic in post-war Jewish publications. One writer wrote in the *National Jewish Monthly*: "Jewish life in America has deteriorated tremendously, especially when compared to the learning, piety, and loyalty to folk and faith achieved by the communities of Eastern and Central Europe." Other writers agreed, Milton Steinberg wrote in "The Making of the Modern Jew": "The emancipated Jew today is in matters of Jewish culture pathetically uninformed. He knows nothing of it. His children, if possible, will know less."

These problems particularly troubled my father. He, himself, never had the opportunity to receive a formal Jewish education. Concerned about the future of Judaism, he became determined to create a forum where adult Jews could learn about their rich Jewish heritage. In 1948, as President of the Charlotte lodge of B'nai B'rith, with the help and advice of friends, and with the insistence and backing of I.D.



Maurice Weinstein with Ben Gurion, in the late 60's

Blumenthal, he founded the first adult Jewish study institute, the Institute of Judaism, at Blumenthal's retreat at Wildacres NC.

The first institute featured several of the important Jewish minds of the time, Ludwig Lewisohn, Marvin Lowenthal, and Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld. The first Institute led to a second, in the summer of 1949, featuring Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of the Reconstructionist movement, and Solomon Grayzel, the distinguished author of "A History of the Jews." Kaplan and Grayzel were so taken with the experience that they both remained involved in the Institutes for many years.

In August of 1949, now President of the North Carolina Association of B'nai B'rith, my father wrote to Frank Goldman, President of the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith, with an impassioned plea and a lengthy proposal to establish a national program of Jewish Institutes. In March 1950, at the international convention of B'nai B'rith, a committee on the establishment of the B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism was created. The resolution was known as "The Wildacres Plan." Naturally, Maurice Weinstein was chosen to chair the committee.

The Institute at Wildacres quickly led to a national network of B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism.

Mordecai Kaplan, in a personal note, conveyed his thoughts: "... I believe this method of adult education to be one of the most encouraging signs for the future of Judaism in America." My father noted the essence of the idea clearly when he wrote: "Learning throughout life is basic in the traditions of Judaism and one of the principle causes for the survival of the Jewish people."

The successful Institutes were just the beginning. In 1953, by now President of District 5, he appeared before the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith to propose that adult education be made a department of B'nai B'rith, resulting in the establishment of the B'nai B'rith

Department of Adult Jewish Education. He became the first Chairman of the National Adult Jewish Education Committee, serving until 1961. The committee, which eventually became the Commission on Continuing Jewish Education, promoted the institutes, published books, and sponsored the B'nai B'rith Jewish Book Club and the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.

Continuing his long involvement with B'nai B'rith, he served from 1965 to 1972, and again in 1980 and 1981, as the Chairman of the B'nai B'rith International Council, which was entrusted with the execution of B'nai B'rith policy and operations in 44 countries overseas and the United Nations.

He had a keen interest in, and was a student of, international affairs, the United Nations, the Middle East, Jewish history and especially Israel. During his numerous visits to Israel he met with many Israeli leaders, from David Ben Gurion to Shimon Peres. He traveled to 58 foreign countries, usually at the invitation of

Jewish groups eager to hear his lectures on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the United Nations, and the perils which challenged the survival of Israel and Judaism. In recent years, he often lectured in Charlotte and elsewhere on the Arab and Muslim motivations for their conflicts with Israel, a subject he spent several years researching.

His letters and articles appeared often in The Charlotte Observer and many other publications. These articles were often in response to anti-Semitic and anti-Israel "propaganda." He was always compelled to defend the Jewish people and the State of Israel and to "set the record straight."

Maurice Weinstein was a long time admirer of Zebulon B. Vance, Civil War era governor of North Carolina, three term United States Senator, and for several years, a Charlotte attorney. Vance, a charismatic speaker and scholar, authored a famous lecture entitled "The Scattered Nation." The oration was an impassioned defense of the

Jewish people and a plea for friendship with the Jews. Often acclaimed and written about during Vance's lifetime and for many years after his death, the oration had been mostly forgotten about and was unknown to current generations. In May 1995, my father edited "Zebulon B. Vance and 'The Scattered Nation.'" The book reprinted Vance's speech along with commentary and biographical material on Vance's life.

My father, Maurice Weinstein, pioneer of adult Jewish education and passionate defender of the Jewish people, passed away July 25, 1995. In addition to myself, he is survived by two daughters, Marcia Simon and Deborah Weinstein, and six grandchildren. He was married to the late Rosa Baer Weinstein.

The family has established a memorial fund, The Maurice A. and Rosa B. Weinstein Memorial Fund for Adult Jewish Education, at Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Road, Charlotte NC 28226.

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Temple Israel at Shalom Park, Charlotte NC. Photo by Joel Goldman.

Temple Israel Charlotte NC celebrates Centennial

Temple Israel, Charlotte NC, the oldest and largest Conservative congregation in the Carolinas, concluded the year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary in November. The month's celebrations were highlighted by the Centennial Luski Family Concert featuring TAMID, Israeli Army performers. The concert, attended by hundreds of Charlotteans, presented musical selections representing the best of Jewish folk music, hazzanut (cantorial music), modern Israeli music and Yiddish melodies. The concert was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Temple Israel's Shabbat Gala Weekend took place November 17 and 18. The Temple Israel family was joined by dignitaries who represent the major arms of the Conservative Movement. Speakers for the weekend included Justin Weininger, President of the Southeast Region of the United Synagogue, Rabbi Jerome Epstein, the Executive Vice-President and spokesperson for the United Synagogue of America; and Rabbi Morton Leifman, Vice-Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the central institution of the Conservative Movement.

Shabbat services were attended by local dignitaries and officials including State Senator Leslie Winner; State Representatives Pete Cunningham and Ed McMahon; County Commissioners George Higgins, Dr. Robert Rucho and Lloyd Scher; and City Councilman Nasif Majeed. During services, Mr. Scher, a member of Temple Israel, read proclamations and congratulatory

letters from President Bill Clinton, U.S. Representative Sue Myrick, N.C. Governor Jim Hunt and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg government.

The weekend's festivities began with a beautiful Shabbat dinner attended by more than 200 members of the Temple Israel family. Attendees enjoyed a traditional Shabbat meal, joining in joyful Shabbat song and thanking God for the blessings that Temple Israel has received over the last ten decades. Friday evening services were highlighted by a very stirring address by Rabbi Morton Leifman who said that every Jew carries the seed of Judaism. No matter how a Jew conforms to religious ritual, he or she passes on to the next generation love and faith in Judaism.

Shabbat morning services, conducted by Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvarg, were enhanced by the remarks of Justin Weininger and a major address by Rabbi Jerome Epstein. Mr. Weininger brought greetings to Temple Israel on its 100th

anniversary from the Southeast Region of United Synagogue. He also saluted the leadership of gala weekend chairperson Jerry Levin who serves as vice-president of Southeast Region. Rabbi Epstein described the identity of a Conservative Jew and defined some



(L. to R.): President David Miller presents plaques to Jerry Levin, Sam Strause and Bill Gorelick for their successful Torah Endowment campaign in celebration of Temple Israel's 100th Anniversary.



Rabbi William Greenburg (center) leads HaMotzi at Gala Dinner Dance. Looking on (L. to R.): Temple President David Miller, Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvarg.

Attending the Gala Dinner Dance were (L. to R.): Justin Weininger, President of Southeast Region, United Synagogue; Temple Israel President David Miller; Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Executive Vice-President, United Synagogue; Jerry Levin, Gala Chairman.



fundamental principles of the Conservative movement as a guide for becoming a better Jew for yourself and for your community. Rabbi William Greenburg who served as rabbi of Temple Israel from 1932 to 1942 reminisced with the congregation about the early days of the Temple at the Seventh Street location. In his benediction, Rabbi Greenburg led the congregation in the "Shehehiyanu" prayer in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Temple Israel.

Among the out-of-town guests who came to Charlotte for the anniversary were past Temple Presidents A. Samuel Gitlin (1936-39) and A. Bertram Fleishman (1966-68) with their wives.

The festivities continued into the evening as Temple Israel, 500 strong, gathered with its friends at the Marriott Uptown, where a gala party celebrating this milestone took place. The dance music was provided by the Bo Thorpe Orchestra. The centennial celebration at Temple Israel continued into the week when Temple Israel hosted the Interfaith Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews, representing the diversity of the faith community here in Charlotte.

For a hundred years Temple Israel has represented the best of Torah Judaism in the Charlotte community. What better way could there be to commemorate the 100th anniversary of a synagogue than to write a new Torah. Temple Israel centered its endowment campaign around the writing of a new Sefer Torah. The Centennial Torah, commissioned last year, was completed on September 17 at Temple Israel. That day, Rabbi Moshe Klein came to Charlotte, along with his quill pens and Kosher ink, to help each family to take part in the writing.

Other Temple News

Temple Israel continues to grow and endure through her dedication to Conservative Judaism and Torah. As the next century begins at Temple Israel, we celebrate with our newest B'nai Mitzvah, births and members. We congratulate Micah Monosoff, son of Roberta and Murray Monosoff, and Sarah Yeskel, daughter of Elka



Long-time active members of Temple Israel enjoy celebrating the 100th Anniversary. Standing (L. to R.): Joe & Barbara Sklut, Gerald & Fay Sinkoe, Shirley & Ed Goodman; seated (L. to R.): Bert & Faye Fleishman, Sol & Janet Jaffa.

and Fil Yeskel, on being the first to celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah in Temple Israel's second century.

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Jacob Alan Fremderman, son of Jill and Bruce Fremderman of Charlotte, born November 1. Grandparents are Carl Nevard of Toronto, Canada and Eileen and Gerald Fremderman of Vestal, New York. Mia Danielle Cremisi, daughter of Jocie and Henry Cremisi of Charlotte, born November 2. Grandparents are Diane and Michael Steiner of Palm Beach, Florida and Ingrid and Al Cremisi of Boynton Beach, Florida. Great grandparents are Mildred and Carl Martin of North Palm Beach, Florida and Margherita Cremisi of Boca Raton, Florida.



Welcome to our newest members: Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Avri Beeri, Ms. Audrey Weil, Mr. & Mrs. Dana Goldfarb and Dr. & Mrs. Gerald B. Rosen

Three Generations of Abraham Luski Family witness the final letters being written by scribe on 100th anniversary Torah. (L. to R.): Abraham & Rose Luski, Berta Straz, Jamie Straz.



Young leaders of Temple Israel and the Charlotte Jewish community. Standing (L. to R.) Lori Sklut, Bari & Jeff Gorelick, Howard Levine, Robin Heiden, Stacy Gorelick (Gala co-chair); seated (L. to R.): Eric Sklut (JCC President), Bob Ett, Wendy Sklut-Kaplan, Todd Gorelick.

Jewish Book Month Celebration in Charlotte NC

by Amalia Warshenbrot
Speizman Jewish Library

Fair is designed for those who wish to purchase Jewish books as Hanukah gifts and especially for anyone who wishes to expand his collection of Jewish literature for Adults and Children.

Proceeds of the book fair will go to benefit the Speizman Jewish Library and the JCC.

For more information on the Jewish Book Celebration please call Amalia Warshenbrot at 704-366-5007 Ext. 258.



The Book and Author committee chaired by Rosalind Taranto chose Professor Aciman because they felt that very little is known about the life of *Jews in Arab Lands*. The book *Out of Egypt* is an insight into an important chapter of Sephardic Jewish history. Prof. Aciman teaches French Literature at Princeton University. His book is available

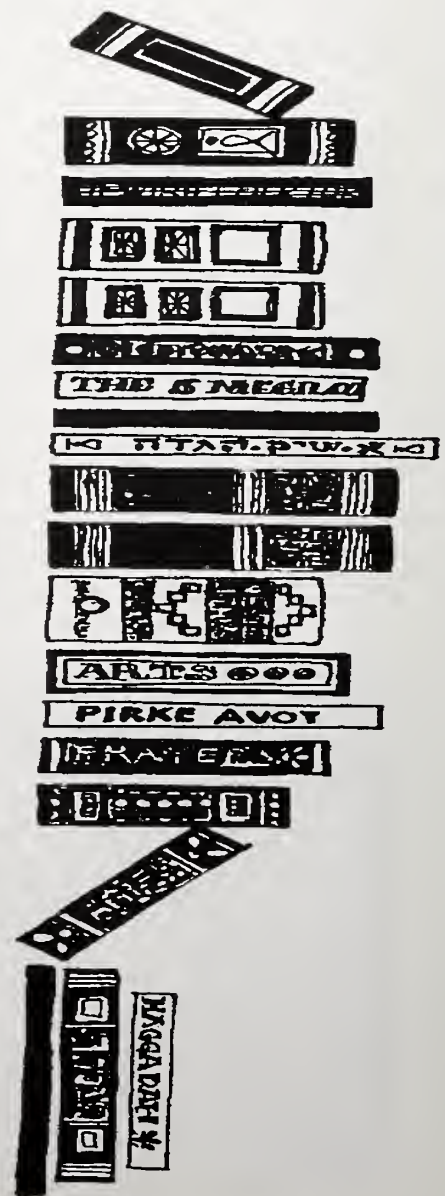
Andre Aciman, acclaimed author of a personal memoir *Out of Egypt*, will be the guest speaker at the ninth annual Book and Author evening on December 10, 1995, co-sponsored by Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah Women, The Speizman Jewish Library, and the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte.

Mr. Aciman follows speakers such as Dennis Prager editor/author of *Ultimate Issues* and many books, Julius Lester and his *Journey to Judaism* and other noted speakers who introduced their books on topics such as holocaust, interfaith marriage, Jewish life in America and many more.

for sale at the JCC front desk.

The Book and Author evening will take place in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park 5007 Providence Rd. Charlotte. Tickets are \$5.00 (students and senior citizens free). The program starts at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall. Before the program Hadassah Women will hold an exclusive sale of Judaic art and jewelry designed by Linda Gissen.

The second Jewish Book Fair will be held in the Charlotte JCC Adult Lounge on Sunday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m. This Book





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Book Review

With This Ring I Journey
 by Lorie Kleiner Eckert

32 pp. Color photos Pelican Publishing Co. \$15.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book proclaims the "Journey" of the author from marriage and motherhood to finding a new life, symbolized in fashioning quilts.

Her "Journey" arouses disturbing questions for me. Lorie Kleiner Eckert was born in 1952, and perhaps her age and the influences of the years of her early life contribute to her setting out upon this journey.

After twenty years of marriage, seemingly good years, she realized she felt unfulfilled. The family had lived in three big cities, and she had worked in positions with the National Personnel Record Center in St. Louis and the Veteran's Administration Regional Office in San Diego. She stopped working to be at home for her children, a decision in which she and her husband agreed.

Although the record of volunteer work she performed during those years sounds generous and important, her life was not gratifying to her, and she struck out on her own.

To support herself, she turned her hobby of quilt making into a means of earning a livelihood, teaching, lecturing and writing about quilts. Beautifully illustrated in her book, with confession of her feelings and explanation of each quilt's design, the psychology expressed is troubling.

It comes across as solipsism, concern for herself. What of the effects of her venturing out into a new life upon her children and her husband? Her creativity as a talent is apparent, and she speaks much of love. It is hard to compare quilts as the center of one's life to the conventional role of cherished wife and mother. But I never understood the search for acceptance of oneself or the self-analysis that has become centrally important to many of our contemporaries.

Twilight

by Elie Wiesel

Schocken 217 pp. \$12.00 paper

The Trial of God

by Elie Wiesel

Schocken 176 pp. \$12.00 paper

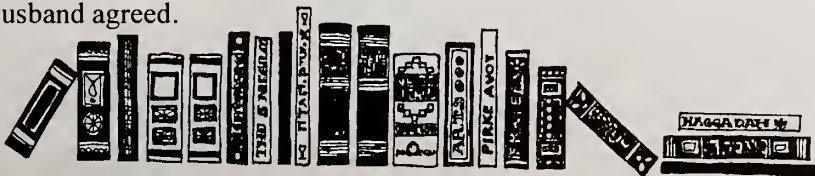
These two works of Elie Wiesel written in 1987 and 1975 have just been republished in paperback editions by Schocken with new introductions. These are translations from the French, the language of his choice for his literature, although Elie Wiesel is fluent in several languages.

Twilight is the riveting story of a holocaust survivor in search of his rescuer. It takes the reader from Eastern Europe to Paris and Berlin and finally to a psychiatric clinic in upstate New York specializing in patients whose delusions spring from the Bible.

This is a novel of memory, loss and madness, resonating with the dramatic upheavals of our century.

The Trial of God is set in a medieval European village where three itinerant Jewish actors put God on trial to answer for His silence during a pogrom. The drama speaks powerfully to issues of faith after the Holocaust and to the timeless theological conundrum of a mysterious God who countenances evil and tragedy.

As always, Elie Wiesel's writing is eloquent and good reading. Schocken Books does well to bring these two novels again to the attention of readers who want to hear what the noted winner of the Nobel Peace Prize has to tell us.



Craig 'n Co. Receives Prestigious Parents' Choice Gold Award for My Jewish Discovery

Los Angeles, CA--September, 29, 1995-The Parents' Choice Foundation announces its annual awards selected by over 3700 children, parents, teachers, librarians, psychologists, pediatricians, prominent critics, at-home moms and dads from across the country. Of all products entered in the competition only five to six percent win awards. *My Jewish Discovery*, Craig Taubman's newest release, is honored to be a proud recipient of this prestigious award.

My Jewish Discovery was commissioned by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Los Angeles in an effort to bring Jewish history, customs and culture to young families. Selections from *My Jewish Discovery* include Craig's ode to Jewish food, *Deli-ightful*, the doo-wop *Shabababat Shalom*, the hip-hop *Chanukah Rap* and *Holidaze*, Craig's tribute to Jewish holidays. Also featured on the recordings are two poems read by Emmy award winning actor Fyvush Finkel.

Craig Taubman's dynamic music and moving performance style have been an inspiration to the Jewish community for over 18 years. Craig's magical and enchanting music brings to life the joy and spirit of our Jewish heritage, appealing to young and old alike and captivating audiences wherever he goes. His styles run the gamut from pop, rock and religious music to national commercials and children's musicals.

Combining Hebrew and English lyrics, his songs bridge the traditional Jewish themes and ancient teachings with the passages and experiences of contemporary Jewish life. He speaks a language that is both comfortable and acceptable to children and adults. Synagogues, camps, youth groups and Jewish schools use Craig's music regularly in their respective institutions across the country. His nine Jewish recordings have become an integral part of the Jewish community weaving song and spirit into the fabric of Jewish life.

Craig also enjoys an illustrious career in the secular children's music and entertainment. He has released three albums with Walt Disney Records including *Morning n' Night*, *Rock 'n Together*, and *Rock n' Toontown*. His kid-sized rock 'n roll have earned him numerous awards and recognition, and his concerts have drawn thousands of fans nationwide. These include the prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award for video excellence for his original songs and lyrics in the *Songs for Us* video series, and an INDY award for his *Morning 'n Night* recording. Most recently, you can hear Craig's music in the new Fox Television series, *Rimba Island*. Additionally, Craig has written and recorded the theme song for *Andre*, a Paramount Pictures family film and *Pinocchio*, a new film coming

Summer 1996 for Savoy Entertainment.

Craig is also regularly seen on television with featured specials on The Disney Channel, as well as guest appearances on The Home Show, Nickelodeon, Entertainment



CRAIG TAUBMAN

Tonight, XUXA, and the Pediatric Aids Benefit and Concert.

Described by the Los Angeles Times as "the king of supercharged, kid-sized rock 'n roll," Craig 'n Co. has earned the attention of critics and fans nationwide by providing fun, educational and wholesome family entertainment. *My Jewish Discovery* delivers the same standard of excellence and entertainment value families have come to expect from Craig 'n Co.



Chanukah Celebration

December 1995

In The Fiddler's House

Itzhak Perlman Jams with Four Klezmer Bands in Adjunct to PBS Special

Available on Angel Records November 14, 1995

Itzhak Perlman has teamed up with four renowned Klezmer bands to create a soulful, passionate CD of Klezmer music titled, *In The Fiddler's House*. The CD is available on Angel Records November 14, 1995. *In The Fiddler's House* is being released in adjunct to a PBS Great Performance special by the same name. The PBS special is scheduled for premier broadcast November 27, 1995 and will be broadcast locally on affiliates throughout December.

There are four klezmer bands performing with Perlman on this CD: The Andy Statman Klezmer Orchestra, The Klezmatics, Brave Old World and The Klezmer Conservatory Band. This is the first time to have all four of these acclaimed klezmer bands on the same CD. The PBS program focuses on Klezmer music, its history and origin, and features all four

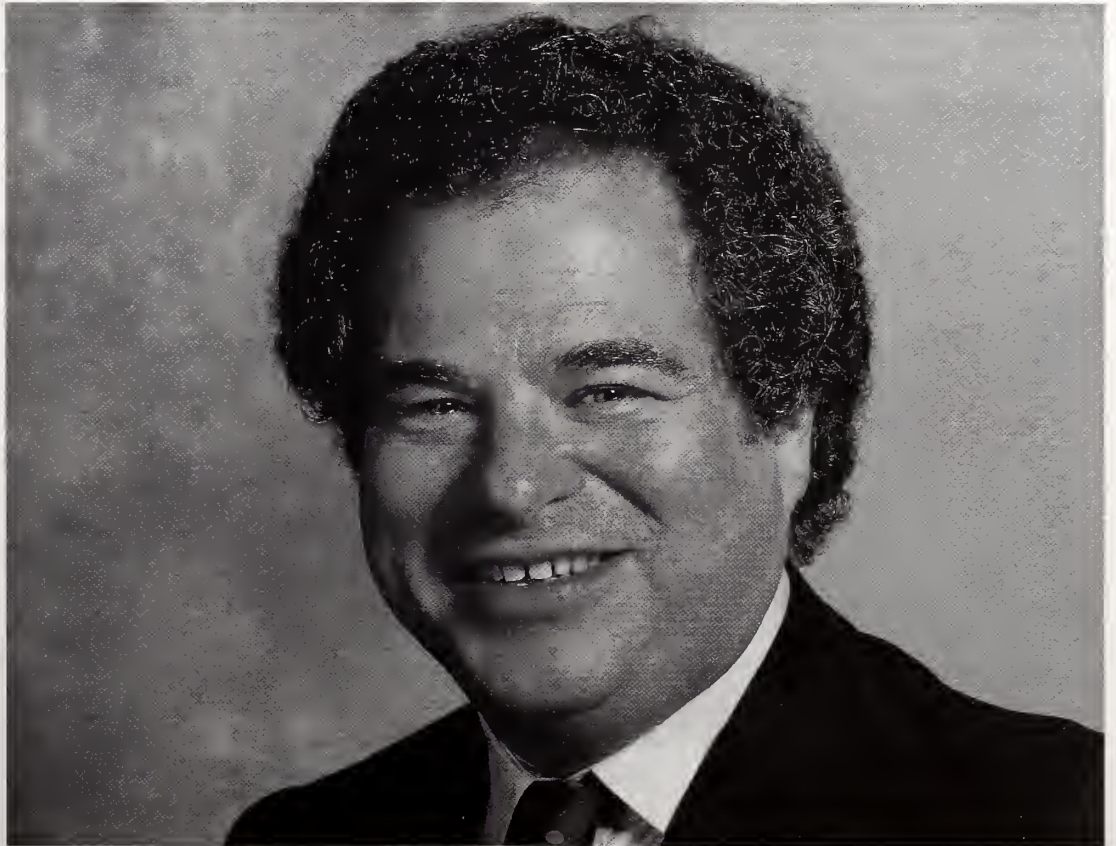
of the same Klezmer Bands as well as Itzhak Perlman.

The title of the CD is contrived from a quote after Yiddish writer Y. L. Peretz and Itzhak Perlman. The quote taken after Peretz reads, "Do you want to know how many people there are in a household? Just look at the walls. As many fiddles as hang there, that's how many people. . ." Itzhak Perlman adds to that, "It's called *In The Fiddler's House* because it's what you might hear if you came to my house and I decided to jam with some friends. More than any other music that I have recorded, that is 'my' music."

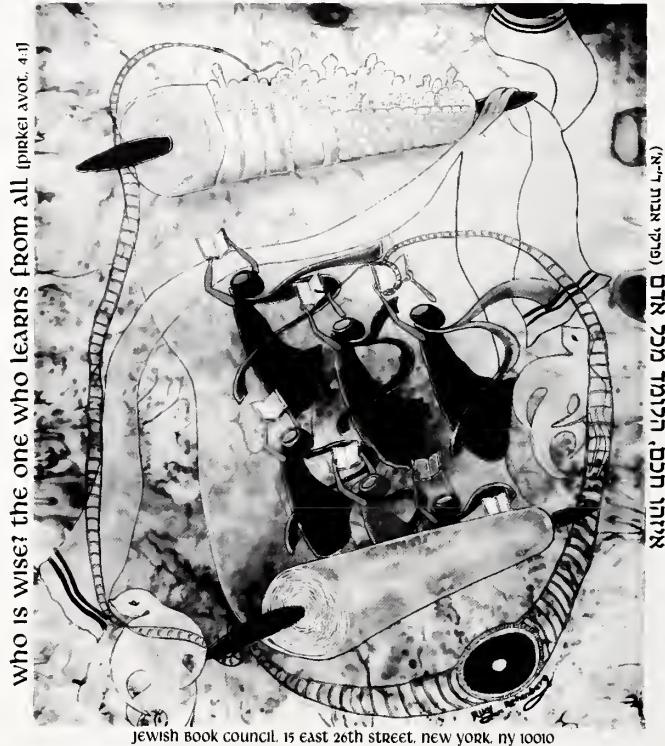
Klezmer is the Yiddish pronunciation of the Hebrew Kley-

zemer--'musical instruments'-which in European context came to refer to the musicians themselves. Klezmer music is the traditional instrumental music of East European Jews, performed at weddings and other celebrations.

This is a personal triumph for Perlman, "As a boy, growing up in Israel, I heard the sounds of Klezmer music on the radio. My parents had both come from Poland, and Yiddish was the first language of our home. When I moved to the United States, Klezmer music came with me. It has accented the celebrations of my life: birth, bar-mitzvahs, weddings, and parties of all description. Klezmer music is in my blood."



חודש הספר היהודי Jewish Book Month
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1995 Jewish Book Month Kit Celebrates Jerusalem 3000

New York NY --An all new poster honoring Jewish Book Month and the community-wide celebration of Jerusalem 3000 is now available from the Jewish Book Council, the sponsor of Jewish Book Month which runs this year from November 18-December 18.

The special poster was created by Jerusalem artist Riky Rothenberg and is printed in vibrant colors on 17.5 x 22.5 glossy paper. It features the intertwining of books, tradition, the Holy City and more leading to the *Pirke Avot* phrase: *Who Is Wise? One Who Learns From All.*

The 1995 Jewish Book Month Kit, available from the Jewish Book

Council, includes two posters, an all new 20 page bibliography on *Jerusalem 3000*, and bookmarks for children and adults with annotated listings of recent books of Jewish interest plus a *Selected List of Books for a Jewish Book Fair*. The cost is \$27.00 + \$5.50 postage. A single poster run \$18.00 \$3.50 postage.

Jewish Book Month is a widely observed date on the calendar of North American Jewry when communities around the country focus attention on the latest books of Jewish interest. The Jewish Book Council, the only body whose sole purpose is the promotion of Jewish books, is the

sponsor of this annual program. For the *people of the book* nothing is more central to Jewish existence and Jewish continuity than the book.

The Jewish Book Council is the sponsor of the National Jewish Book Awards which will hold its annual ceremony during Jewish Book Month. For the first time it will take place at the 1995 Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly to be held in Boston. The awards will be presented on Thursday, November 16 in the Hynes Convention Center. The President of the Jewish Book Council, Arthur Kurzweil, will present the awards to winning authors in 13 categories of interest.

A Belfer Bar Mitzvah

by Gloria Teles Pushker
 Pelican Publishing Co. 32 pp.
 \$14.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A Bar Mitzvah, with Shabbat Service in the synagogue and the party that followed, is the story in *A Belfer Bar Mitzvah*. I wondered, when I saw the title, what kind is a Belfer Bar Mitzvah, but it turns out to be the name of the Bar Mitzvah boy's family.

The preparations for the event and its entire celebration are described in detail, with careful explanation of all the terms involved. There is a glossary at the end of the story.

The book is enlivened by the relationship of Toby to the Bar Mitzvah boy Paul, as the two are cousins, and Toby at the age of nine is about to begin to study for her Bat Mitzvah. She is therefore extremely interested and attentive from beginning to end.

Adding to the excellence of the book are the colorful illustrations by Judith Hierstein, who has captured the experience with her talent and familiarity with the subject. She also illustrated Pushker's other books.

The author aims to teach non-Jews and Jews alike the meaning of Jewish tradition and ritual. She has written other children's books. She earned a master's degree in education specializing in children's literature. She earned the degree at the University of New Orleans, her birthplace. Gloria Pushker teaches children's literature at Loyola University and Xavier University in that city. She also speaks in schools,

libraries, synagogues and churches, bringing understanding which is important in our multicultural society.

The book is recommended for children under thirteen, and for others of all ages who want to learn all about Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The custom was initiated in the fourteenth century in Europe. Girls were included in the observance of reaching maturity in the United States in 1921.

Renewing Your Soul

by David A. Cooper
 Harper San Francisco 150 pp.
 \$12.00 Paper

Review by Estelle Hoffman

Joining the popular publication of books about spirituality is David A. Cooper's "A Guided Retreat for the Sabbath and Other Days of Rest," his newest book in a series that aims to help the reader enrich his soul.

For people who wish to escape a too busy life, who are eager for direction. *Renewing Your Soul* offers step by step suggestions. Traditionally Jewish methods of meditation are described, with detailed explanations of their significance. Emphasis is placed on

the spiritual way to celebrate Shabbat, but a prescription is given for a retreat on Holy Days or any time when renewal or restoration is sought.

Within the guidance offered in strictly Jewish vein are similar techniques found in Eastern cultures, and they extend into our Western culture. Included are rituals of eating, fasting, exercise, contemplative study. Rabbi Cooper even supplies diagrams to help follow instructions.

At the end of the book there is a calendar of Torah Readings for the coming 10 years, followed by a 10 year calendar of Jewish Holidays to the year 2205.

For the person who desires sincerely to learn discipline and self-control in pursuit of tranquility, *Renewing Your Soul* goes beyond books which recommend escape into a spiritual realm. It is a complete guide.

Rabbi David Cooper left a career of political consultant to study Talmud, Hasidism and Jewish Mysticism in Israel. He runs a retreat center in Colorado, and he is rabbi in Woodland Hills CA at Makom Ohr Shalom Synagogue.



Pope John Paul II Wins Jewish Book Award

The Jewish Book Council has selected for the 1995 National Jewish Book Award - Charles R. Revson Foundation Award *Spiritual Pilgrimage: Texts on Jews and Judaism 1979-1995* by Pope John Paul II, with Commentary and Introduction by Eugene J. Fisher and Leon Klenicki, published by Crossroad Herder, an imprint of The Crossroad Publishing Company, to coincide with the Pope's visit to the United States in October. This book was evaluated by a distinguished panel which selected it after careful analysis in the category of Jewish Christian Relations.

The award will be presented at the National Jewish Book Awards Ceremony Thursday, November 16 at the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Boston, Massachusetts. His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law has been invited to accept the award on behalf of Pope John Paul II. Rabbi Klenicki was delighted to be advised of the award, but will be unable to attend the presentation. Dr. Eugene Fisher will be flying in from Los Angeles to accept the award. Dr. Gwendolin Herder, President of The Crossroad Publishing Company, will accept the award for Crossroad Herder.

Pope John Paul II was the first Pope to visit a synagogue since the time of Peter. He has made essential contributions to the historic dialogue between Jews and Catholics today. In one source, *Spiritual Pilgrimage* enables the reader to chart his extraordinary contributions through his writings, homilies, and speeches on the importance of Judaism and the Jewish People.

Rabbi Leon Klenicki is Director of Interfaith Affairs at the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Eugene J. Fisher, Ph.D. is Associate Director of Catholic-Jewish Relations for the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

HANUKKAH TRILOGY--A series of three books, designed to teach Jewish youngsters of all ages about the holiday of Hanukkah, has been distributed by Pitspopany Press. The series is available at bookstores throughout the country or by phoning or faxing Aharon Horowitz at (516) 239-6832.

Three Hanukkah Gems For Boys and Girls of all Ages Distributed by Pitspopany Press

Children of all ages love Hanukkah.

The brightly-lit candles ablaze in the menorah, the scrumptious smell of *latkas* (pancakes) frying and *sufganiot* (jelly doughnuts) baking in the kitchen and the piles of presents--most of all the presents--make Hanukkah the most universally-observed festival in the Jewish calendar.

To teach Jewish youngsters of all ages and from all parts of the Jewish spectrum about this most delightful of holidays, Pitspopany Press, the foremost innovator of creative Jewish titles for children and young adults, has distributed a series of three books on Hanukkah for children in various age groups. (Pitspopany means cutesy in Hebrew).

For the pre-schoolers's first encounter with the holiday, there's the delightful "Hanukkah Carousel." By following the simple illustrated instructions, the child can easily convert the colorfully-illustrated 20-panel volume into a *dreidle*-like carousel that captures the child's attention as the story of Hanukkah unfolds. There are *dreidles* from many lands, characters like Lottie Latka, smiley-faced, human-like

candles, and mighty warriors telling the story of the miracle of the single cruse of oil that burned for eight days. The "Hanukkah Carousel" sells for \$12.95.

For boys and girls ages 5-9, author Larry Bunchins has conceived an odd-shaped fictional character called the KvetchiT (*kevetcher* is Yiddish for complainer) as the vehicle for telling the story of Hanukkah in a 32-page, hard-cover volume appropriately titled, "The KvetchiT: A Hanukkah Tale." (\$14.95) As the hero of the book, the KvetchiT, a furry ball with three big eyes, two big ears, a big toothless mouth, and eight Hanukkah candles extending from his head, collects complaints which are recorded on the audio-cassette titled, "The 20 Greatest Kvetches Ever Told!," that accompanies the volume.

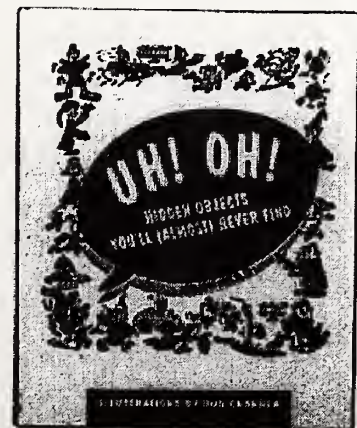
The furry hero loves *kevetchers*--the more whiny, the more annoying the more kvetchy the better. With each new kvetch--duly recorded on the tape--the KvetchiT grows happier and happier.

"The KvetchiT: A Hanukkah Tale," is beautifully illustrated by Celia Yitzchack.

"Uh!: Oh! Hanukkah - Hidden Objects You'll (Almost) Never Find," is another Pitspopany Press contribution to the world of interactive publishing. Through a sophisticated series of Waldo-like cartoons, developed by Don Channen, 8-12 year old youngsters rack their brains to find hidden Hanukkah characters and objects within the one-hour-deadline needed to qualify as an official "Uh! Oh! Tester!" and to receive a free sneak preview of the next "Uh! Oh!" title.

The 32-page, hard-cover volume sells for \$12.95.

Pitspopany Press' Hanukkah trilogy is available at book stores throughout the country, or may be ordered by phoning Aharon Horowitz at (516) 239-6832.

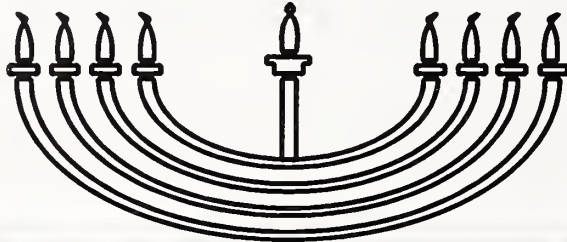


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Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men News 1995 Annual Fundraiser

I would like to thank all who participated in the CAJWM Annual Fundraiser. It was a big success. We were able to donate a very generous check to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

The 5 lucky winners were

*Hilbert Fuerstman - Charlotte NC Ralph Kier - Charlotte NC
Barbara Levy - Greensboro NC Wilson Lewith - Charlotte NC
Mitch Rifkin - Charlotte NC*

Thanks again for your help!

Sincerely,

Arthur Frank, Chairman





Innovative Israeli Device For Eliminating Varicose Leg Veins is Cleared for Marketing by FDA

Haifa, Israel--September, 1995-- Energy Systems Corporation of Haifa, Israel, recently announced that its new pulsed light system for the non-invasive removal of spider and varicose leg veins has received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration to market the device in the United States.

The PhotoDerm VL causes unwanted leg veins and other blood vessel disorders to disappear through the use of intense pulsed light. The patented procedure is non-

invasive, meaning there are no incisions, no needles, fewer side effects and minimal pain or discomfort to the patient. In clinical trials conducted on more than 500 cases, 79% of the treated leg veins achieved excellent improvement of greater than 75% clearance.

The PhotoDerm VL is the brainchild of Dr. Shimon Eckhouse, an Israeli physicist who spent many years working for the Ministry of Defense thinktank, RAFAEL. The company is headquartered in Haifa where it conducts R&D, manufacturing and

marketing. A wholly owned subsidiary, located in Boston, MA, is responsible for marketing, sales and support in the U.S.

“ESC is a wonderful example of the tremendous potential of the Israeli high tech industry,” says Marshall Butler, CEO of AVX, and a member of the Board of Directors of Nitzanim, an Israeli venture capital fund. “The combination of engineering know-how, imagination and determination create innovative products with worldwide markets. It is companies like ESC which are revolutionizing the Israeli economy and putting Israel on sound economic footing.”

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"THE HOME'S CHANGING FUTURE"

30TH ANNIVERSARY REMARKS

BY SETH D. LEVY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Seth Levy

Friends, we are living through a period of great transition, and I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you about the Home's changing future. Today, there are more than 2.5 million Americans 85 years of age and older including a quarter million over the age of 100. Americans over the age of 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population. The number of Americans 65 and older has more than doubled since 1950 which accounts for almost 12% of this country's population. And 15% of the American Jewish population is 65 and over.

For a person born today, the average life span is estimated to reach at least 85 and the end is not in sight. Reputable scientists believe that the natural human life span, once people are finally delivered from the dangers of disease, should be between 115 and 125 years which means that some day we may mourn the centenarian as having been taken before his or her time. What do all these numbers mean? There will be ever-increasing numbers of elderly among us, and many if not most will require long-term care at some point in their lives.

Responsibilities toward the aged and, specifically, taking care of the aged need to be a major priority of Jews and Jewish communities of the Carolinas. The blessing of old age or length of days -- arichat

yamin -- was one for which all Jews prayed. Our Bible calls upon us to respect the aged not merely because it is the good, decent and right thing to do but also because, in Judaism, the old are considered wise because they have lived and experienced. To disregard their experience and their wisdom is to invite tragedy. There is a strong feeling among biblical writers that a community which fails to respect the older generation is heading for bad times. Reb Nachman of Bratzlav, in the early nineteenth century, said, "gauge a country's prosperity by its treatment of the aged."

The Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged has gone through, and faced head on, the many challenges that have affected long term care. Two major challenges have included the over governmental regulation of the nursing home industry and the resident populations of nursing facilities becoming more and more in need of increased nursing care. Currently, we live in a time where government is trying to become fiscally responsible. This message translated means that the Home can't keep counting on Medicaid, the largest source of reimbursement for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. As the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged begins its 31st year, the providing of quality care and services to older adults and their families residing in the Carolinas is foremost on the minds of the Board of Trustees.

As we all gather here tonight as committed Jews celebrating the 30th birthday of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged, thus fulfilling the commandment to "Honor Thy Father and Mother," let us pause and recognize the fact that we have an extraordinary facility and that its operation is supervised, guided, and enhanced by a very good staff. The Home is the responsibility of every Jew living in the Carolinas because all Jewish communities are really one big community, and Reb Nachman was absolutely right -- gauge a community's prosperity by its treatment of its aged.

Every group of people with a vision must be generous and blessed with outstanding leaders to meet unanticipated challenges that come with change. The supporters of the Blumenthal Jewish Home not only have a vision, they are generous, and they are individuals with a strong sense of mutual responsibility and pioneering spirit. This 30th anniversary is a time to say to those who have been doing and doing and doing, kol hakavod, and thank you. Thank you for the hours of voluntary service that you have provided. Thank you for the generous support that has always been forthcoming. Now we are proudly ready to take our places to assure that the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged remains healthy. Kayn y'hi ratzon -- God grant that it may be so.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A GALA EVENT

The Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration was a gala event held at Bermuda Run Country Club on Saturday October 28. Friends and supporters of BJH traveled from Charlotte, Clinton, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Lumberton, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, North Carolina and from Greenville, South Carolina to celebrate the Home's thirty years of service to the Jewish communities of the Carolinas. The mood was festive and the air was filled with pride. From those supporters who had been fundamental to the Home's beginning more than thirty years ago to new members of the Board of Trustees, recent family members and loyal friends everyone shared in the feeling of proud ownership. "I too have made it possible for there to be a Blumenthal Jewish Home and thank goodness" was a thought common to all attending.

Highlighting the evening was the keynote address given by noted New York talk show host and native of Greensboro, NC, Barry Farber. A stimulating and enlightening speaker, Farber captivated the audience with a timely message for us as Jews living in today's world. Placing in perspective the 20th Century experiences of the Jewish People, Farber both informed and reminded us of who our friends are and who they have been in time of need. According to Barry Farber foremost among these are we ourselves as we have learned to be always vigilant and responsible for our survival.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home must also rely on its friends for its survival. If we are going to be there for the Jewish elderly of the Carolinas when they need us, both now and in the future, the Blumenthal Jewish Home must look to the friends we now have and those we hope to gain.

Completing the evening and bringing the celebration full circle from a view of the past to a perspective for the future were the remarks from good friends of the Home: Dave Plyler, who was a most entertaining master of ceremonies and Herman Blumenthal, Leonard Guyes and Seth Levy, Executive Director.



President Audrey Madans with guest speaker Barry Farber



Seen enjoying the festive celebration are left to right: Marvin and Elaine Zerden, Florence Jaffa, Sandy Deckelbaum, Ben Jaffa and Audrey Madans.



ON THE SCENE AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Carl Hoffman, Shirley and Bert Lynch and Sara Ann Hoffman



Rose Clein, Julius and Blanche Morgan and Milton Goldberg



Peter and Fran Thull with Lynn and Barry Eisenberg



Rita and Leonard Guyes



Anna Lou Cassell and Albert Jacobson



BJH staff seen left to right: Sue Clein, Arlene van de Rijn, Gail Ruthfield and Christine Greene

AUDREY MADANS ELECTED FOR A SECOND TERM AS PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the 30th Annual Meeting of the Home on Sunday October 29th Audrey Madans of Charlotte, NC was elected for a second term as President of the BJH Board of Trustees. The present officers of the board were also re-elected to serve a second term for the year 1995-96; new board members were elected for three year terms and presidential appointees for a one year term. Serving as officers are Al Herman, Eric Handler, Michael Schiftan and Albert Jacobson of Greensboro, Ron Weiner of Charlotte and Lewis Eisenstadt of Greenville, SC. Elected for three year terms are Barry Eisenberg of Winston-Salem, Al Herman, Al Jacobson and Jerry Procton of Greensboro and Florence Jaffa of Charlotte; Presidential appointees are Linda Combs of Winston-Salem, Ruth Goldberg of Charlotte, Ron Green of Greensboro and David Rosenblutt of High Point.

In her report to the membership, President Madans spoke of the many changes occurring at the Home over the past year which were directed toward improving every facet of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She described the coming year as one of strategic planning and working to meet the changing circumstances and challenges of the future.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home draws both its board members and its supporters from across the Carolinas and the 30th Annual Meeting was attended by



Newly elected officers of the Board of Trustees at the 30th Annual Meeting seen left to right: Michael Schiftan, Al Herman, Lewis Eisenstadt, Audrey Madans, Ron Weiner and Al Jacobson



Friends of the Home arrive for the Annual Meeting on Sunday October 29; pictured in the center is a 1995-1996 Presidential appointee to the Board of Trustees, Linda Combs of Winston-Salem.

individuals from Jewish communities in both states. Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch, an informative meeting and coming together to share in a common mission. The meeting closed with the excitement of the CAJWM Drawing and the winning of door prizes.

Many hands went into the success of this 30th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting. Thanks to the volunteers, board members and staff and a special thanks to the 30th Anniversary Committee: Sandy Deckelbaum, Chair and Florence Jaffa, Ruth Goldberg, Ellen Berlin, Sheila Herman and Shirley Lynch.

Sue's News

Anchor Club Hosts Halloween Party

The West Forsyth High School Anchor Club kicked off its seventh year of volunteering at BJH with the annual halloween party for the residents on October 31st. Twenty-five members of the club participated in the festive event modeling the very latest in fashions for fun. Stunning southern belles, harem girls, flappers, farmers, pirates and private eyes rivaled the traditional witches, black cats and pumpkins. The students engaged the residents in halloween games filled with treats but no tricks. Residents and students shared refreshments and had time to chat, renew old

friendships and meet the new members and new residents. The Anchor club will continue providing 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 growing population. The residents have the opportunity to share experiences with these very giving young women and to receive a youthful perspective. Volunteers of all ages are important at BJH for they make a true difference in our residents' lives.

The Anchor Club students are a true halloween treat, providing a fun filled party for the residents, pictured clockwise from the top are: Anchor Club chairpersons for the BJH programs, Debra Lowder and Sara Shouse; students dressed for the occasion include lovely southern belle Kristi Sowers, daughter of BJH Director of Computer Services Janet Sowers; residents and students enjoy halloween games, sharing a good time and the Fashions for Fun halloween parade.



Calendar Highlights December

- 1 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 3 Sunday Sweets with Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 West Forsyth High School, Anchor Club Visit, Puppet Show, 3:00 p.m., Friendship Room
- 8 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 10 Card Club with Don and Charles, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 11 Musical Performance with Troy Tidwell, Classical Flute and Guitar, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 12 Temple Pre-School Visit, Pre Chanukah Celebration, 10:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 12 Leave for VFW, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 13 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Marla Subeck, 10:30 a.m., Synagogue
- 14 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 17-24 Chanukah Candle Lighting, 5:00 p.m., Individual Dining Rooms
- 17 Chanukah Celebration, Music with Susan Aizenman, 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 20 Sing-a-Long, with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 21 Holiday Party, Music with Jan Sawyer, 2:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 31 New Years Eve Party, Music by Society Swing Band, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium

Happy Anniversary

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

18 Years

Bonnie Ayers, Administration

16 Years

Martha Shinault, LPN, B1

15 Years

Susie White, Administration

7 Years

Gail Ruthfield, Recreation

5 Years

Phyllis Lennox, CNA, Awing

Glena Oney, Dietary

4 Years

Larry Gattison, Housekeeping

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3 Years

Jennifer Long, LPN, B1

Joyce McBride, LPN, B1

1 Year

Mary Mankins, CNA, B1

Arlene McCrae, CNA, B1

WELCOME

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

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Winston-Salem NC

Edythe Shertzer

Winston-Salem NC

Baba-Sura Shmukler

Winston-Salem NC

Robert Swartz

Winston-Salem NC

Georgia Watts

Homestead FL

BJH RESIDENTS EARN 27 PRIZE RIBBONS AT DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR

Blumenthal Jewish Home residents set a record for being a talented and industrious group at the Dixie Classic Fair held in Winston-Salem in October. Twenty-two residents entered thirty-nine projects in the Senior Citizens Crafts exhibit at the Fair this Year and came away with twenty-seven 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 all those residents who had entries 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 creative efforts. Special mention goes to our 1st place ribbon winners: Goldie Sandler for an oil painting and Bernice Goldfinger for a ceramic vase and to 2nd place winners: Bea Goodman, oil painting, Nelly Schwarz, needlework and Syd Kastel in ceramics.



Eva Kaplan shows her afghan



Goldie Sandler with her prize winning painting



Bea Goodman and Nelly Schwarz are winners of cash prizes




Eva Weinberg with her prize winning painting



Florence Blumenstein and Henry and Lottie Maienthau show their needlework and ceramics



Faye Simon and Lee Sample display needlework and ceramics



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

George Carp
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 Ann Defilipp
 Sara Feen
 Virginia Furtell
 Bernice Goldfinger
 Khaya Groyser
 Minnie Leder
 Moe Mandel
 Ruth Menins
 Wilhelmina Miller
 Dorothy Poliakoff
 Ida Robinowitz
 Basya Yudelevich
 Thelma Vose



Ellen Berlin and Florence Jaffa, members of the 30th Anniversary Committee, enjoy the evening celebration.

Blumies is blooming



New Holiday Gifts

Shop Hours
 Tue. 12-4pm
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 Fri. 3pm-5pm



Blumies at BJH

Give the Gift that Gives Twice

IN MEMORY OF
We mourn the loss of:

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Ila Poplin
Burley Turner

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

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.

<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
Laser Printer	\$1,800.00

We invite you to help us purchase these items. If you are interested, please send your check to:

The Blumenthal JewishHome
 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.

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Members of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged are very special people. Their membership dues go directly to support the operations of the Home, allowing us to continue to provide our residents with a safe, comfortable, home-like environment, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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- \$ 25 - Basic Membership**

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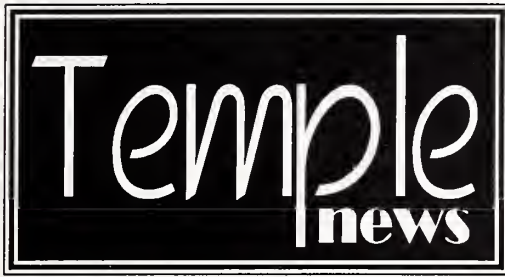
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Beth El Synagogue

Durham NC

by Eileen Freed

Beth El Synagogue is a Conservative congregation serving the Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish community. It is a member of the Seaboard Region of United Synagogue and home to an active Orthodox Kehilla. Our Rabbi, Steven Sager, is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Seminary in Philadelphia. Our congregation is a unique institution, which embraces Judaism in all its vitality and diversity.

The Orthodox Kehilla is an integral part of the Beth El community and davens on Shabbat and holidays in the downstairs sanctuary of Beth El. Rabbi Sager joins the Kehilla during services on Shabbat and the Yomim Tovim, to share a few thoughts as he does with the Conservative congregation in the main sanctuary. A hospitality room is available for out-of-town visitors.

Beth El's Sisterhood offers the women of the congregation a special opportunity to be involved in synagogue life through its programs, meetings, and projects. Educational programs center on topics of special interest to women. In November, the entire congregation was invited to hear Dr. Pat Fischer speak about her trip to China for the United Nations Women's Conference. Our two most important functions are supporting

the Religious School and improving the beauty and function of the congregation facilities. This is accomplished through many fundraising projects, including our Judaica Shop.

The Beth El Adult Education Committee sponsors a School for Continuing Jewish Education, offering semester long courses in Hebrew language, Torah study, prayer, and other Jewish cultural and religious subjects to the entire Jewish community. The committee also arranges shorter programs throughout the year with speakers from the congregation, from the local Jewish community, and from beyond the Triangle area. One highlight of the year is the Evans Scholar-in-Residence weekend in the spring, an endowed program offering the chance to bring the "bright lights" of Jewish thought to our community.

Members of Beth El are involved in a variety of activities in the Durham/Chapel Hill community including serving lunch and dinner on a regular basis at homeless shelters in Durham and Chapel Hill and coordinating food, toy, and clothing drives for Durham Congregations in Action and the Interfaith Council.

Upcoming events sponsored by the synagogue include our annual Shabbaton (congregational retreat) -- December 15-17; Chanukah Bazaar and Book Fair -- December 10; the Chanukah Happening (annual congregation Chanukah party) -- December 18.

This year, our Evans Scholar is noted author and scholar, Dr. Rachel Adler who has published many articles on women and Judaism. She will be

speaking at Beth El the weekend of April 19.

**Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville NC**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

POST BAR/BAT MITZVAH GROUP

The Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Group is now meeting on the first Sunday of every month to study Judaism in a serious but enjoyable way. The first seminar was held on September 10, when the group had a private meeting with Cantor Isaac Goodfriend. Cantor Goodfriend explained about the history of Hazzanut and the relationship between the trope and the text and enabled the group to listen to classical and modern Cantors. Future topics for study include The Relationship Between Judaism and Christianity, Jewish Perspectives on the Environment, Jewish Influences in the Entertainment Industry, Biomedical Ethics, and Stages of Human Development. The leaders for these discussions will be Dr. Walter Ziffer, Elise Israel, Dr. Martha Salyers, Dr. Adrian Sandler, and Rabbi Birnham. In November, the group met with Joel Grishaver, the keynote speaker for the weekend celebrating Jewish Book Month. This meeting was on November 12. In addition, the group will be studying aspects of the three thousand year history of Jerusalem. Dr. Rick Chess will be familiarizing the group with the terrific Judaica collection at UNCA. A significant field trip is planned for the end of the year for those participants who have been actively involved in the group for the most of the year.

An Endowment for Beth Israel by Dr. Norman Sollod

Several years ago, Dr. Norman Sollod funded an endowment in memory of his wife, Phyllis Freed Sollod. He always learns and encourages others to learn.

Again, Dr. Sollod has shown that he strongly believes in how he lives and has endowed the "Harry and Ida Sollod Memorial Scholar-in-Residence" each year. Todah Rabba, Norman, and Yishar Koach.

September and October High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were enhanced by Cantor Mort Freeman, and, as always, reverently accented with Rabbi's ideas, spiritual thoughts, and prayers, making the holidays truly a time for reflection. As in the past year, Kol Nidre night was a time for the congregation to engage in Tikkun Olam with Operation Isaiah (the Conservative Movement's project) to feed the hungry, by bringing food to the Synagogue. Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah rounded out the total experience.

It's a Mitzvah (for study Sunday mornings)

Table of Contents:

- (1) Why This Book? (2) Our God and the God of Our Ancestors; (3) What is Jewish Law? Why Does It Matter? (4) Ahavat Tziyon: Zionism and Israel; (5) Bal Tash'hit: Preserving the Earth; (6) Bikkur Holim: Visiting the Sick; (7) Haknusat Orhim and Ma'akhil R'evim: Hospitality and Feeding the Hungry; (8) Kashrut: The Dietary Laws; (9) Kibbud Av va-Em: Honoring Parents; (10)

PidyonSh'vuyim: Redeeming the Captive; (11) Rodef Shalom: Seeking Peace; (12) Shabbat: Day of Rest and Renewal; (13) Sh'mirat ha-Lashon: Guarding Your Tongue; (14) Talmud Torah: Studying and Learning; (15) Tefillah: Prayer, Tallit, Tefillin, Mezuzah; (16) Teshuvah: Repentance and Turning; (17) Tza'ar Ba'alei Hayyim: Compassion to Animals. We are in for a real treat!

WCQS

Phil Cohen brings to our attention that beginning Thursday, October 5, for thirteen weeks, WCQS, 88.1 FM, will be airing a program called, "Jewish Short Stories from Eastern Europe and Beyond." It will be hosted by Leonard Nimoy.

Community Affairs

Rabbi Birnham is co-chair of the new organization, Interfaith Alliance for Justice. They meet only four times a year, but plan to have major impact as they speak out with a strong religious voice countering the Christian Coalition. They plan on getting involved in such issues as housing, children's needs, environment, etc.

Rabbi Birnham was part of the organizing committee of the community-wide, United Way sponsored Interfaith Service for Children that was held on October 29 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Rabbi and Sara Birnham are also planning a morning fun and educational program for parents and 4 and 5 year old children after the holidays. This program will be a one hour, every other Sunday morning event.

Rabbi Birnham also organized a

Jewish community-wide symposium on Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

Mass Family Endowment

Jean Mass donated a generous gift to Beth Israel in her husband's name following his funeral. She died two years ago. Beth Israel now plans to honor her and her memory this year.

Membership Committee

Attending the lavish luncheon in the Fall held by the committee were the Greenbergs from Raleigh, five potential new members and four new families: the Schlagers, Laurie Reiz, John and Jennifer Williams, and Barbara and Marty Kramer. A special thanks to Sim Gelbert for his time and art work in designing the invitation.

USY

In August, Beth Israel USY and Woven Youth sent three campers and two staff members to Hanegev Region's summer encampment Leadership Training Institute (L.T.I.) at Camp Blue Star in Hendersonville. Matthew Levine, Micah Schwartz, and Andy Deutsch represented Asheville for a week of prayer, learning, and fun! Gary Kramer and Jennifer Williams had a great time staffing. The group will be hosting a sub-regional convention in the spring.

Adult Education at Beth Israel

Hebrew Classes continue Sunday mornings at beginner and intermediate levels. Dr. Walter Ziffer and others are teaching. The Power and Beauty of the Psalms Class meets every Wednesday evening. Rabbi Birnham teams up with Dr. Walter Ziffer in a class that studies the Psalms, primarily focusing on Psalms in our Siddur.

While studying and discussing these literary creations, we fulfill the mitzvah of Talmud Torah (Study of Jewish texts) also making our davening more personal and meaningful.

Beth Shalom

Cary NC

by *Cindi Freeman*

Welcomes New Student Rabbis

Todd Thalblum and Andrea Goldstein, both students at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, began this fall as Beth Shalom's student rabbis for the year. The congregation of Beth Shalom in Cary first welcomed Goldstein when she led a Havdalah service last August. September she spent two weeks in Cary leading the congregation in High Holiday services before returning to her home in Cincinnati. In October Thalblum joined the congregation to lead Friday night and Saturday morning services for the congregation and also officiate at a Bar Mitzvah, teach Sunday school and lead a Sukkot service. Goldstein and Thalblum will take turns traveling from Cincinnati to Cary three times each month to lead religious services.

Goldstein, a third year rabbinical student, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eventually Goldstein's family settled in Boston where she finished High School. Before applying to the Hebrew Union College Goldstein worked for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in Chicago and spent a year as the youth group advisor and High School principal of Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston, Illinois. She

says, "Judaism has always been an integral part of who I am. I simply could think of no better career than this one that would allow me to be so intimately involved in all aspects of Jewish life, while blessing me with opportunities of connecting with people and communities."

Thalblum, a second year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College, grew up in Kansas City, Kansas where his parents still reside and are active members at B'nai Jehudah. After graduating from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor degree in Psychology Thalblum worked for two years teaching job skills and finding job placements for individuals with developmental disabilities before enrolling at Hebrew Union College. Thalblum says, "Becoming a rabbi allows me to do all the things that are important to me like teaching, counseling, and, especially, actively living a Jewish life. By becoming a rabbi I get the opportunity to make Judaism central in other people's lives." Thalblum and his wife, Sabrina, were married in May 1994 and spent their first year of marriage in Jerusalem.

Beth Shalom is a growing community of Jewish families in the Cary area. It is a reform congregation affiliated with Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The membership recently purchased property in southern Wake County for the building of a new synagogue and religious school.

Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by *Marjorie Schachter*

THE SISTERHOOD offered a different and delicious approach to life Sunday morning, October 15, when president Shirley Berdie's Great Idea--the Fare Share--came to fruition. It provided not only a taste of traditional Jewish goodies, made on the spot by Temple experts, but their priceless recipes too.

Clustered four and five deep around the big table in the Temple's kitchen, the onlookers loved every minute of the demonstration--and every bite of the results. Sylvia Meyer did her fabulous float-on-air matzo balls, Shirley Berdie the Easy (and easy to love) Knishes, Niki Benetan did the great Kompany Kugel from Irene Braun's recipe, Julie Lee did the delicious cheese blintzes, and Rose Rose her famous challah.

Chairs of this event, the first of its kind but not the last, we hope, were Niki Benetan and Irene Braun.

Lee Wilson, chair of the Holiday Reception, thanked her committee members for the success of their efforts. Her thanks, in the Temple Bulletin, went to everyone who contributed food or funds, and included Captains Judy Haller, Julie Lee, Rosalie Schreier, Sandra Stone, and Lieutenants Fran Aaron, Lillian Bieber, Irene Braun, Randee Goodstadt, Laura Livingstain, Hilda Poznew, Shirley Rapoport, Estelle Rosenberg, Janice Rosenberg, Cynthia Zaslou.



Chanukah Celebration

THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met on October 7 at the Karpens', and used as the basis of their discussion "How to Deal with Your Enemies: A Survey of Rabbinic Sources" by Rabbi Philip J. Bentley, from *The Challenge of Shalom*, edited by Murray Polner and Naomi Goodman. The morning yielded anecdotal evidence that a friendly reaction to an unfriendly act is sometimes an effective approach.

THE ADULT CHOIR gave its all during the retreat at the Berkey farm on September 9 during the Shabbat morning service, accompanied by Dick Braun on the flute.

MORE RETREAT WORKERS TO THANK, said Alison Berkey, at whose farm the retreat was held. They were Food Committee & Helpers Pauline Berman, Julie Brown, Naomi Levine, Natalie Nachman, Susan Raybudk, Rose Rose, Sonja Shulimson, Ned Simon, Irving Studenberg, Jane Webb, Ruth Weber and everyone else who pitched in to help with food.

Set-up Take-down Committee Frank Gilreath and Ron Levine, parking, and Allan Goodstadt and Larry Layton. Photographer Rob Hruska. Registration Sandra Layton and Sonja Shulimson. Ritual/Music Dick Braun, Randy Goodstadt, David Cohen, Shirley Cohen and other choir members.

Children's Programs Irene Braun, Dennis and Linda Pitter. Counselors Andra Berkey, Ben Betsalel, Renee Breadon, Rachel Felt, Spencer Gilreath, D.J. Goodstadt, Matt Levine, Sarah Levine, Danny Pitter, Micah Ratner, Shana Ratner, Brad

Raybuck, David Simon. Adult Programs (Games and Fun) Phil Cohen. Adult Programs (Educational) Carol Cohen, Salli Gaddini, Renee Goodstadt, Sam and Lulla Shermis, Irv Studenberg, Rene Wolf. "Special thanks to Rabbi Ratner for his leadership and inspiration that makes it all possible," said Alison. And special thanks went to Alison from our indispensable Temple secretary Lonnie Gentile.

THE YOM KIPPUR STUDY HOUR this year focused on Synagogue Architecture. The Study Hour is an annual event that memorializes Dr. Constance Head, a convert who was active in the Temple. In its '65 incarnation, it was a show of a remarkable set of slides assembled and presented by Leah Karpen, of old synagogues, mostly wooden ones, built in America and abroad.

THE BROTHERHOOD had its October Brunch Sunday the 29, with the usual terrific traditional brunch fare and the unusual talents of Tom Nebbia, noted former photographer for *National Geographic*. He presented his slide and sound show, called "Photos from Around the World."

WELCOME, Y'ALL to the Temple Family. New Temple members are Arnold and Bernice Green, Steven Kreinberg and Robin Baskin, Joseph and Sydelle Ross, Edwin and Loretta Jo Smolowitz, and Michael and Smadar Yinhar.

MAZEL TOV to Diana Gergel, 1995- and 1994- winner of the Swim-A-Cross fundraising event for the Asheville-Mountain Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, and to Sara Goldstein on the birth of her great niece, and to Barbara and Jerry Dave on their recent marriage.

Temple Beth Shalom Hickory NC *by Leslie Archer*

Our thanks to our host couples: for the October Rabbi Weekend; Barbara and Mike Bauman, Sue and Wayne Cole, Bonnie and Steven Gold, and Sandy and Stuart Shubin; for the November Weekend; Harriet and Burt Sederholm, Judy and Sid Freedman, Pam and David Jones, and Kathy and Dennis Jones.

All of our holiday services were wonderful this year. We thank Rabbi Ted Gordon, Mike Bauman and Aaron Tosky for leading services. Our thanks also to everyone involved in organizing, planning, cooking, baking and cleaning for the holidays. The preparations by Sue Cole and Terri Sullivan for Rosh Hashannah; and by Mary Lee Tosky for the breakfast are appreciated by all.

The Sunday School went all out decorating our Sukkah; in addition to endless paper chains, the sukkah was alive with feathered birds and buzzing bees, fruit and other delightful creations. Special thanks to the Jones family for providing the "Mr. Etrog" piniata so the children could whack the treats out of him. Thanks to all the parents and teachers for setting up the sukkah and for preparing for and attending the decorating party. Erev Sukkot service was well attended-particularly by our younger crowd.

Festivities continued with a rousing Simchat Torah service highlighted by our children celebrating the Torah by parading with their handmade flags.

Our thanks to Judy Freedman for heading the Sisterhood's Yard and Bake Sale effort, and to everyone who donated their time to help prepare for the event, those who worked so hard on the day of the sale, and everyone who brought their baked goods and household items for us to sell.

The Sunday School would like to express thanks to those whose generous support made our Fall Book Fair a huge success, and to Eileen and Peter Cangemi. Approximately forty-two titles were sold with 10% of all proceeds donated to benefit the Sunday School.

Elaine and Marvin Zerden took us to Israel for an evening with a slide presentation from their most recent trip.

It was our pleasure to celebrate the naming of Rachel Mery Peltzer with her parents, Sonia and David; brother, Benjamin; and grandparents.

We welcome new members Bob and Peggy Baum.



Personals

Professor Lawrence E. Datnoff Wins Fulbright UF/IFAS Plant Pathology



Research Award

Belle Glade--A University of Florida plant pathology professor has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Research Award to study in Spain.

Associate Professor Lawrence E. Datnoff will do research at the Institute for Sustainable Agriculture in Cordoba, Spain. He will investigate the use of beneficial microorganisms that will fight soil-borne plant diseases.

Dr. Datnoff, who has been with UF and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for seven years, works out of the Everglades

Research and Education Center in Belle Glade.

Dr. Datnoff mentioned that the Fulbright Scholarship Program, named after the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, offers grants for college and university faculty, as well as for professionals and independent scholars. The program serves two primary purposes: It enables Americans to learn firsthand about other countries and cultures, and enables the people from other countries to learn more about the United States and its citizens, and it promotes academic and professional development. Since 1947, over 30,000 American scholars have lectured and conducted research in countries around the world.

Travel is nothing new for Dr. Datnoff. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil, later conducted a portion of his Ph.D. in Zambia and did additional work in Mexico. Over the last four years, Dr. Datnoff has had a cooperative research project with the Centro Internacional Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) in Colombia.

Before coming to UF, Dr. Datnoff worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, his master's degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia.

Dr. Datnoff is the son of Gwen Z. Datnoff and the late Philip Datnoff of Hickory NC.

Gorelick - Peck Wedding



Marcelle Belinda Gorelick, daughter of Patty and Bill Gorelick of Charlotte and Daniel Bennett Peck son of David Peck and the late Rosann Peck of Richmond, were married at Temple Israel Synagogue. Following the ceremony, a reception and dinner-dance was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The bride is the granddaughter of Elsie and Jack Karro of Charlotte and the late Annie and Israel Gorelick also of Charlotte. The bridegroom is the grandson of Bess and Julius Peck of Norfolk and Ida Chasen and the late Ben Chasen of Los Angeles.

The bride graduated Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Pennsylvania and received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She owns a fashion design firm in Richmond.

The groom graduated Cum Laude, from Princeton University. He received his Master's Degree in Urban Planning, also with honors, from Columbia University. Mr. Peck represents the third generation of his family associated with Peck Recycling Co., a scrap metals business, of Portsmouth and Richmond.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii the couple now reside in Richmond.

Friedlander-Polk Wedding

Nancy Polk and Gary Friedlander, both of Plainsboro, New Jersey were married Saturday November 4, 1995 at Temple Beth El, Charlotte, NC.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Polk of Charlotte, NC. She is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, NC and Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. She is a Kindergarten teacher at St. Joachim Elementary School in Trenton, New Jersey.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedlander of North Brunswick, New Jersey. He is a graduate of North Brunswick TWP, High School, North Brunswick, New Jersey and Rider University of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He is an Account Executive with Market

Growth Resources, Inc. in Wilton, Connecticut.

Matron of honor was Betsy Polk Joseph, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammy D'Amore, Sue Millstein, Lauren Tyler and Shara Silverman.

Best man was Kevin Friedlander, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Mark Friedlander, Jeff Cohen, Marc Joseph, and Craig Thompson.

Nancy and Gary will honeymoon in England in the Summer but traveled



to Key West following the ceremony.

The couple will live in Plainsboro, New Jersey.

ORGANIZATIONS

Luski Concert

The Luski family of Charlotte presented the Israeli group TAMID on November 12 at Temple Israel of Charlotte. It has become an annual tradition for the Luski family to bring outstanding musicians for the enjoyment and enrichment of the congregation and friends.

The audience overflowed into the balcony, and the response and enthusiasm sparkled as the music swelled to the height of the arches. Tamid is a trio of Avi Albrecht, Moti Fuchs and Israel Singer, two tenors and a baritone, all born in Israel.

Avi Albrecht is cantor in Roslyn, NY, Moti Fuchs in Midtown IL and Israel Singer in Englewood NJ. They were accompanied by Elisse Levy on the piano and Gil Nogel on keyboard. The accompanists live in New York. Gil Nogel is a student at Manhattan School of Music.

The master of ceremonies of the program was David Rosen, whose wit and good humor added to the spirit of the performance. The music combined old Hebrew and Jewish songs with those of Israel in Hebrew and in English, and set like a jewel in the midst was their rendition of "O Sole Mio," a surprise that delighted the audience. It did, indeed, equal the tenor trio of Pavarotti, Carras and Domingo, whose "O Sole Mio" is familiar to everyone.

The Luski family of Charlotte, Abraham and Rose, Isaac and Sonia, surpassed previous concerts this year, to celebrate 100 years of Temple Israel and the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.

The assembly of 600 people in the main sanctuary of Temple Israel represented all of the Jewish community of Charlotte. In a moving gesture at the close of the evening, Rabbi Ezring had the members of the congregations in Charlotte who were present to stand, and expressed a message to Israel to the effect that the Charlotte Jewish community is united in support of the State of Israel.

Charlotte is exceptional as a city with great benefactors who bring to our people cultural events beyond those presented by the established cultural organizations. These events are sponsored by Charlotteans whose aim is to enrich the spiritual lives of our citizens, and members of the Jewish community rank high in such endeavors.

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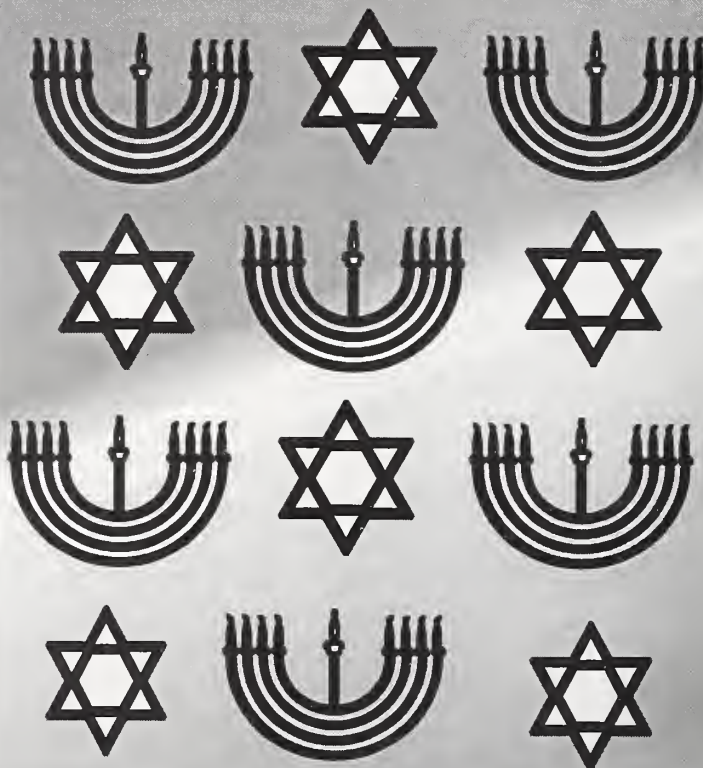


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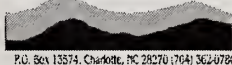
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American Jewish Committee Gratified at Sentences in Terrorism Trial

New York, Jan. 18---The American Jewish Committee is gratified by the sentences handed down yesterday to the ten men convicted of plotting a series of bombings and assassinations around major centers in New York City. The life sentences imposed upon Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the mastermind and instigator of the plot, and El Sayyid Nosair, a prime conspirator and the murderer of Meir Kahane, are especially justified and appropriate.

We are confident these judgements will illustrate beyond a shadow of a doubt that America will not tolerate terrorism or the threat of terrorism--at home or abroad--and that those responsible will be found and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

We stress, however, that this deadly scheme was the work of a small band of extremists espousing a radical and vengeful interpretation of Islam. We must not scapegoat Islam or the vast majority of law-abiding Muslims who practice it, for the deeds of terrorists.

The American Jewish Committee has been seriously concerned for some time with the global threat posed by terrorism and has called for strong measures to confront terrorism, including:

**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 resources 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.

**Moderate Arab states must be supported in their efforts to contain the forces of extremism.

**We must continue to work to further the process of reconciliation between Israel and the Arab world. Such reconciliation benefits the entire region and undercuts the appeal of extremism.

In addition, AJC leaders have testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on counterterrorism proposals; conducted consultations with the FBI, CIA, and State and Justice Departments, to improve

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understanding of the problem and encourage efforts' underway; run advertisements in major newspapers around the country to draw attention to the seriousness of the problem; and met with the leaders of more than forty countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East to urge greater international cooperation in the struggle against terrorism.

Many thanks to our contributing correspondents for the time they spend keeping our readers informed!

A special thank you to the staff of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. Without their tireless efforts behind the scenes, the care and extra time they give to this publication we would not be!

The American Jewish Times Outlook has had an outstanding year! I have received words of praise from our readers complimenting the content, design and layout of the magazine. It is always fascinating to me when I read mail and discover which articles have touched so many of our readers. It is also a challenge when I read mail that offers constructive criticism.

Considering our limited space and the abundance of mail we receive, it is a source of frustration when I read letters that express disappointment because articles have not made the deadline or perhaps we could not fit an article into the magazine. I am challenged to find a way to make it all work! To assist you in your submission, we have printed our years' calendar with deadlines. Please take the time to tear this sheet out and use it throughout the year. **(SEE PAGE 45 FOR DEADLINE SHEET)**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of **YOU** and ask that you continue to keep me informed with your comments. Please understand that our space is limited and our print schedule may vary.



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Departures

By Rabbi Robert A. Alper

When I was a smart young rabbi and knew quite a lot I created a worship service for little children, adapted baby naming ceremonies, and lectured to new mommies and daddies about how to raise their children Jewishly.

Now I'm a not-as-smart middle-aged rabbi who wishes that somewhere, a more enthusiastic middle-aged colleague would create a life cycle ceremony that addresses events I find myself going through: kids leaving home.

Sometimes it feels as if Judaism, and probably most other organized religions, guide and nurture us through the many stages of parenting, from birth rituals and the beginnings of religious education right on through the agony of adolescence. But suddenly it seems as if we parents are on our own at the parting, the moment when our children embark on the step that, for most, changes their status in our homes from resident to visitor.

Whether it's college, a job, the armed services, there comes that moment, and for parents the experience is often similar.

When I went off to Lehigh University in the fall of 1962 my parents drove me to campus, six hours from home. We unloaded my stuff, made the uncomfortable introductions with my roommates and the fearsome dorm counselor, and then my parents gracefully took their leave. About three decades later my mother confessed that after they exited the campus they pulled the car over on the side of the street, turned off the engine, and cried.

On a whitewater rafting trip in Idaho I became friendly with a fellow from Oregon named Patrick Michael Sean O'Halloran. He told me that when he entered college in 1961 his Irish Catholic parents drove him to the California campus. They unloaded the car quickly, and he was pleased that they departed soon after. A few miles into the trip home, Pat only recently learned, his parents pulled into a highway rest area, turned off the engine, and cried.

There must be a better way to launch children into their independence.

Some of life's major events are marked by a very discernible occurrence, the instance of birth being

the most clear. Other events are spread out over time: the transition from babyhood to personhood, for example, or the passage through adolescence, which for some takes an entire decade. Even a wedding, though it has its prime moment, is diffused over the months of preparation and the hours of ceremonial festivities.

But that leave-taking comes upon us abruptly, sometimes with no forethought or preparation, and certainly without ritual to help us endure. It may happen in this way because our children are focused on what lies ahead, and we parents are equally invested in avoiding thinking about what their loss. . .and that is the key word. . .what their loss will mean to us, to our home, to our relationships. And so we all conspire to avoid thinking about what is about to happen.

I remember how our son left home. Zack's departure was more complex than the norm. Our family was in a state of very happy transition, about to realize a long-held "impossible" dream of leaving our Philadelphia suburb and moving to Vermont. It was

the end of June, and Sherri had already gone north to start her new job. Jessie had begun her final year at summer camp. Zack and I remained at the house.

I packed, while Zack celebrated his graduation from high school with a round of farewell parties. His plan was to spend the summer working at the New Jersey shore, living in a 2-bedroom "genteel poverty" flat with a group of between 3 and 8 other kids. At the end of August he would continue on to college in North Carolina.

At that time Zack was driving a 1984 Volvo sedan. I bought it new, thinking that it was the kind of car that I could use, then pass on to Sherri, and later, perhaps, even to the kids. At 124,000 miles it came into Zack's possession, and on that June day it was packed to the ceiling with all that was important to its owner.

"Gotta split, Dad. Josh is waiting at his house and we're going to drive down to the shore together. Bye."

"Bye." Is that how childhood ends? "Bye."? Just like that?

As I headed out to the driveway I started to think of a stroll I'd taken 18 years earlier, down a hospital corridor that connected the delivery room with the nursery. Beside me a nurse guided a bassinet which contained a brand new person. And the novel thought kept racing through my mind, "I'm taking a walk with my son. With my son!"

The screen door slammed behind me, a needed shock to my system that reminded me to stop being so damn lugubrious. After all, Zack was about to grab his independence. We raised him in that direction. He's just doing

his job of separating, and he's doing it well. And besides, I would visit him at the shore in a few weeks.

But still. . . But still. . .

I walked over to the car. Looked it over, inspected the tires and rearranged a piece of clothing that had gotten stuck in the door.

"Really, Dad. I've gotta go. Josh is waiting."

We gave each other a hug and a kiss. One of us had tears in his eyes and even down his cheeks, while the other gently broke away, started the car, and backed down the driveway.

Zack paused in the road to shift gears. Then he slowly drove down to the foot of our hill towards the intersection where he would turn right and disappear from sight. I stood alone, watching as he edged away. A blurry maroon object growing smaller and smaller. A car, and my son, leaving his childhood home. Leaving his childhood. Forever.

And then my vision cleared slightly. I noticed that the old car's tailpipe was loose, sort of hanging by one clip. The forward thrust of the car made it flutter up and down, so gently, almost in slow motion.

It was phallic.

And it was waving to me.

That was probably the most highly charged, symbol-laden experience of my life, and I still have no idea exactly what the symbolism meant.

But I remember that wave.

Four years later and it was Jessie's turn. By now the old Volvo had been handed to the youngest Alper, and

with 187,000 miles on the odometer it was about to head towards another college. Jessie had blossomed into a free-thinking, independent, self-assured young woman, and since I could not guard or protect her any longer, I channeled some of my paternal caring into her car. At least I could feel useful during the countdown days before she, too, drove away.

They say history repeats itself. Ecclesiastes reminds us that there's nothing new under the sun. Yup.

Before it could pass the Vermont State inspection and the more stringent Robert Alper inspection, the Volvo needed the following: Four new tires. Rear brakes. Shocks. Struts. One headlamp. A rear muffler.

And a tailpipe.

A few weeks later a caravan comprised of two cars, two parents, one freshwoman, and one dog named Gideon drove the 2-1/2 hours south to Jessie's new college. A sensitively prepared schedule suggested we arrive around noon, help our child settle in, and join the president, faculty and freshman class for a late afternoon reception. Then we were equally sensitively urged to LEAVE. Which we did.

By 6:30 we found ourselves on the Taconic Parkway heading north. One empty car, two parents, and a dog. No radio. No conversation.

A few minutes into the trip a wave of righteous canine indignation overcame the dog when he realized that someone was occupying his seat next to the driver, his beloved master. Giddy was insistent, and Sherri in no mood to argue. She spent the entire trip home with a 55 pound dog sitting

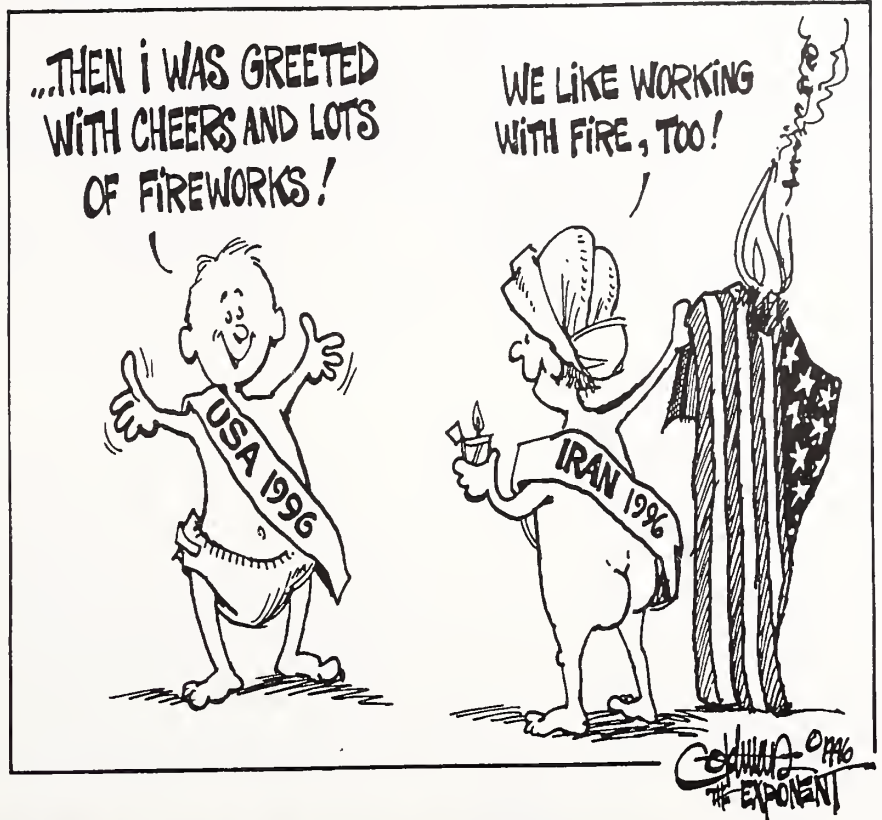
in her lap. It provided needed diversion.

But later that night, after the answering machine was tended and the mail sorted, after the car was cleaned out and the throw rug Jessie decided she really didn't need was wrapped and placed in the cellar, I walked into her room and sat alone on the bench next to her picnic-table desk. The room had a sudden neatness about it that I knew I'd hate. I looked around at the hat collection, the posters on the walls, the rejected C.D.s and the cluttered high school notebooks askew on the closet shelf.

I thought about the events of the day, thought how happy I am for her, and how proud. And also how sad, how selfishly sad I felt at her departure.

Sherri called out to find me, then came up to Jessie's room where she quietly joined me on the bench. We sat in silence for a while, just looking around.

"Departures" is excerpted from Rabbi Alper's forthcoming book Journeys, to be published by Triumph Press. He also performs internationally as a stand-up comic.



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Gone But Not Forgotten

"Today I Am A Fountain Pen"

by Paul Abranson

Many commonplace things and services have disappeared quietly during the past decades. Items such as mechanical watches, vacuum tubes, typewriters, and many others come to mind. Perhaps the most ordinary of these is the old-fashioned fountain pen. Although rare today, this writing utensil with its rubber bladder filled with ink was more than just something to write with, it was in many respects a rite of passage. With its solid 14 kt gold pen point it became a very respected remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays and graduations. Entrance into high school was usually marked by the appearance of a new fountain pen. It was also especially suitable as a Bar Mitzvah gift for Jewish boys. So ubiquitous was the fountain pen at this ceremony that an anecdote made the rounds about the boy who received a surfeit of such pens. At the climactic speech during which he was to make his ritual declaration of manhood, he began with the famous gaffe, "Today I am a fountain pen."

The fountain pen had been around for many years, and it seemed unthinkable that anything could possibly replace it. Everybody had one, and all kinds of pen points were available to suit any style of writing. Some people became extremely attached to their pen as the soft gold point shaped itself exactly to their

liking and they would not lend it to anyone for fear of distorting the point.

There were however a few little problems. If an uncapped pen were left open too long without writing, the ink might dry up and the pen might have to be dipped to start again. Also, the point would have to be cleaned frequently to keep the pen operating properly. All in all, however, the fountain pen was the writing instrument of choice.

Sometime around 1946, a new writing tool appeared. The ball point pen, a French invention, was introduced to the world. Here was the first major advance in a writing instrument since the fountain pen replaced the wooden pen with a steel pen point that had to be dipped into an inkwell! The new ball point pen had several advantages over the fountain pen. First, the ink was in a cartridge that lasted for a very long time to prevent the need for frequent refilling. When the ink was exhausted, a new cartridge could be easily slipped in. Furthermore, the pen could be left open indefinitely without the ink drying up. Finally, there was never a need to clean the pen point or the pen. Since the ball point was hard, it lent itself to making several carbons while writing. Interestingly, a major advertised advantage of the ball point pen was its ability to write under water!

When the ball point pen first appeared in 1946, it was rather pricey, with an initial cost of \$15 (in 1946 dollars). Competition soon brought this down, and today ball point pens may be bought for pennies. Various versions of the pen appeared which could write a fine, medium or thick line, as well as pens with felt tips or even bamboo tips. Although cheap ball point pens today make up most of the market for writing instruments, expensive presentation ball point pens in fancy cases are also available.

In spite of the almost complete capture of the writing market by the ball point pen, the old-fashioned fountain pen is not completely gone. In November and December we are inundated by gift catalogs featuring all kinds of expensive items. Here and there, buried among the esoteric gift suggestions, we may still find an occasional fountain pen. Of course, these latter day fountain pens do not have the rubber bladder that has to be filled from an ink bottle; instead they come with an ink cartridge so that our fingers might stay clean. In general, however, these pens are pretty much like their ancestors, gold point and all. It is good to know that some things remain!

“V’Shinantam. . .”

(And thou shalt teach them repeatedly. . . .)

by Elkie Tulman

There seems to be confusion in some minds about the word Haftarah, its pronunciation and meaning. One can see where sloppy pronunciation can confuse a beginning student. Is it “Half-Torah,” i.e., a shortened version of the Torah? Is it the slogan of a Circuit-Riding Rabbi (as in “Have Torah, Will Travel”)?

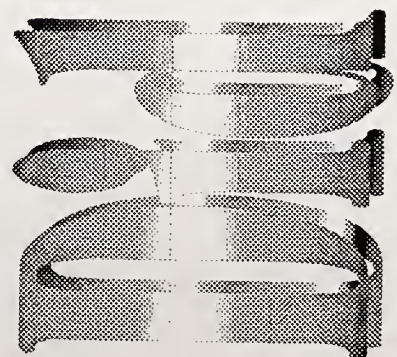
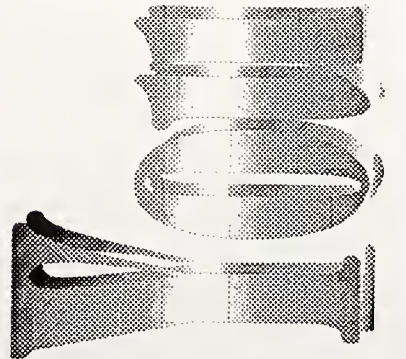
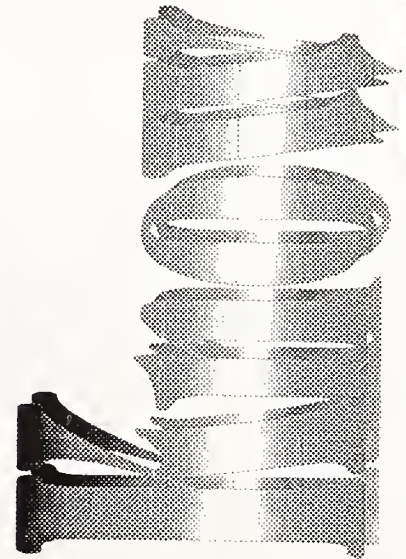
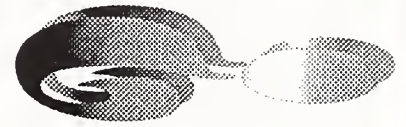
By definition, Haftarah (or Haftorah in the Ashkenazi pronunciation) is a portion from the Prophets which is read in the synagogue after the portion from the Pentateuch. There is usually some name or thematic connection between the two. However, despite the fact that Torah and Haftarah (Sephardi) or Torah and Haftorah (Ashkenazi) resemble and even rhyme in the transliteration, there is no etymological connection between the two words.

First, in the spelling: both the “O” vowels and the “T” consonants are different in each word. Second, in the definitions: the words stem from different roots and the meanings are totally different.

Torah means instruction, law, teaching, doctrine, etc. Haftarah means end, conclusion. Other words composed from this latter root can mean: free, exempt (patur); departure, death (p-ti-rah); issue (pe-ter); and Yahrzeit (yom p’ti-rah). I just learned that in Israeli baseball vernacular the word “patur” means “safe.” To understand all the above, remember that the “P” and the “F” sounds are the same letter in Hebrew.

The expression “b’khor pe-ter rehem” (first born issue of the womb) appears in the Torah many times. Our son-in-law is named Peter. His Hebrew name is Pinhas, but we tease him by saying that Peter is a good Hebrew name too. Thankfully, he speaks Hebrew and has a good sense of humor.

So, in conclusion, there is no “Torah” in the hybrid (“Ashkephardi”) word “Haftarah.” The only connection between Torah and Haftarah is in the reading sequence in the synagogue.



The Arts Media Movie Reviews Books

The Five Books Of Moses

Translated by Everett Fox

Schocken Books 1024 pp. \$50.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Often, reading the Bible, I wish for a new translation, and as often, for new interpretations that could be more clarifying. Now Schocken Books has published a beautifully printed, gold edged pages translation of *The Five Books of Moses*.

This volume is the result of 25 years of work by Everett Fox. He was inspired by a German translation of the Bible by Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig who tried to convey original flavor and effect of the earliest written version. Fox believes that must have been so far back in history that imagination cannot succeed in reproducing the impression wrought by those who put into writing what had been spoken previously.

He strives to achieve for the first time in English the sounds of repetition, the word-plays and devices used by the ancient writers which have hitherto been lost in English translations. He reminds us that in biblical times and during ensuing centuries, reading was a vocal function. The effect was aural, of the ear, and the skill of writers in antiquity was sensitive to the sound of their words.

Since its beginning, interpretation of the Bible was constant. The reader yearns to understand in the light of his time and place. While Everett Fox does not presume to succeed in this possibility, he attempts to restore some of the original expression.

He laments the modern debasement of language, which contributes to our difficulties with ancient texts. He does feel that ancient words may enrich our modern language. He even acknowledges the importance of

feminist criticism of the Bible.

Each of the Five Books is preceded by an overview, and these are enormously helpful, for references are made to contemporary histories of other, neighboring cultures and to legends which developed subsequently. There is ongoing description of the Hebrew concept of God. He explains Hebrew words whose meanings have become obscure, and points to connections between separated passages.

Praised by theologians both Jewish and Christian, this first volume (assuming further Books of the Bible will follow), provides an opportunity for continued study and enlightenment for all who crave understanding of the Bible. It is certain to reward those without a thorough learning of Hebrew, and probably will afford insight even to Hebrew scholars fluent in that language. The book is beautiful, with print that is easy to read.

Everett Fox is associate professor of Judaica and director of the Jewish Studies Program at Clark University in Worcester MA. He has written numerous studies of the Bible and its translation, and is coeditor of a collection of essays by Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig.

Heroes, Antiheroes and the Holocaust

American Jewry and Historical Choice

by David Morrison

Milah Press, POB 267, New London, NH 336 pp.

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The question never seems to be answered: Did American Jews do enough or as much as might have been done during the Holocaust? *Heroes,*

Antiheroes and the Holocaust does more to put this disturbing issue to rest than ever any response that has come to my attention.

David Morrison, the author, was a practicing psychiatrist in the United States for 20 years before he moved to Israel. There he engaged in extensive research on contemporary Jewish history, and the reader of his book feels his understanding of American Jews during World War II, as well as the politics here and in Europe during that period. He lives with his wife in Jerusalem, and is a founding director of Haskala, an institute dedicated to the enhancement of the Hebrew language and of Jewish culture. He is well qualified to speak to us on this controversial subject.

The results of American policy during the Holocaust are known. The activities, attitudes and endeavors of our leaders are difficult to understand. As time passes and fewer people who were adults during those years remain, understanding grows dimmer, while the questions continue.

Many prominent Jews and Christians are scrutinized by David Morrison, and he has supplied a bibliography of works which shed light on history. There were heroes aplenty, as well as politicians and seekers of advancement of their own causes. There were Zionists whose interests were long-range, concerned with the Jewish state they wanted to emerge. There were voices in the American government which spoke unheard in Washington, and a president revered by many American Jews, who failed to order drastic measures which might have weakened the slaughter.

Some of our Jewish leaders who cried out most loudly are revealed to have

been less dedicated than was believed in Jewish circles, because they were engaged in struggles between various Jewish organizations. In fact, a major cause of the failure to accomplish a measure of help was due to lack of unity in American Jewish society. As always, there was a desire for power and predominance within each organization which would not yield, even in the interest of a common cause.

Notable in this book is David Morrison's assessment of the U.S. State Department, which was as indifferent to the plight of Armenians during World War I as to that of the Jews during World War II. Somehow, the romantic image of the Arab as portrayed by Rudolph Valentino in the movies of the 1920s was appealing to the State Department--"The Sheik of Araby" and "The Desert Song." How gullible Americans can be! It may be that will change, as replacements in personnel are made.

A great deal is to be learned in reading *Heroes, Antiheroes and the Holocaust*. Many of our old opinions are bound to be affected, some of them changed. There is never an answer to "What would have happened if. . .?" It is certain that the problem should not be viewed in the light of our society today. Those were the days when many Jews chose to remain closeted, when discrimination was rampant, jobs were hard to get, even if one hid one's Jewishness. Money was scarce and the Jewish moguls in Hollywood made no attempt to produce films to advance the cause of Jews. Movies were influential in those days before television, and newsreels we saw revealed the horrors of the successful campaigns waged by Hitler's Nazi regime.

This author emphasizes the fact that pleas accomplish nothing, but pressure does much. I believed then, as I do now, that the American public could have been convinced to apply that pressure. It was hardly tried.

Read this book. It is far more than one person's opinion, and finally, it may be comforting to learn not to judge ourselves harshly in hindsight.

Intimate Enemies: Jews and Arabs in a Shared Land

by *Meron Benvenisti*

University of California Press 260 pp.

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Meron Benvenisti is a columnist for Haaretz, Israel's largest newspaper, and is visiting professor at Beersheba University. Under Teddy Kolleck, he was Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. For a time he was administrator of East Jerusalem, inhabited by most of Jerusalem's Palestinians. *Intimate Enemies* is a truthfully written account of recent history of Israel with a backdrop of the past, but emphasizing the period since 1990.

In a Foreword by Thomas L. Friedman (New York Times Foreign Affairs and TV panelist), Benvenisti is acclaimed as the foremost authority on the Middle East. Much information in the media is colored by politics and emotion; the impression gained from this book is one of honesty and fairness. The author speaks with an unusual ability of impartial judgment, combined with sincere yearning for a Jewish Israel.

The difference between him and others is that he recognizes facts which cannot be overlooked. These facts of the occupied "territories" and the inseparable relations between Jews and Arabs in the area are stated in detail.

Benvenisti recognizes the plight of ordinary Palestinians, living in squalor. He believes that the closing of schools by the Israeli government gave Palestinian youth the time and provocation to participate in the Intifada. Most of the employment of Palestinians was within Israel, and each time they were prevented from going to work in Israel as punishment for their rebellion, the anger was increased. Achieving peace between enemies can be brought about by mutual respect.

The author confesses to sympathy for the Palestinians in their longing to return to the place of their birth, which he feels is the same as that of the Jews. Therefore, he feels that both groups of people have legitimate claims to the same land.

Now that circumstances have reduced the Palestinians to utter weakness, abetted by the fall of the Soviet Union and abandonment by the Arab states, it is clear that Israel occupies a position of great strength. In that position, Israel is able to dictate the terms of the peace process, although in doing so, it must yield some points long held.

Since the Palestinian population of Israel is about 2 million, compared to 4 million Jews, distribution of resources needs to be adjusted more equitably than it has been. Water, electricity and industry to improve the lives of ordinary Palestinians would reduce the hostility they feel. Benvenisti does not believe in divisions of people by ethnicity. He favors a multicultural society like ours in the United States, because he believes Jews and Arabs are bound to be mingled. His platform is that of a tiny minority, but *Intimate Enemies* is convincing.

The complex negotiations in the peace process till now are clearly explained. The history of past Israeli policy and the results of the policy are outlined, with accounts of violent incidents which have swayed the opinions of the world.

Recent sentiments in Israel which tend towards the wish for total separation ("getting rid of the Arabs") and the movement for "Peace Now" are both unacceptable to Meron Benvenisti. He is torn between the issues of needs for security, wish for justice and his interest in civil rights in a democracy.

The various options for a settlement resulting in peace are considered, but this devout believer in the Jewish State has a dream which he concedes is unlikely, because he sees true Israeli/Palestinian conciliation to be just that--a dream. He closes with his belief that there is a place for that dream.

American Jews need to read this book to gain better understanding of the relationship of these *Intimate Enemies*.

Unsecular Media: Making News of Religion in America

by Mark Silk

University of Illinois Press 181 pp.

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Items about religion appear in American newspapers, as well as other news media, increasingly. Journalists are often accused of being "secular," by which is meant "irreligious."

In recent years, as religion creeps more into politics in America, we are reading more about religion than in

the past. The emphasis on moral values to which we need to return, according to political platforms, inescapably suggests the importance of religion in our society.

Mark Silk, staff writer for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and teacher of religion and the media at Emory University, in *UNSECULAR MEDIA* tells the history of religion in journalism throughout the existence of the United States.

We often hear that Americans are far more religious than are Europeans. To many in our society, religion is of utmost importance. Statistics cited in this book are interesting. We hear also the accusation that ours is a secular society.

Since one of the founding principles of America was religious freedom, and many came to enjoy that freedom, it is not strange that religion should occupy so much concern.

Among the hundreds of different sects, there is variety enough for choice; yet, new groups continue to sprout. Often we tend to call fringe groups "cults," but we are reminded that often yesterday's cult becomes tomorrow's mainline religion. We need not be judgmental. There is room enough for all.

Today, people seem to be searching. Especially the young shop religion from church to church, trying them on to see which suits best. There has always been the lament that religion is suffering losses, and we read statistics to prove the fact. In response, clergy often try to sell religion with promises of easy goals.

Reinhold Neibuhr, of blessed memory, one of our foremost theologians, criticized churches who

offered easy answers. He said of Billy Graham, "It would be interesting to know how many of those attracted by his evangelistic Christianity are attracted by the obvious fact that his new evangelism is much blander than the old. For it promises a new life, not through painful religious experience but merely by signing a decision card. Thus a miracle of regeneration is promised at a painless price by an obviously sincere evangelist. It is a bargain."

Although our media are criticized for being secular, it is probably true that most journalists attempt to be sensitive to spiritual and denominational beliefs of readers. This author stresses what he calls our topoi, moral values, which he enumerates thus: Applause for good works, embrace of tolerance, contempt for hypocrisy, rejection of false prophets (how is one recognized?), inclusion of worthy religions of others, appreciation of faith in things unseen, concern about religious decline. The last seems to be a perpetual concern.

All of the above covers the entire community and together constitutes establishmentarianism. Furthermore, journalists are interested in good order, being disturbed by disruption. These are deemed facts by Mark Silk, though some critics feel our media have anti-Christian bias. However, values change. See the strange alliance of the Christian Right and Feminist Left in their opposition to pornography.

Religious coverage has increased. Witness the religion desk of Public Radio, a full time religious reporter on ABC, centers for religion in universities. Still, American religion is increasingly non-institutional. The author feels journalists need to strive

to be better attuned to religion as Americans experience it.

Unsecular Media is an overview of religion in America today, in contrast to the way it was in the past, and its

presentation in the news. Mark Silk helps us to evaluate journalism's portrayal of religion in our newspapers, periodicals, on TV and radio.

Playwright Forms Jewish Theatre Group

Greensboro--Award-winning playwright, actress and teacher Karen Dresser has formed L'Chaim Productions, Inc., a Jewish theatre company through which its founder and artistic director "seeks to promote the education, awareness and understanding of Jewish culture to the entire community through the performing arts, specifically but not exclusively, theatre and music."

Dresser's non-profit organization will offer opportunities for seasoned performers and beginners, adults and teenagers, on stage and behind the scenes, in accomplishing an ambitious Winter/Spring 1996 schedule.

Opening show for L'Chaim Productions an encore presentation of "Making Art," the mature comedy whose "look at art, inspiration, life, love and family relationships" won for Dresser the 1995 Playwrights Forum New Play Competition.

Upcoming productions will include "Mt. Vesuvius," a teen ensemble in a straightforward exploration of the teen dating scene, February 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. "Open Doors," a mature drama by an adult ensemble, April 28, 29 and 30 and May 1 at 8

p.m. "L'Chaim, Yerushalayim!," an evening of music and literature to celebrate Jerusalem's 3000th birthday, May 19 at 8 p.m. and "Rabbis, Witches, Kings and Princesses," enchanting Jewish folktales for all ages by the teen ensemble, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. and June 1 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

According to the playwright, all of the scheduled shows are "life-affirming, intellectually stimulating, spiritually inquisitive and global in scope." It is Dresser's goal to have civic, school and church groups book L'Chaim Productions' shows for special events and to tour with certain shows throughout the state and region.

Dresser, who is also a costume designer, director and published poet, has performed locally with Spare Parts, High Point Community Theatre, Livestock Players, O. Henry Players and Winston-Salem Little Theatre. A Jewish educator, she has used all the arts in her ten years of teaching at B'nai Shalom Day School, Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel in Greensboro and Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. She may be reached in Greensboro at 910-852-3578.

Dr. David S. Citron To Receive Monroe T. Gilmour Senior Service Award At Temple Beth El, Charlotte NC

Dr. David S. Citron has been named the recipient of the 1996 Monroe T. Gilmour Senior Service Award to be presented by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Aging at its annual meeting on February 21, 1996, at Temple Beth El. The Day will begin with a 10:00 am-11:45 am workshop facilitated by Dr. Elbert Cole, a nationally known figure who is the founder of the Shepherd's Centers of America. Dr. Cole will explore caregiver guilt, fatigue and stress. The cost of the workshop is \$8.00 At the noon luncheon, Dr. Cole will speak on "Rethinking Aging as we Begin the 21st Century," the Luncheon is \$12.00.

The Gilmour Award was created in memory of Monroe T. Gilmour M.D. one of Charlotte's best known physicians in recognition of his outstanding community service in his later years. It is presented to those who have made a notable contribution to the community during their retirement years.

Dr. Citron, a well known and highly regarded Charlotte physician, retired in 1987. He was a founding member of the Charlotte Medical Clinic; Director of Medical Education at Carolinas Medical Center; Clinical Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine, UNC-Chapel Hill. His distinguished list of hospital appointments includes Director of the International Scholar Exchange Program at Carolinas Medical Center. Long an Activist in community affairs, among his many credits are

past chairman of the United Way Regional Aids Consortium and Past Co-Chairman of the Program for Affordable Care for the Elderly, Mecklenburg Health Cost Council. He received the 1992 Silver Medallion Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

David Citron and his wife, Doris, have four children and are members of Temple Israel.

For reservations, call the Council on Aging office: 527-8807.



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The Home Store--Where Elizabeth Small Performs Magic

The Home Store in Charlotte NC is a special place where Elizabeth Small has been performing magic for the past 17 years. Clothing, linens, bedspreads, jewelry and much much more have been magically turned into nursing care, nutritious meals, therapeutic activities and entertaining programs with Ms. Small's assistance. The Home Store is a thrift shop located in the Radiator Specialty Company in Charlotte. It opened in 1978 with the goal of raising funds for the Blumenthal Jewish Home. According to Elizabeth, who has managed the store since it opened, the store has donated well over \$100,000 to the Home. At the 30th Annual Meeting of the Home in October Ms. Small presented a generous check to the Home for \$6500.00, but less than in other years according to Elizabeth because contributions to the store have been down.

Retailers and manufacturers who have contributed to the Home Store over the years have been partners in building the Blumenthal Jewish Home and helping to provide its services to the Jewish elderly. In order for the Store to continue to play its part in contributing to the Blumenthal Home, the store needs donations of new merchandise: clothing, linens, bedding, jewelry and more. All donations are acknowledged with a letter to the donor.

Ms. Small with the assistance of volunteer Henry Hirschmann opens the store on Fridays from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Elizabeth says she would like to open more often if she had transportation and would welcome anyone interested in volunteering. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is most grateful to Elizabeth Small for



Elizabeth Small presents a check for \$6500 from the Home Store to BJH at the 30th Annual Meeting.

her many years of dedicated volunteer service to the Home through her work with the Home Store. We ask you to please help her to keep the magic going. To volunteer at the Home Store call Elizabeth Small at 704-366-8829.

Donations of merchandise to the Home Store should be sent to:
*The Home Store
%Radiator Specialty Company
1900 Wilkinson Blvd.
Charlotte, N.C. 28208*

Spotlight On A Resident

Congratulations To Moe Mandel



Moe Mandel, Fair Oaks elder statesman and special volunteer has something to celebrate.

Moe Mandel is a well known figure around the Blumenthal Jewish Home where he celebrates his 8th anniversary as a Fair Oaks resident in February. One of the first residents to move into the new Fair Oaks facility when it opened in February 1988, Moe Mandel holds the distinction of being Fair Oaks elder statesman. Although Mr. Mandel celebrated his 90th birthday on December 19th, his years of living at Fair Oaks rather than his age, have conferred this status upon him. A very young 90, Moe's smiling face, friendly manner and high spirits are known to everyone at the Home, both residents and staff.

Moe Mandel moved to Fair Oaks when it opened to be close to his wife Bea who had entered the nursing Home in 1987. For many years the Mandels had lived in Charlotte where they had moved from New York and Moe had been an active volunteer in the Charlotte community. Soon after moving into Fair Oaks Moe began to look for ways to continue the kinds of volunteering he was known for in Charlotte at his new home at BJH.

Moe has donned many hats while living in Fair Oaks . He has been seen as a gardener, postman, handyman, shopper, chauffeur and information desk. Moe's talents appear whether he is running errands for residents, doing minor repairs, assisting in the craft shop, growing tomatoes or just being a needed friend. Moe's greatest talent seems to be finding pleasure in using his abilities to benefit others. Gail Ruthfield, activity therapist on Fair Oaks describes Moe as always willing, with a smile, to be of help to other residents. " When he was ill this year I was lost without him, I did not realize how much he had been doing for the other residents" said Gail.

BJH is pleased to congratulate Moe Mandel both on his recent 90th birthday and on his 8th anniversary as a Fair Oaks resident . We wish him many more years of volunteering and doing kindnesses for others. Remember, if you need to know, ask Moe.

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Sue's News

Millie Slatkoff Joins BJH Staff

BJH is happy to announce the appointment of Millie Slatkoff as the Volunteer Coordinator in the Department of Volunteer Services at the Home. Millie has been a dedicated volunteer at BJH since 1987. She is well acquainted with the Home, the residents, the staff and the many needs to which volunteers can give their time. Millie is an expert in the art of volunteering. She has been a committed volunteer not only at BJH but also at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem where she has served as a Sisterhood President, a member of the Temple's Board of Directors, a Past President of the Prime Timers and on numerous committees. Since her retirement from full time employment six years ago, Millie has also been an active volunteer with many community organizations.

Ms. Slatkoff is a native of Baltimore, Md. and moved to Winston-Salem in 1983 after living in Plantation, Florida for a number of years. She enjoys North Carolina where she is close to four of her six children and eight of eleven grandchildren who make North Carolina home. Millie is most familiar to BJH and Fair Oaks residents through the many hours of volunteer work she has given at the General Store, on shopping trips and with special events. Although we will miss her as a volunteer we are happy she is giving up some of her very



Millie Slatkoff

active retirement days to join us in this new position. Please help BJH welcome Millie Slatkoff to her new role by giving her a call and discovering where you are needed at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Millie knows how volunteering can make a difference. You can too! Call 910-766-6401 to volunteer.

Volunteers Bring Holiday Spirit to BJH

The holiday of Hanukkah was celebrated for more than just eight days at BJH this year. Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro began the festive month with a spirited program of Hanukkah music at the December birthday party for residents. Rabbi Fred Guttman of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro joined the students in entertaining the residents as he kicked up his heels, strummed his guitar and led the crowd in joyful singing.

Pre-school youngsters from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem joined residents in a pre-Hanukkah celebration on Dec. 12. With the aid of Fran Thull, the Pre-school Director and Bill Bronstein, Education Director at Temple Emanuel, the residents and the children shared an intergenerational Hanukkah. An art project, stories, songs and refreshments provided a festive event for everyone.



Temple Emanuel Pre-School students and BJH residents share a Chanukah celebration.

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Rabbi Marla Subeck of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem delighted the residents with Hanukkah stories, discussion and songs when she conducted the Rabbi's Hour program in December. Cantor Elias Roohvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte visited on the fourth day of Hanukkah and presented a wonderful Hanukkah gift to the residents, a beautiful musical program. Cantor Roohvarg sang songs both old and new, Jewish, Yiddish, Israeli and American and residents joined in on the familiar and on old favorites.



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro present a program of Chanukah music at the December birthday party.

The eight nights of Chanukah were bright as volunteers visited the Home each evening to kindle the menorahs in the four dining rooms and share songs and greetings with the residents. Many thanks to our Hanukkah "strollers" Marilyn and Neil Belenky and Irma and Joe Moss from Greensboro; from Winston-Salem : Denice and Bill Bronstein, Susie, Dan and Steve Michael, Abram Moore, Georgette Somjen, Gail Citron, Judy and Ben Breakstone, Andrew Ettin, Fran and Peter Thull, Rabbi Marla Subeck and Mark Spanjer and BBYO Advisor Kathie Burton with BBYO members Robyn Block, Jodi Ehrens, Benji Stern, Zane Garland, Rebecca Levy, and Jonathan and Danny Thull.

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Members of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem light the Chanukah Menorahs at the Home, from the left: Georgette Somjen, Bill Bronstein, Education Director, Denice Bronstein, Susan, Dan and Steve Michael, and Abram Moore.

Volunteer Andrew Ettin visits with his mother Cecil Ettin on the evening he lights the BJH Menorahs.



Greensboro volunteers Irma and Joe Moss and Marilyn and Neil Belenky sing Hanukkah songs to residents in the BJH dining rooms.



Irma Moss assists BJH resident Florence Blumenstein in kindling the Chanukah lights.



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Volunteer Jan Sawyer drew the holiday festivities to a close with the playing of traditional Christmas music at the Christmas party held in the friendship room for the residents who observe this holiday. Santa Claus made a surprise visit much to the delight of those attending.

December 1995 came to a close with our appreciation of just how much our volunteers do to keep our Home festive and bright throughout the year. We look forward to an exciting new year with many new volunteers joining us in 1996.



Members of the Winston-Salem BBYO light the Hanukkah Menorah in the Fair Oaks dining room; pictured from the left are: Kathie Burton, Advisor, Jonathan Thull, Benji Stern, Danny Thull, Robyn Block, Jodie Ehrens, Rebecca Levy and Zane Garland.



Volunteer Gail Citron with her daughter Judy Breakstone light the BJH Chanukah Menorahs on the fourth night.



Cantor Elias Roochvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte captivates the BJH audience with a concert of beautiful music for Chanukah.



Rabbi Marla Subeck from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem conducts a Rabbi's Hour program in the Fair Oaks Synagogue.

Rabbi Fred Guttman of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro joins students from B'nai Shalom Day School in a musical Chanukah program at BJH.



Santa Claus makes a surprise visit to the Christmas party held in the Friendship room



TO YOUR HEALTH

Tammy Black and Pharmacy Department, A Winning Prescription

The role of the pharmacist in a nursing home is quite different from that of the pharmacist in an acute care setting of a hospital according to Tammy Black, Director of Pharmacy at BJH. Tammy Black joined the BJH staff as Director of Pharmacy in June 1994 and since then has played an important role in the provision of health services to our residents. Prior to joining the Blumenthal Home Tammy had worked as a staff pharmacist both at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and Community General Hospital in Thomasville. Tammy also had the unique experience of developing and teaching a pharmacy technician training program at Davidson County Community College. During her six years of teaching, seven classes of technicians formally trained to assist pharmacists were graduated. Before this program pharmacy technicians received only on the job training.

“Moving from an acute care setting to long term care was quite a challenge” said Tammy “and it has been most rewarding.” She describes the goals of long term care, in contrast to the hospital setting, as focusing on enabling the individual to be as comfortable as possible and to be able to enjoy the best quality of life possible. Where as in the acute care setting of a hospital the goal is on stabilizing and discharge, in the nursing home the focus is on quality of life.

At BJH the pharmacist is a member of the Care Planning Team and



Tammy Black, Director of the BJH Pharmacy department.

attends the care planning sessions. She has the opportunity to discuss an individual's care and condition and potential drug related interactions or responses with appropriate staff including nurses, the dietician, social worker and activity staff. Tammy has found that being able to have direct input to the physician and the nurse with opportunities to make suggestions and to be able to follow the treatment outcome over time to be very satisfying to her professionally. As a long term care pharmacist she not only does the mandatory monthly reviews of every resident's chart but being on site also allows her the opportunity to be aware of possible prescription complications before they would even be filled.

Tammy is appreciative of the many benefits of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and praises the exceptional physician coverage available to our residents. With regularly scheduled physicians seeing patients at the Home at least three days a week, the pharmacist has opportunity for frequent contact with a physician. There are also opportunities for interactions with residents which Tammy describes as a plus to the long term care setting. “The best thing about working in the nursing Home is the opportunity to establish relationships and to see the outcomes of treatment” says Tammy.


Tammy Black directs a pharmacy staff consisting of two technicians Anne Clampitt and Bootsie Koonts and one part time pharmacist Marti Jorgensen. Tammy Black is a native of Forsyth County, she graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1985 with a BS degree in Pharmacy. She is married to Ronald Black and they have two children, Thomas age two and Victoria age five.

WELCOME

May you have a long,
happy, healthy life.

Mary Beroth
Pfafftown, NC
Effie Johnson
Advance, NC

Thelma Richardson
Martinsburg, VA
Nora Shore
Hamptonville, NC



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Helen Bloch
 Mary Ellen Capper
 Ethel Dickson
 Rae Glickman
 Solomon Greenberg
 Henry Heitman
 Hannah Hockfield
 Henry Maienthau
 Dorothy Rodriguez
 Geraldine Summerfield
 Robert Swartz
 Pearl Yachnin

February

Yetta Besnoy
 Virginia Brown
 Ida Feinberg
 Hilda Gilbert
 Miriam Gingold
 Marguerite Hughes
 Eileen Jacobs
 Sadye Linial
 Josephine Miller
 Alise Panders

On-Site Pharmacy A BJH Asset

The Blumenthal Jewish Home operates an in-house pharmacy, which is staffed by one full-time and one part-time pharmacist and two pharmacy technicians. The pharmacy is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A pharmacist is always on call when the pharmacy is closed.

By providing this service to our residents, we assure that all new medication orders are started without delay and that each resident's drug intake is closely monitored. Our

pharmacists conduct monthly reviews for all residents to assist the physicians and nursing staff in ensuring that each resident's drug regimen is free from unnecessary drugs. Our pharmacists are often consulted by the medical staff prior to writing new medication orders to inquire about availability, dosing, potential side effects and necessary monitoring.



Tammy Black, Director of Pharmacy and Anne Clampitt, technician at work in the state of the art BJH pharmacy.

Our pharmacists are responsible for much more than simply dispensing medications. The pharmacist is a member of the Interdisciplinary Care Planning Team that reviews each resident's care every 90 days. In addition, the pharmacist is responsible for quality assurance studies and for keeping up-to-date with ever-changing regulations. The pharmacy is also responsible for providing the nursing staff with Medication Administration Records and treatment sheets for each resident.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home subscribes to the very highest standards of care for our residents. Our pharmacy assures that these standards are met and that all residents are provided with their required medications in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Wish List

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>
Single Section Roll-In Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
16' x 16' Canopy Tent For Courtyard	\$1,500.00
Lawn Furniture for the Entrance to Fair Oaks	\$1,078.00
Special Holiday Concerts, e.g. Chanukah Party, Sukkot Celebration and Mayfest	\$1,000.00
Laser Printer with Serial Connection for the Public Relations Office	\$ 800.00
Waring Blender for Making Puree Foods	\$ 675.00
Swing Band for the Residents' New Years Party	\$ 600.00
Calculators	\$ 500.00
Large Print Books for Residents' Library	\$ 500.00
Training Videos - "Episodes in Kitchen Safety"	\$ 404.95
Poly-fill for Craft Shop items	\$ 300.00
Set of Kitchen Chef Knives	\$ 200.00
Pan Rack ADE 1818/KDA	\$ 200.00



Employee of the Third Quarter
Anthony Watson
Dietary Department

Anthony Watson joined the BJH Dietary department in July 1993. During his two and a half years at BJH Anthony has endeared himself to the staff he works with and the people he serves. According to Wayne Dieser, Director of Dietary, Anthony exemplifies the saying "you've come a long way" and is an asset to the Dietary Department by filling many roles and working wherever he is needed. He is well liked by all the staff and his positive attitude and friendly and cheerful manner ensure that he is an employee worthy of being recognized as employee of the quarter.

Surprised and happy to be chosen Anthony said "I am just glad to be working here, I like the people I work with and I like my job." Anthony's job takes him from doing dishes in the kitchen, to serving on the tray line and taking food carts to the wings. He says he likes the variety and getting to talk to the residents when he is on the floors. He says that he looks forward to serving in the Fair Oaks dining room and someday being a cook's helper.

Anthony has lived in Clemmons all his life and attended South Park High School in Winston-Salem. In his free time he enjoys playing basketball, being with friends, going to the Mall and traveling. His travels have taken him to Detroit, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Canada where he enjoyed a visit to Niagara Falls, a favorite trip according to Anthony.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to congratulate Anthony Watson, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.

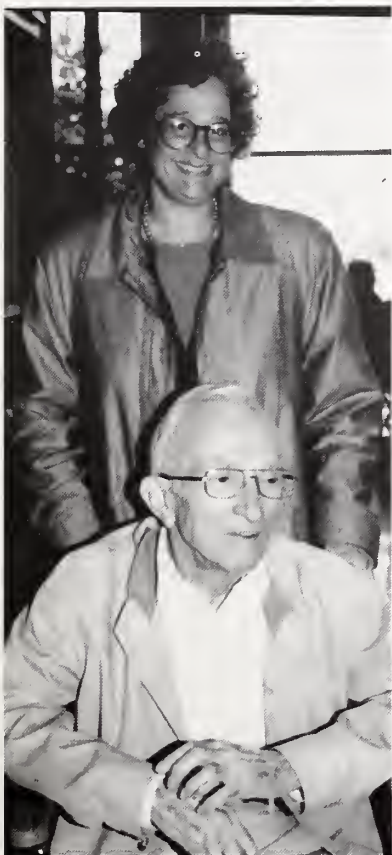
Wish List

Be an angel and help us purchase these items.

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.



Jack Tennenbaum enjoys an outing to Hanes Mall with volunteer Frances Brenner.

JANUARY

19 Years

Carolyn Bright, CNA, B-1

18 Years

Betty Gentry, RN, B2

17 Years

Sue Pierce, CNA, Fair Oaks

8 Years

Doris Stroud, Accounting

Karen Wyatt, Medical Records

6 Years

Betty Stevenson, CNA, A-wing

5 Years

Donna Sims, RN, A-wing

Michael Smith, Dietary

4 Years

Peggy Bridges, Staff Development

Vicky Lennox, Dietary

3 Years

Robert Haggins, Housekeeping

Millie Pierce, RN, B2

Jeff Tinsley, Dietary

2 Years

Jean de la Serna, RN, A-wing

Audrey Hardy, CNA, A-wing

Ellen Kimball, Transportation

Wayne Wood, Dietary

1 Year

Barbara Bishop, CNA, A-wing

Phyllis Hamilton, LPN, A-wing, On Call

Barbara Sales, Housekeeping

Robin Smith, CNA, A-wing

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February

FEBRUARY

18 Years

Ruth Howell, Dietary

15 Years

Joan Lennon, RN, B1, On Call

9 Years

June Ireland, CNA, B1

6 Years

Judy Morris, RN, Unit Manager, A-wing

4 Years

Faye Simmons, Housekeeping

2 Years

Betty Frost, LPN, A-wing

Seth Levy, Executive Vice President

Angela Styers, CNA, B2

1 Year

Dawn Carter, Housekeeping

Rodney Clark, Dietary

Pauline Davis, Laundry

Eileen Payne, CNA, B2

IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of:

Ella Blachman

Else Guthman

Novella Lawson

Minnie Leder

Irene Richardson

Ida Rabinowitz

Felix Schmerz

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Residents enjoy watching children from Temple Emanuel Preschool create Chanukah drawings.

1996

**Calendar Highlights
January**

- 2 Monthly Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 9 Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 9 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 10 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Subeck, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 12 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 14 Brenner Concert, "Square Dancing", 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 17 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 18 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 21 Card Club, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 24 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 25 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, 3:00 p.m., Individual Units

**Calendar Highlights
February**

1996

- 4 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Tu B'Shevat Celebration, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 6 Monthly Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Anchor Club Visit, West Forsyth High School, Making Valentines, 3:00 p.m., Friendship Room
- 9 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Library
- 11 Temple Beth El Childrens Choir, 3:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 13 Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 13 Resident Council Meeting, 2:30 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 14 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Subeck, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 14 Valentine's Day Party, 2:30 p.m., Individual Units
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 16 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 18 Card Club, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 21 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium



THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME 1994-95 Annual Report

President's Report

by Audrey Madans

It gives me great pleasure to submit the following report for the fiscal year 1994-95.

Like everyone's home, no matter the age, but especially after 30 years, there are always repairs and maintenance to be done. This year, much has been accomplished. We have retro-outfitted the lighting in the entire facility with energy-saving lights. We have demolished the entire gate house, the "bunker" building, and the silo at the entrance. The roof on the beautiful barn was replaced, and the roofs on the mansion and B-wing are in the process of being repaired. The bus has new air conditioning and a new coat of paint. B-2 has been partially repainted, doors refinished, closets painted, and hand rails redone.

Much of what has been achieved cannot even be seen, e.g., three new washing machines in the laundry and a gas dryer. An emergency generator for the elevator located near the laundry room was replaced. We waterproofed B-wing footings and prevented soil erosion in the demolished areas. Then there were printers, copiers, camera systems, two patient lifts, and many bed rails purchased.

We're going into our 31st year and much remains to be done to keep our facility shipshape and updated to bring us into the next century.

Great changes in long-term care have taken and will continue to take place over the years, and our Board has to decide where to go from here and in what direction to travel. With this in mind, members of the Board held a retreat at Wildacres, and the theme was strategic planning. We were given an opportunity to develop an ongoing process that will equip us to successfully meet changing circumstances and challenges of the future. The coming year will see the beginning of strategic planning and committees are already in place and ready to go.

As I've said often, I'm thrilled and impressed by the caliber of our Board members. Their expertise and the enthusiasm they bring to this Home is exciting and ensures the continuance of care and fiduciary responsibility that we expect from a Board of Trustees.

How fortunate we are to have Seth Levy as our Executive Vice President/Director. He works untiringly to keep the Home on an even keel. He has significantly strengthened relationships with our many community federations which has resulted in our seeing an increase in funding from many of them. Because of his expertise in the field of aging, he has been asked to be a presenter in a soon-to-be held conference in Atlanta. This speaks well for him and for the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

In September, we saw the end of an era when Dr. William Sugg retired. He served us well from the beginning. We wish him well and want him to know that he will be missed very much by everyone.

Under the very capable direction of Stan Greenspon and his great volunteers, we are in the midst of an Endowment Campaign in Charlotte. Why the push now for an Endowment Campaign? Of course we operate annually on a budget, but there's never enough money to ensure that all our residents, especially the indigent, will never have to worry. We owe it to ourselves to support the Blumenthal Jewish Home and to be prepared to have not just a beautiful facility but also the resources to help all our residents have the best quality of life in their declining years. The Roman statesman, Seneca, said, "The gradually declining years are among the sweetest in a person's life."

I believe the foundation of this Home is commitment, participation of staff, membership growth, volunteers and, most importantly, all our residents.

There have been and will be changes with the intent of improving every facet of our Blumenthal Jewish Home. I'm confident that the enthusiasm for this Home over the past 30 years will continue to grow and carry on well into the next century and many, many years after that.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1994-95

by Seth D. Levy

Having completed my first full year as Executive Vice President of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged, I would like to take this opportunity to report on the state of affairs at the facility.

The Home is experiencing and facing a period of change filled with complex challenges. Currently, we live in a time where federal and state governments are trying to become fiscally responsible to the American public. The message of the day for older Americans in regard to services provided to them is to do more, accept less, and lose freedom and choice. Changes that might take place in the Medicaid and Medicare systems would affect the Home's largest source of reimbursement.

The number of residents receiving financial assistance (the difference between actual costs of providing care and the amount of money the Home receives as reimbursement for these costs) is continually on the rise. The 1994-95 operating year saw a 12% increase in the number of medically indigent residents. There has been a dramatic change in the type of residents moving into the Home as evidence by the residents' increased acuity level. This can be seen in their inability to perform activities of daily living, increased need for nursing and medical care, and decreased level of cognitive functioning. Bureaucracy continues to increase regulations including the implementation of civil and monetary fines to nursing facilities.

I have visited most of the Jewish communities that support the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The giving of contributions by 14 Jewish communities has increased 11% during the last fiscal year. The major Jewish communities are very interested in the welfare of the Home and are striving to form closer relationships. Several Jewish communities have made special arrangements for seniors to visit and tour the Home.

The members of the Board of Trustees are an intelligent, committed group of individuals who have devoted countless hours of time and much energy on behalf of the Home. I would like to personally thank Audrey Madans for her guidance and support over these past 12 months, and I look forward to another fruitful year under her leadership. As the Blumenthal Jewish Home begins its 31st year, the providing of quality care and services to older adults and their families residing in the Carolinas is foremost on the minds of the Board. To this end, members of the Board, in their wisdom, have taken a big step and have begun a strategic planning process that will carry the Home into the 21st century. Also, I would like to extend a special thank you to all Board of Trustee chairpersons, many of whom have spent countless hours working on special projects and challenges that have faced the facility.



I would like to give special recognition to Herman Blumenthal. The Home's fundraising efforts for the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign was so successful in 1994-95 due to a very generous matching grant from NationsBank. This grant was made by NationsBank in appreciation of Herman Blumenthal and reflected the bank's great admiration for him personally and gratitude for his leadership in so many good things.

Day-to-day operations of the Home have gone through several changes during the past year. The positions of Administrator and Development Director were eliminated, a new Director of Social Services was hired together with two social workers who will be working with her, and a new A-wing unit manager was hired. In addition, we retained a new workers' compensation insurance policy, new dental and life insurance carriers, implemented a safety program, set up preventive maintenance contracts on most mechanical equipment, and purchased a new ramp van for transporting residents to outside medical appointments. We also implemented a 6-week-cycle menu,

evaluated the nursing staffing patterns, and contracted with an outreach foot care program at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, just to name a few. Our recent inspection by the North Carolina Division of Facility Services gained us another "deficiency free" rating in resident care.

There were many repairs and improvements made to our physical plant and various purchases were made which included the following: painting B-2 nursing unit, painting the outside of A-wing, demolition or repair of dilapidated buildings on the property, installation of new washers and dryers, purchasing of new floor care equipment, waterproofing of footings and installation of French drains and gutters on Fair Oaks, installation of new kitchen exhaust fans, upgrading of BJH bus air conditioning, placement of elevator and laundry on an emergency standby generator, and, finally, the purchase of new resident lifts for transferring. The ongoing heating, cooling, moisture, and structural problems in Fair Oaks were finally analyzed by a team of consulting engineers. The engineers have made specific recommendations about correcting these problems.

The operation of Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility faced a difficult year due to a low occupancy rate. The future of Fair Oaks and the decision as to whether we will continue to provide assisted living services are under investigation and study. Members of the Board, in an effort to keep the Home cost effective, have temporarily closed the lower level of Fair Oaks and placed a moratorium on new admissions until such time as a final decision can be made about the facility's future. (It is important to note that no resident presently living

in Fair Oaks has been or will be discharged because of any decisions which have been or will be made in the future.)

I want to thank all the department heads and employees of the Home for their ongoing commitment. The good that you see and hear about is due to their hard work and dedication. There is genuine love and concern for the residents in their hearts and it becomes evident in their care. I would like to pay special tribute to a man who committed himself to the Home for the past 30 years and who devoted himself to hundreds of residents who were under his watchful eye and care, Dr. William C. Sugg. Bill announced his retirement a year ago and recently left the Home as Medical Director and Attending Physician. Our new Medical Director will be Dr. Rodger Israel, and we will have one additional attending physician, Dr. Steven Wittmer, to care for our residents along with Drs. Klein, Wolff, and Jones.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who give their valuable time to the residents of the Home. Your mitzvot do not go unnoticed, and there is no way we could ever

duplicate what you do. I would like to give special recognition to Sam Jacobson, our volunteer religious leader. Sam has led services for many years for Shabbat and all Jewish holidays despite all kinds of weather conditions.

This coming year, we plan to continue our Family Development Program begun in 1995. This program features a special newsletter and brunches with speakers designed to deal with problems, issues, and concerns of families with residents at the Home. We also plan to strengthen our programming for the cognitively impaired residents. And, since we live in a period of saving our resources and environment, we will be developing an energy conservation plan.

I welcome the challenges the future brings, and I hope each of you will be a part of sharing our dreams and committing yourself to their fulfillment.



Esther Frank announces the proceeds of \$7500 to go to the Home from the CAJWM Annual Fundraiser, at the Annual Meeting.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 29, 1995.

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Membership Meeting of Blumenthal Jewish Home October 29, 1995

Following an outstanding brunch, President Audrey Madans called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. She extended a warm welcome to all and thanked members of the Dietary Department for providing such a delicious meal. She also thanked staff members from all the other departments in the Home for their hard work in preparing for today's meeting. Mrs. Madans recognized Dr. William C. Sugg, the Home's retiring Medical Director, for 30 years of dedicated service, and she wished him well in his future endeavors. She also recognized Mrs. Catherine Smith, one of the Home's craft shop instructors, who is retiring after 14 years of devoted service. Finally, Mrs. Madans acknowledged Herman Blumenthal and his late brother, I. D., for their support and generosity which has enabled the Home to reach this 30th milestone.

Mr. Herman Blumenthal then came to the podium to express delight in being able to participate in this special occasion and to thank all members of the Board of Trustees, both past and present, for their hard work and concern for the elderly. Mr. Blumenthal said that the Home has been a wonderful asset to the Jews of the Carolinas.

A booklet entitled "Thirtieth 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).

President Madans presented her annual report (refer to "Thirtieth Annual Meeting" booklet). Seth Levy read a letter sent to Mrs. Madans from David S. Miller, president of Temple Israel in Charlotte, in which Mr. Miller congratulated her on being re-elected as President of the Board of Trustees and acknowledged her commitment to Judaism (said letter is attached to original minutes document maintained at the Home).

The minutes of the annual meeting held on October 30, 1994, were distributed in the "Thirtieth Annual Meeting" booklet and unanimously approved by the membership.

Seth Levy presented his annual Executive Vice President's report followed by an update on development and membership (see attached booklet).

Ron Weiner spoke for the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men in place of Irving Brenner, President of CAJWM, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Weiner reported that the association had 1,300 members this year and recognized the association's continuing support of the Gertrude Weil Scholarship Fund, Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, CAJE, and the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged. He presented Mrs. Madans with a check for \$7,500 which was raised through the association's annual membership dues. Mr. Weiner

announced that CAJWM had also donated funds received from the Remembrance Fund this year as well as the following "wish list" items: barbeque grille, canopy for the courtyard, video camera, fish tank materials, fish for the tank, and money to be used for Brenner Concerts.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store's annual gift of \$6,500 to Mrs. Madans.

Memorials were read by Sam Jacobson, Religious Director of the Home, in memory of Cyril Jacobs and Robert Pearlman.

Lewis Eisenstadt, Immediate Past President of the Board of Trustees, thanked Dr. Hyman Muss, who is retiring as an elected member of the Board, for his contributions to the Home. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Harold Simons who served as a presidential appointee on the Board during 1994-95.



Elizabeth Small and Herman Blumenthal greet Mr. and Mrs. David Swimmer and their charming young daughter at the Home for the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Eisenstadt, who is also chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers to serve for 1995-96:

- 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 Schiftan
 Greensboro, NC
Treasurer
Albert Jacobson
 Greensboro, NC
Immed. Past Pres.
Lewis Eisenstadt
 Greenville, SC

The following were nominated for three-year terms (1995-98) as members of the Board:

- Barry Eisenberg**
 Winston-Salem, NC
Al Herman
 Greensboro, NC
Albert Jacobson
 Greensboro, NC
Florence Jaffa
 Charlotte, NC
Jerry Procton
 Greensboro, NC

There having been no other nominations received prior to this annual meeting in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in the Bylaws document, the membership accepted the above nominees by acclamation.

Esther and Arthur Frank distributed door prizes and checks to the five

winner of the annual fund raiser drawing. Mrs. Frank, speaking on behalf of CAJWM, presented a check to President Madans representing the proceeds of said annual fund raiser (\$7,000 presented at this meeting, \$500 to be forthcoming).

Audrey Madans closed the meeting by again thanking everyone who worked so hard in bringing this 30th anniversary celebration to fruition. She also recognized Mrs. Sylvia Margolis, one of the founders of CAJWM, who is now a Fair Oaks resident.

A benediction was given by Seth Levy.

The meeting was adjourned with the election of officers by the Board of Trustees to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael Schiftan, Secretary



Ron Weiner, 2nd Vice President of the Board of Trustees, presents a check for \$7500 from the CAJWM to the Home and reports on the Association's many donations to the Home this past year.

**THE FAIR OAKS CAPITAL
 CAMPAIGN
 OF THE
 BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME**

This list includes names of contributors for October 1, 1995 to November 30, 1995. We want to know if there are any errors or omissions. Please call the Development Office at (910) 766-6401 if you have any corrections or questions.

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- Mr. Norman S. Pliner

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- Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Simons



Herman Blumenthal speaks to those attending the 30th Annual Meeting.

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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: _____

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Name of Honoree: _____

Inscription _____

Send to: Blumenthal Jewish Home 7870 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons NC 27012



Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Beth Israel Input-- Asheville Citizen-Times

Due to the efforts of Rabbi Birnham and Michael Smith at the newspaper, the Religion Page, previously titled "Churches in the Area," has been changed to "PLACES OF WORSHIP."

More Scholar-in-Residence Programs

The Rabinowitz Family Foundation (Sara Birnham's parents) has increased our ability to teach with an additional program. It will be named "The Rabbi Shmuel and Sara Birnham Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton." "Several years ago, Dr. Norman Sollod funded an endowment in memory of his wife, Phyllis Freed Sollod. He always learns and encourages others to learn. Again, Dr. Sollod has shown that he strongly believes in how he lives and has endowed the "Harry and Ida Sollod Memorial Scholar-in-Residence each year." Todah Rabba, Norman, and Yishar Koach. On March 8-10, 1996, we will have the Rabbi Shmuel and Sara Birnham Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, PhD Assistant Professor of Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Ordained at Yeshiva University with a Doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Diamond is a superb

teacher of our tradition. Probable topics: A Study of Midrash Texts and Debates: Wrestling the Angel of Death, Love and Sexuality, Are Words Real?, and How is the Torah Received? On May 3-5, 1996, we will observe the Harry and Ida Sollod Memorial

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with Joshua R. Jacobson PhD, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Northeastern University. He also holds the Bernard Stotsky Chair of Jewish Cultural Studies and is founder and director of the Zamier Chorale of Boston, and more. Jacobson is one of the preeminent teachers of Jewish music in the United States. His topics include: How Jewish is Jewish Music?, Music in the Holocaust/Holocaust in Music, a special Saturday night class for Torah readers, and more.

Mass Family Endowment

Jean Mass donated a generous gift to Beth Israel in her husband's name following his funeral. She died two years ago. Beth Israel now plans to honor her and her memory this year.

Class for Four Year Olds

First and third Thursdays of each month.

Adult Education at Beth Israel

Hebrew Classes continue Sunday mornings at beginner and intermediate levels. Dr. Walter Ziffer and others are teaching. The Power and Beauty of the Psalms Class meets every Wednesday evening. Rabbi Birnham teams up with Dr. Walter Ziffer in a class that studies the Psalms, primarily focusing on Psalms in our Siddur. While studying and discussing these literary creations, we fulfill the Mitzvah of Talmud Torah (Study of Jewish texts) and make our davening more personal and

meaningful.

Introduction to Judaism Class

The Beauty and Mystery of Judaism Customs and Traditions, its values, what it teaches about living, how it adds to one's life. Rabbi Birnham will teach the class all year.

Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were enhanced by Cantor Mort Freeman, and, as always, reverently accented with the Rabbi's input, spiritual thoughts, and prayers, making the holidays truly a time for reflection. As in the past years, Kol Nidre night was a time for the congregation to engage in Tikkun Olam with Operation Isaiah (the Conservative Movement's project) to feed the hungry, by bringing food to the Synagogue. Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah rounded out the total experience.

The following people, in addition to our Rabbi and Cantor, contributed to our wonderful experience: Yosi Knight, who led Shacharit and Mincha service (on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), the Ritual Chair, Joe Gullotta, Children's Service leaders: Sara Birnham, Elissa Brown, Debi Miles, Jason Langberg, and Nick Sandler, Ken Schapira and his group of ushers, Dr. Rick Chess, who taught poetry on Yom Kippur afternoon, our floor leaders: Dr. Cliff Feingold and Dr. Joseph Schandler, Torah Readers: Rabbi and Sara Birnham, Geoff Brown, Toby Cohen, Bob and Andy Deutsch, Susan Hedgepeth, Caren Kessler, Richard Nielsen, and Dr. Norman Sollod, Haftarah Readers: Joe Gullotta, Dr. Marty Lee, Dr. Joseph Schandler, and Dr. Walter Ziffer. Thanks also to Kay and Dale Houghtaling for all their help during the holidays.

Sisterhood

Thanks to all the ladies who graciously baked those wonderful goodies and pitched in with set up and clean up for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg: Elaine Bronstein, Ruth Cooley, Hilda Ehrlich, Norma Feingold, Joann Feingold, Ruth Fox, Alice Green, Joyce Greene, Barbara Laibson, Barbara Pasternack, Betty Rosenthal, Maggie Rotman, Freda Rubinstein, Ellie Schlager, and Carmina Shuman.

Shalom Bayit/Domestic Abuse Program: A Success!!

Those on the Planning Committee included: Rabbi Birnham, Sue Greenberg, Barbara Kramer, Sandra Layton, and Jody Pohl.

Participants at the Symposium: Rabbi Birnham, who introduced the evening program, Judy Pohl, PhD, Rabbi Robert Ratner, Sue Greenberg, Sandra Layton, Carol Cohen, Marlene Breger-Joyce, and Barbara Kramer.

Shul Sukkah

Thank you to the following who helped put out Shul Sukkah together. BUILDING: Ken Schapira, Jon Pearlman, Rabbi Birnham, Susan Hedgepeth, Yosi Knight, and Richard Nielsen, SKHAKH (roof): Barbara Miller, Rabbi Birnham, and Richard Harrison.

Two of our Shul Honored on Simchat Torah

Ruth Gaynes as Kallah Bereshit, Bride of the Beginning, and Ed Greene, as Hatan Torah, Bridegroom of the Torah. Both individuals have performed wonderful deeds for our community. We are honored by their presence in our midst.

Membership Committee

Attending the lavish luncheon in the Fall held by the committee was the Greenbergs from Raleigh, five

potential new members and four new families: the Schlagers, Laurie Reiz, John and Jennifer Williams, and Barbara and Marty Kramer. A special thanks to Sim Gelbert for his time and art work in designing the invitation.

Welcome New Members

Associate Members: Mrs. Dorothy Birnham (Rabbi Birnham's mother) and Kenneth and Mamie Silverman.

Full Memberships: Clyde, Adrienne, and Reuben Hollifield, Robin Landsman and Liliana and Elias, Sol and Edna Weiss, Antonia Jolles and Nina Beck and Noah.

Shabbat Alternative Minyan

Professor Rick Chess led a different kind of service in the Chapel. There was more meditation and dance, and less structure in this service than in the main sanctuary. After the service, participants joined the main service for Torah Study, Musaf, and Kiddush.

Tot Shabbat is Back!

Starting in October, with all 2-6 year olds (and their parents and grandparents invited). Julia Kessler-Hollar will be helping Carmina Shuman and Sara Birnham this year. Prayer and Jewish learning through song, dance, and stories are on the agenda. A fun time for all.

Jewish Community Book Fair

A huge Yishar Koach to Phil Cohen and his team for turning his dream of a Book Fair into an exciting reality for our entire community.

USY

In August, Beth Israel USY and Woven Youth sent three campers and two staff members to Hanegev Region's summer encampment, L.T.I. L.T.I. stands for Leadership Training Institute at Camp Blue Star in Hendersonville. Matthew Levine,

Micah Schwartz, and Andy Deutsch represented Asheville for a week of prayer, learning, and fun! Gary Kramer and Jennifer Williams had a great time staffing. The group will be hosting a sub-regional convention in the spring.

Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Group

The Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Group is now meeting on the first Sunday of every month to study Judaism in a serious, but enjoyable way. The first seminar was held on September 10, when the group had a private meeting with Cantor Isaac Goodfriend. Cantor Goodfriend explained about the history of Hazzanut and the relationship between the trope and the text and enabled the group to listen to classical and modern Cantors. Future topics for group study include The Relationship Between Judaism and Christianity, Jewish Perspectives on the Environment, Jewish Influences in the Entertainment Industry, Biomedical Ethics, and Stages of Human Development. The leaders for these discussions will be Dr. Walter Ziffer, Elise Israel, Dr. Martha Salyers, Dr. Adrian Sandler, and Rabbi Birnham. In November, the group met with Joel Grishaver, the keynote speaker for the weekend celebrating Jewish Book Month. This meeting was on November 12. In addition, the group will be studying aspects of the three thousand year history of Jerusalem. Dr. Rick Chess will be familiarizing the group with the terrific Judaica collection at UNCA. A significant field trip is planned for the end of the year for those participants who have been actively involved in the group for most of the year.

Rabbi's Activities

Our Rabbi has been invited back to continue working with CLAL at their three-day retreat in Palm Springs,

Florida. This year, the Bronfman Family (Seagrams, etc.) will be attending the Sunday through Tuesday program (December 10-12). CLAL is dedicated to bridging the gaps between the various Jewish movements and uniting JCC's and Synagogues in the cause of Jewish Continuity.

He had a guest column in the Sunday, November 12, editorial page about the Christian Coalition and Interfaith Alliance for Justice. He also presented the invocation at the United Way Victory Luncheon at the Radisson.

Rabbi Birnham is co-chair of the new organization, Interfaith Alliance for Justice. They only meet four times a year, but plan to have a major impact as they speak out with a strong religious voice countering the Christian Coalition. They plan to get involved in such issues as housing, children's needs, the environment, etc.

Rabbi Birnham was part of the organizing committee of the community-wide, United Way sponsored Interfaith Service for Children which was held on October 29 at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Rabbi and Sara Birnham are also planning a one-hour every other Sunday morning fun and educational program for parents and four and five year old children.

Shabbat Dinner

We started something new in December. In the months that have a fifth Friday, we plan to have a Shabbat Dinner.

Bat Mitzvah

Jessica Dianne Hedgepeth was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah Friday

and Saturday, December 8 and 9. "She done us proud," leading services, reading from the Torah, and reciting her Haftarah. Mama, Susan Hedgepeth also read from the Torah. After Saturday morning services, Byron and Susan Hedgepeth hosted a luncheon for the congregation in Jessica's honor.

Potato Latke Party

On December 20, a "gala" Potato Latke Party was enjoyed by the congregation. On the menu to go with the potato latkes, prepared by the Membership Committee, was a pot luck vegetarian dish. It was a time for happiness, fun, and "togetherness," complete with dreidles and good gambling. Warmth permeated the party as we all lit our personal menorahs.

Joe Gullotta Honored

On December 30, Beatrice Gullotta invited the congregation for a Kiddush luncheon in honor of Joe's 85th birthday, after services. We also honored Joe for all his years of service as Chairperson of the Ritual Committee.

**Temple Beth haTephila
Asheville, North Carolina**

by Marjorie Schachter

SISTERHOOD had a most constructive meeting on December 10, at which Police Officer Judi Bell and Mrs. Audrey Potter, the Asheville Police Department's Older Victim Advocate, held forth on safety at home and away. With the aid of participants from the audience, they demonstrated techniques for discouraging muggers and avoiding threatening encounters and dangerous situations in general.

Nicki Benetan coordinated the

program, and Judy Haller, Fran Aaron and Ruth Chicurel were responsible for the refreshments.

THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

met on December 9 in Unger Hall to discuss "Capital Punishment---Pro's and Con's" as presented in *The Challenge of Shalom* edited by Polner and Goodman. Strong feelings were expressed, both for and against. Larry Rapoport was discussion leader, and Jules and Cele Resnick were responsible for the refreshments.

The group was supposed to have met again on January 6, but the meeting was cancelled because of Asheville's all-too-generous share of the blizzard of '96.

IN THE NEWS, in the Dec. 7

Asheville Citizen-Times, Rose Rose was mentioned in connection with the movement to do away with the state tax on food, as chairman of the local League of Women Voters campaign. In both the December 16 Citizen-Times and on TV, was the nice face of the Temple's Rabbi Ratner. In both media he explained Hanukkah, saying, in short, that the holiday celebrates the restoration of the Jewish nation. In the December 14 Citizen-Times, the naming by Governor Jim Hunt of Rachel Smith to the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges was noted.

THE HANUKKAH DANCE & PARTY

on December 16 sponsored by the Youth Group deserves a whole page to itself, but there's only room to say it was a HUGE SUCCESS.

NEW MEMBERS WERE HONORED

at services on December 15, which was designated New Member Sabbath, when the year's twenty new families were formally

recognized. The new members are Ted and Janette Cooke, William and Dava Brothers, Allan and Randee Goodstadt, Larry and Susan Layter, Gerald and Teresa Baggish, Dennis and Linda Pitter, Larry and Carol Blatt, George and Cynthia Zaslow, Denise Ostler-Rosch, Jerry Sternberg, Irving Studenberg and Pauline Berman, Sam and Lulla Shermis, Steve Kreinberg and Robin Baskin, Joe and Sydelle Ross, Michael and Smadar Yinhar, Gary and Tina Schwartz, Ed and Loretta Smolowitz, Arnold and Bernice Green, John and Gale Camuso, and David and Sara Cohen.

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI was enjoyed on December 18, when the topic was the article by Alan Dershowitz, "The Jewish Bigotry unleashed by OJ." The subject, uncomfortable as it was, was nevertheless tackled head on.

AN APPLE FOR THE RABBI, who is teaching a course on the Hebrew Bible at Warren Wilson College, and an introductory course on Jewish Civilization at UNCA this semester. Both courses are sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

FAMILY HANUKKAH SHABBAT SERVICE was held on Friday evening, December 22, with the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, the singing of Hanukkah songs, dreidles for fun and the latkes to savor. Tradition that seems more precious every year, and fun for everyone.

THANKS came from President Joe Karpen and Rabbi Ratner to ex-Chair of the Membership Committee Hilda Posner and current Chair Ned Simon and committee members Rose Rose, Shirley Berdie and Robert Hruska for their hard work.

MAZEL TOV QUOTES from the January Temple Bulletin: "to Rachel Smith who was named to the North Carolina Board of Community Colleges by Gov. Jim Hunt. . .to Elizabeth Davis on her brand new grandchild. . .to Rauchwarg family on their new baby girls. . .to Sara and David Cohen on Marc's Bris and conversion and naming of Cleo and Marc Cohen."

A WARM WELCOME to new members David and Sarah Cohen and children Marc and Cleo, to Harold and Marjorie Hankin, and to Lisa Friedenber.

**Temple B'nai Sholem
New Bern NC**
by Dr. Marilyn Stern

For the third consecutive year, High Holiday Services were held in our own Temple. Carla Byrnes and Nancy Miller treated the congregation to a Middle East buffet luncheon on Rosh Hoshana. The music at services was especially beautiful. John Hinners was our organist. *Kol Nidre* was sung three times---a solo by Bernard Van Endem, a duet by Carla Byrnes and Ruth Levin and a solo by Dr. Stanley Satz. *Books of Remembrance* listing names of deceased loved ones were given to worshipers at the *Yiskor* service. The congregation broke the fast together with a dairy covered dish supper coordinated by Vera and Harold Horowitz and Sandy and Zin Sharf.

Our worship services thus far this year have been conducted by lay leaders from our small membership of 38 households. Worship services are held on the second and fourth Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We would like to be put in touch with retired Reform

rabbis in our area who would enjoy doing a weekend *Kallah* for an honorarium. If you are such a person (or know one), please call our President, Ed Greenberg, at (919) 633-9818.

Weekly Hebrew lessons and monthly Torah study sessions are conducted at our Temple by Temple members. A Sunday School for children ages 2-12 is scheduled to get underway with a Chanukah party on December 17. *Outlook* readers who would like more details about these activities may call Barbara Berk at (919) 638-3947.

The Temple Sisterhood meets the first Thursday of each month. Any woman with an interest in Judaism is welcome to join the group. Membership and meeting information may be obtained by calling the Sisterhood's Treasurer, Sandy Sharf, at (919) 633-9918.

Our congregation and Sisterhood members work hard to plan and conduct Jewish activities for a five-county area of North Carolina. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. We would love to have more participants!

**Temple Emanuel
Winston-Salem NC**
by Miriam F. Blicman

Members of Sisterhood enjoyed a rare treat on November 15 when our new Rabbi, Marla Subek, led a **CREATING PRAYER WORKSHOP**. Most participants started out somewhat skeptical about their capacity to write meaningful individual prayers. But Rabbi Subek led the group through exercises that resulted in beautiful personal prayers as well as insights into the meaning of prayer and its relation to one's spiritual life. The Sisterhood hopes to offer another such workshop in January. *Times Outlook* 35

The Scholar-in-residence program on November 17 and 18 was a highlight of the month. Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller gave a sermon in song on Friday night and appeared at Beth Jacob Synagogue for Shabbath services Saturday morning.

The week-end finished on a high note on Saturday, November 18 at the Havdalah service. Cantor Schiller performed with Ray Ebert, our musical director, on the piano; Kathy Levy, a devoted Temple member and flutist on the staff of Wake Forest University; and Salina Carter on cello, also from Wake Forest. The group performed contemporary Jewish music including life cycle songs, written by Cantor Schiller. At the end of the concert the audience rose as one to applaud the artistry and eloquence of the performance.

An interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service was held on Tuesday, November 21. Our sanctuary and social hall were filled to standing-room-only capacity. Our service was highlighted by the singing of a combined choir, led by our own Ray Ebert and soloist Temple member, Art Bloom. Marc Osterer, a fourth grader and trumpet protege, opened the service with a trumpet version of "America, the Beautiful."

Of course, we held a memorial service for Itzhak Rabin, and were moved by the large number of the non-Jewish community who came to share our grief, even on such short notice.

On December 2 an Art Auction was held to raise funds. This event has been successful in the past.

Our good wishes go to Vivian and Jerry Perlmutter on the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn

Perlmutter to Russell Epstein. We also congratulate Judy and Rob Breakstone on the birth of their son, Benjamin, on October 17 as well as Gail Citron and Ira Citron, Judy's parents.

Temple Emanuel

Greensboro NC

by Charlotte Hurwitz

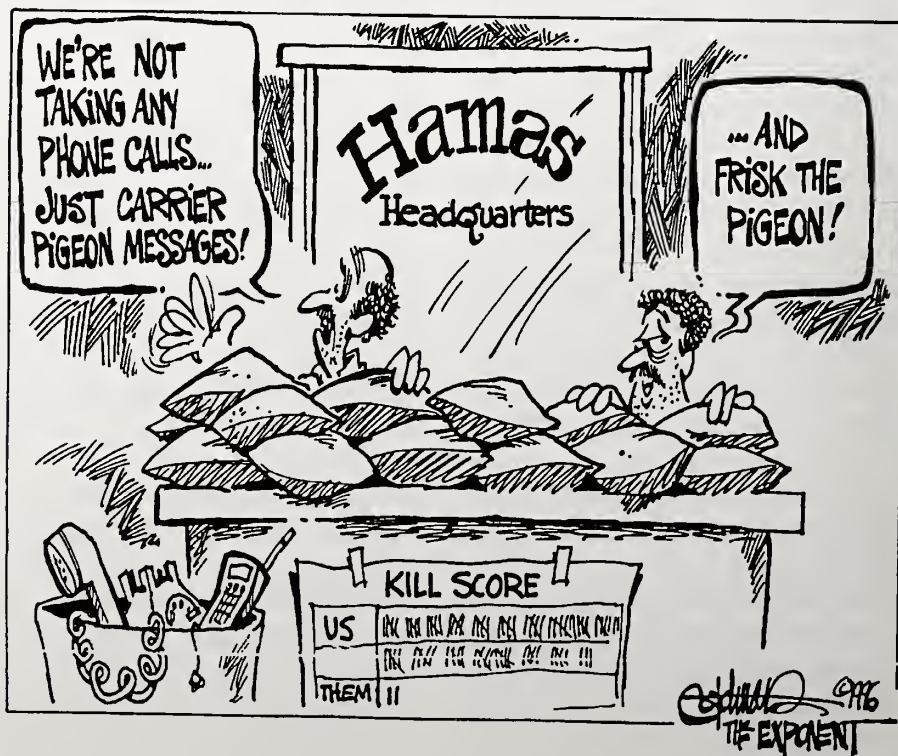
The past few months have been filled with many inspirational activities, ably led by Rabbi Fred Guttman, with the Congregation taking part enthusiastically. We have shared many joys and too many sorrows together, and in this relatively short time have established a wonderful spirit of cooperation and a bonding with one another and with the Temple. Our Temple is fulfilling its role as a Beit Ha'Midrash--a house of study and learning--with new programs in Adult Education open to the Community taught by Rabbi Guttman and Adult Hebrew taught by Cheryl Greenberg, Religious School Director. These classes have been very well attended. The Temple is also

fulfilling its role as a Beit Ha'Keneset--a gathering place for us as a community to share this sense of a large family. It is also a Bet Ha'Tefillah--house of worship and prayer. We have had the joy of welcoming new members to our Temple family and we have had the joy of working together toward our common goals. This has meant involvement, cooperation and a renewal of our spirituality and a willingness to share our talents as well as our material goods. This spirit of giving, sharing, learning and taking part in various projects has been an important component in the education of our children and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and their talents.

With Rabbi Guttman's leadership and inspiration we are helping to feed needy families in the community, we are discussing world issues, and have mourned the loss of Yitzhak Rabin.

We continue to pray for Peace, together.

Shalom, Charlotte Hurwitz



Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Kramer

On Friday, February 2, 1996, the Kindergarten and First Grades of Temple Beth El Religious School will host a Shabbat Dinner for their families at 6:00 PM at Silverman Social Hall. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Temple office at 366-1948. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children over the age of three. The dinner will be followed by a Family Shabbat service at 7:30 PM during which all February birthdays will be recognized.

On Friday, February 9, the Interfaith and Outreach Committee will sponsor a Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 PM, focusing on the rituals of Shabbat. Open to the entire congregation, reservations can be made by contacting the office at 366-1948. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 for adults

and \$5.00 for children over the age of three. The dinner will be followed by services at 8:00 PM, during which Rabbi Bennett will conduct a special Teaching Shabbat.

2nd Mondays will meet at 7:30 PM on February 12 in Silverman Social Hall. Family psychologist Robert Abramowitz will lead the discussion on the topic "Making Religious Decisions for our Children."

The Service of Healing will be held at 5:30 PM on February 14th in the Gold Chapel.

The Adult Choir of Temple Beth El will perform at Shabbat services on February 16 at 8:00 PM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on February 26 at 12:00 PM for the monthly Seniors Seminar, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch--the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in *February*:

February 3 Scott Segal,
son of Jerry Segal and Linda Segal
February 10 Scott Friend,
son of Sandra and Jim Friend
February 17 Chase Reiss,
son of Paul and Cathy Reiss
February 24 Lindsay Stutts,
daughter of Terry and Jackie Stutts

Committee and Auxiliary Meetings for the month of February include:

Anshei Mitzvah Class

Every Tuesday	8:00 pm
February 5	
Board of Directors	7:00 pm
February 6	
Choir Practice	7:00 pm
February 15	
Choir Practice	7:00 pm
February 16	
Brotherhood	10:30 am
February 19	
Religious School Board	7:30 pm
February 26	
Sisterhood Board	9:45 am
February 26	
Executive Board	6:30 pm
February 27	
Choir Practice	7:00 pm
February 29	
Social Action Committee	7:30 pm





1996: The Year of the Jewish Renaissance

Darin Diner,
NC Hillel Interim Director

"To expect our children to have a Jewish background, we must give them a Jewish playground." This catchy phrase has been ringing in my mind since Richard Joel, President and International Director of Hillel: The Foundation of Jewish Campus Life spoke at the 1995 Hillel Professional Staff Conference in December. Joel explained that this playground, this process of engaging the young Jewish community, is just the beginning of what will be a true "Jewish Renaissance." Renaissance is our new paradigm and guiding light for the years ahead, and Hillel has truly set a good foundation for the efforts and provoked the sparks of excitement for Judaism among students and in the community. "Ahead is a wonderful, promising time of creation and expansion, looking toward the light of Judaism, and being the lights of Judaism," proclaimed Joel. This theme, "Y'hiyeh Or," to be a light unto others, is driving the Hillel movement and the University Jewish community forward into the light of the next century to illuminate the Jewish future.

All this excitement and renewed energy is a result of a wonderful five day experience I was fortunate enough to have last December at the International Hillel Staff Conference in Tarrytown, NY. Over 320 people

who work with the University Jewish community attended the conference entitled "A Renaissance Paradigm: Am Yisrael, Torat Yisrael, Medinat Yisrael." Joining me in New York was Irma Moss, North Carolina Hillel's Greensboro Program Coordinator. "I was amazed at the number of people and the excitement we all generated," Moss said. "North Carolina is definitely a part of an exciting, international movement that is leading the Jewish world!"

Through workshops, plenaries, guest speakers, networking and studying together, we explored the paradigm focusing on the "People of Israel, the Torah of Israel and the State of Israel." The conference has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years. The number of Hillel staff has almost doubled and we now have close relations with over 75 partner agencies in the larger Jewish community. With the addition of over 50 Jewish Campus Service Corps, a group of recent college graduates who work with special focus groups to engage students on campuses across the country, there is more youth and vigor than ever before. Even more exciting was the participation of the Directors from the newest Hillel Foundations in Moscow and St. Petersburg in the Former Soviet Union.

All across the globe, on campuses from Israel to Australia, Russia to North Carolina, the excitement for Hillel and the Jewish Renaissance is booming. I hope you will join me and

Hillel Activities at Clemson University

Clemson SC

by Dr. Richard Klein, Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Fall 1995 semester with an outdoor Welcome Back Bagel Brunch on Sunday, September 3. It was held at the residence of Richard and Joyce Klein. The purpose of this event was not only to meet and greet new and returning students but to elect officers for the 1995-1996 academic year and to make plans for future events.

On Wednesday evening, September 6, the Hillel Student Organization, in conjunction with the United Methodist Campus Ministry and Clemson University's Department of History co-sponsored a formal presentation by Mr. Zev Weiss, the President of the Holocaust Educational Foundation of the United States. Mr. Weiss, a survivor of Auschwitz Concentration Camp and a cousin of Elie Weisel, flew in from Chicago to address the assembled group. Over 150 persons, both young and old, attended this moving and interesting presentation. Mr. Weiss also visited with students enrolled in the classes of Dr. Don McKale, a noted scholar of modern German history.

The Holocaust Awareness Month was created and implemented by Reverend Ron Singleton. Included in the month-long list of activities were free showings of the movie "Schindler's List," an exhibit of poignant photographs in a "Remember the Holocaust" exhibit, a trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum by bus, and an "Ecumenical, Inter-faith Service of Remembrance."

This semester, the Jewish students at Clemson University were enriched by a new addition to the Clemson faculty, Dr. Peter Cohen. Dr. Cohen, a visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, teaches a course in Judaism as well as comparative religions. Starting on Sunday evening, September 17th, Dr. Cohen has conducted two to three hour Jewish discussion groups at his apartment near campus every other week. Topics addressed included Jewish Holiday rituals, the meaning behind practices and traditions, the Jewish views on Death, Mourning and the after life, Interdating and Marriage, dealing with how to live with a non-Jewish roommate and how to answer questions about Judaism that they might have. Average attendance at each meeting was eight to nine students, and Dr. Cohen encouraged the students to digress as they saw fit. Another purpose of these discussions was to provide a very comfortable and non-threatening forum for Jewish students to discuss what was on their minds. The last meeting was held on December 3, a week before final examinations. The students wanted a "lighter" event, so they watched the movie "Blazing Saddles" and discussed some Jewish content. This spring, Dr. Cohen plans to hold a session on Jewish Mysticism and the Kabbala. A few of the Jewish students have signed up for Dr. Cohen's Judaism course. He is now an Associate Member of the Clemson Campus Ministers Association representing Hillel and is also a member of the Clemson Hillel Faculty Advisory Board.

On Tuesday evening, October 10, the Hillel Student Organization held a Pizza Party at a local pizza parlor. Thirteen Hillel students enjoyed the vegetarian pizza along with the great fellowship.



Hillel Students at Outdoor Welcome Back Bagel Brunch

On Wednesday evening, November 8, we had a Pool (Billiard) Party at a local billiard parlor. Ten students attended this pre-planned event, but, of course, it was a sad time because of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. As an organization, Clemson Hillel planted trees in Israel in memory of the Prime Minister by making a donation to the Jewish National Fund. In addition, we sent a condolence card which was signed by Hillel students, members of the Clemson Campus Ministers Association, as well as other friends. Condolences were signed in Arabic, English, French and Hebrew. The card was sent to the Israeli Consul General in Atlanta for forwarding to Israel.

As a matter of policy, the Clemson Hillel group is for **ALL** Jewish students, whether they be undergraduate or graduate students, Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, ethnically or gastronomically Jewish. This is NOT

a group for only those of one persuasion. It does not make a difference what the background of the students may be.

In July, Steve Afrin, Hillel's Vice President for Technical Operations, designed and developed a sophisticated World Wide Web site for the Clemson Hillel. The address is <http://www.clemson.edu/hillel/> or <http://hubcap.clemson.edu/hillel/>. We were the first Hillel in the Southeast to have an active Web site. Steve is a Computer Science major and is graduating on December 21, 1995. We have had interesting "visits" at our site, including a 1947 Clemson graduate who was active in Hillel.

Jewish students are active in other endeavors on campus. For instance, Joey Levy (Greenville SC) is the President of the Habitat for Humanity Organization at Clemson University and has led house-building efforts in this area and elsewhere. Scott Savett is very active with the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) at Clemson and he also maintains a World Wide Web Site for EMS units at Colleges and Universities throughout the United States and Canada. June Weitz (Charleston SC) was on the Planning Committee for World AIDS Awareness Day at Clemson University on December 1st. Personally, I will be the Treasurer of the Clemson Campus Ministers Association as of January 1996.

The Officers for the Clemson Hillel for the Fall 1995 semester were President-Adam Schwartzman (Augusta GA); Vice President-Technical Operations-Steve Afrin

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2nd Annual
1996/5756
Melamed Award

Honorary Jewish Teacher Award for an
Outstanding Valued Volunteer

Is there an outstanding valued volunteer or lay leader in your Greater Carolinas community who has made major contributions to the cause of Jewish education and continuity? Is there someone who has made a difference as a volunteer for your Jewish school or organization by enriching the Jewish educational environment and encouraging excellence? The second annual CAJE Melamed Award will honor just such a person as an Honorary Jewish Teacher of the Year in the Spring of 1996. You are invited to place names in nomination. The Melamed Awards will be announced at the Frequent Learners' Club drawing event in the Spring 1996 and the winner will be honored in the Jewish press and the secular press in their community.

Who Is Eligible?--The Melamed Award for Honorary Jewish Teacher is open to individuals who have served or are currently serving as lay leaders or valued volunteers of any Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) network-affiliated school or organization. Nominee may not currently be a paid employee working in Jewish education. CAJE membership of the nominating institution must be current at time of nomination.

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). A school may decide to select (one) nominee who represents that school's most valuable volunteer.

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.

3. March 15, 1996 is the deadline for receipt of all Melamed Award nominations including supporting materials.

4. The winner will be announced during the Spring 1996 at the Frequent Learners' Club drawing event; in the Jewish press; and in the secular press in the winner's home community.

5. Send nominations to:

Melamed Award

c/o CAJE

P.O. Box 13574

Charlotte, NC 28270

6. An independent panel of three judges will select the Melamed Award winner.

The most esteemed and honored title the Jewish community can bestow---Melamed - Honorary Jewish Teacher

1996/5756 Melamed Award Application

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School or Organization _____

City _____

Name of Nominator(s)/Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School or Organization _____

City _____

Briefly describe the contributions of the nominee to Jewish education and continuity in your community or school - _____

Describe the nominee's qualifications in your letter. Include nominee's resume and supporting materials. Attach and send to:

MELAMED AWARD
c/o CAJE
P.O. Box 13574
Charlotte, NC 28270

Deadline: March 15, 1996.

The most esteemed and honored title the Jewish community can bestow.....
MELAMED-HONORARY JEWISH TEACHER





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Advance Notice

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres

announces that the Yiddish Institute will take place at the

Wildacres Retreat

Little Switzerland, NC

August 15 to 18, 1996.

Those interested in being placed on the Yiddish Institute's mailing list, please send name and address to:

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute/JCC
5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226
or call: *Baila Pransky* - (704) 366-5564

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Jewish Community Day School of Durham/Chapel Hill Opens For Classes

The Jewish Community Day School of Durham/Chapel Hill (JCDS) officially opened its doors for its first class on August 23. Thirteen *chalutzim* (pioneer) students in a combined K-1 class are participating in an exciting and challenging integrated secular/Jewish curriculum designed by Principal/Teacher, Simone Soltan, and Jewish Studies Coordinator, Rachel Ariel.

The success of JCDS's Fall semester has matched the high expectations of our parents, children, and the Durham/Chapel Hill community. Our students enjoy and thrive in their learning environment. Monthly Tzedakah projects, weekly Kabbalat Shabbat programs (including discussions of the Torah portion), and daily Tefilot (prayers) have given them the opportunity to put into practice the Mitzvot they have learned about. Additionally, the children are developing an impressive Hebrew vocabulary. General and Judaic studies have been enriched by visitors (a geologist, rabbis from all branches of Judaism, and song and dance specialists), field trips (Museum of Life and Science, Ackland Art Museum, and Beth El Synagogue's sanctuary and Sukkah), and the weekly trip to the Durham YMCA for gymnastics class. JCDS celebrated the end of the Fall Semester with a Chanukah party at which students performed for their families and the school community lit the first Hanukah candle together. Children, parents, and teachers are enthusiastic about what they have accomplished this Fall and are excited to return to school after the winter break.

According to Rabbi Steven Sager of Beth El Synagogue, "Our community has achieved a critical mass of families who aspire to more intensive spiritual growth and Jewish literacy. Such an institution will have a significant positive impact on the way our community views itself and its commitment to Jewish education, identity, and continuity."

This accomplishment has been a community-wide effort with individuals from many Jewish backgrounds and perspectives working together to create a school in which students will learn about their heritage in a positive and joyous environment.

The Day School has received the generous support of the community, especially the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation. "The Federation is pleased to be counted

among JCDS's many supporters," said Barry Margolin, President of the Jewish Federation, who believes "JCDS fills an important institutional niche for the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish community." Eileen Freed, President of the JCDS Board of Directors, says that "the fulfillment of this dream would not have been possible without the support of the many individuals and community organizations who, over the past three years, have contributed greatly in a myriad of ways. We are also grateful to many outside of our community,

particularly the Blumenthal Foundation, with a strong commitment to Jewish continuity who were instrumental in providing financial support needed to open the school."

JCDS is housed at Judea Reform Congregation during its start-up years, and the classrooms have been transformed into a stimulating learning environment by Simone and Rachel. JCDS is truly a Community school with the pioneer class including students from Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox backgrounds. The school is affiliated with the Jewish Community Day



JCDS visits Rabbi Steven Sager at Beth El Synagogue during Sukkot

School Network. We are accepting applications for Grades K, 1 and 2 for the 1996-97 school year and will add one grade per year through 1999 to complete a full elementary program, grades K through 5. Individuals interested in learning more about the school are encouraged to call Simone Soltan or Eileen Freed at the Day School office (919) 419-4432 to obtain enrollment information and arrange a visit. Donations may be sent to the school at 2115 Cornwallis Road, Durham, NC 27705.

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Ellen Segal -- Steve Tacher

Rhoda and Herb Cohen announce the engagement of her daughter, Ellen Segal to Steve Tacher, son of Trudy and Aron Tacher of Tamarac FL. Ellen is the daughter of the late Bill Segal. She is a graduate of the University of Florida, Gainesville FL and is a Sales Executive with the Hilti Corporation, an International Company and is based in South FL. Steve is a graduate of the State University of New York in New Paltz NY and is President and CEO of Ft. Lauderdale based Innovative Solutions and is founder of the Debt Collection Institute of America. A May 26, 1996 wedding is planned in Ft. Lauderdale FL.

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Iozefina (Janna) Idel Kogan, daughter of Idel and Leyah Kogan of Birmingham, AL and Richard Alan Cohen, son of Sidney and Bette Cohen of Allentown PA joined in marriage at the home of the groom in Charlotte NC, on December 24, 1995. The wedding was attended by both families and performed by Rabbi Yossef Groner. A luncheon reception followed.

Chupah bearers were Dr. Harold Cohen and Robert Cohen, brothers of the groom, Lazer Yakar, brother-in-law of the bride, and Marat Rikelman, nephew of the bride.

The bride taught Russian language at Samford University, Birmingham,

Alabama, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The couple met in Birmingham.

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Editorial

BY ESTELLE HOFFMAN

A candidate's claim to virtues he lacks is usual in an election campaign, as is the ignoring of controversial facts in his or her history. It is difficult to understand the reason opponents have failed for the most part to expose blatant unAmerican leanings of another candidate.

I refer to Pat Buchanan, who proclaims his intent to be "inclusive." Of course, he welcomes votes of any and all: "Y'all come under my tent," reminding one of the spider's invitation to the fly to "Come into my parlor."

How can Pat Buchanan's supporters be described? They are a motley group which includes fringe groups: opponents of gun control, anti-abortionists, anti-homosexuals, religious fanatics, isolationists, opponents of the United Nations. There are those opposed to any immigration, legal or illegal, those who hate all foreigners (Jews numbered among them), anti-Semites and anti-blacks, and open or covert racists. Most to be feared are those who hate our federal government and advocate formation of

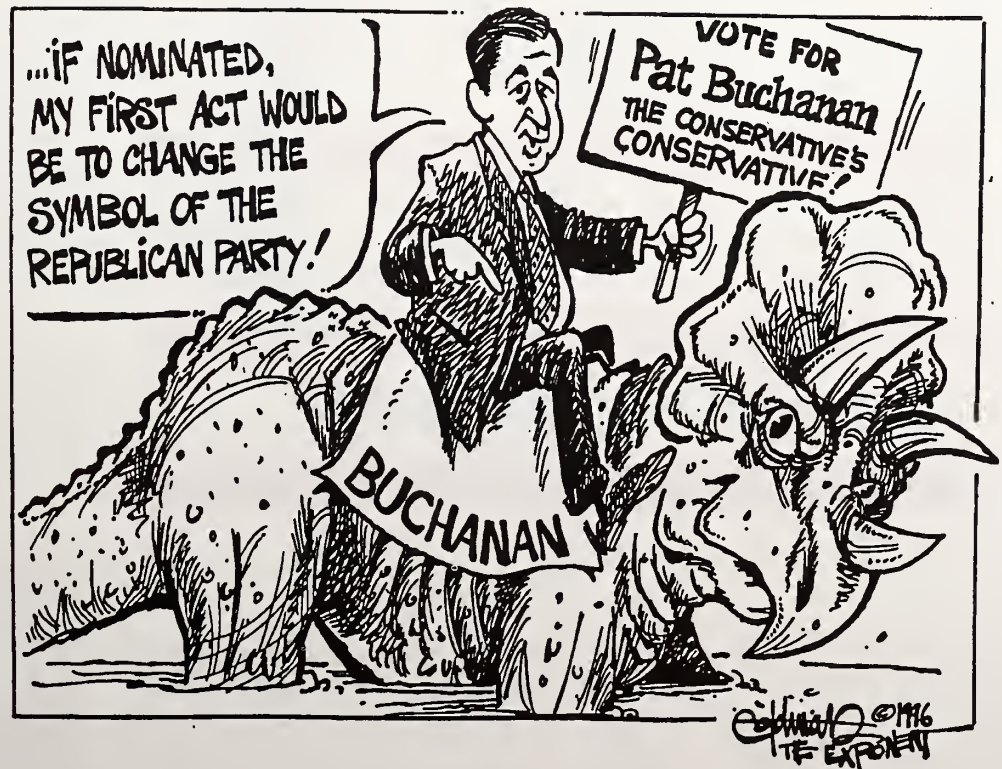
armed militias to protect us from any but local government.

Some Buchanan voters are interested in only one issue, but in their alliance, they contract the disease of other hatreds.

Even the National Rifle Association disapproves of Gun Owners of America, the organization led by Larry Pratt, recently retired on "leave of absence" as co-chair of Buchanan's campaign, followed shortly by Sue

Lamb of his Florida staff, for similar affiliations. Pratt has vociferously denied the allegations. He has been a guest on the talk show hosted by Chuck Baker in Colorado Springs, station KVOR, where Baker raves against the government and talks about shooting members of Congress as traitors, along with President Clinton. He calls for forming an "orchestrated militia." Pratt also runs the Committee to Protect the Family Foundation.

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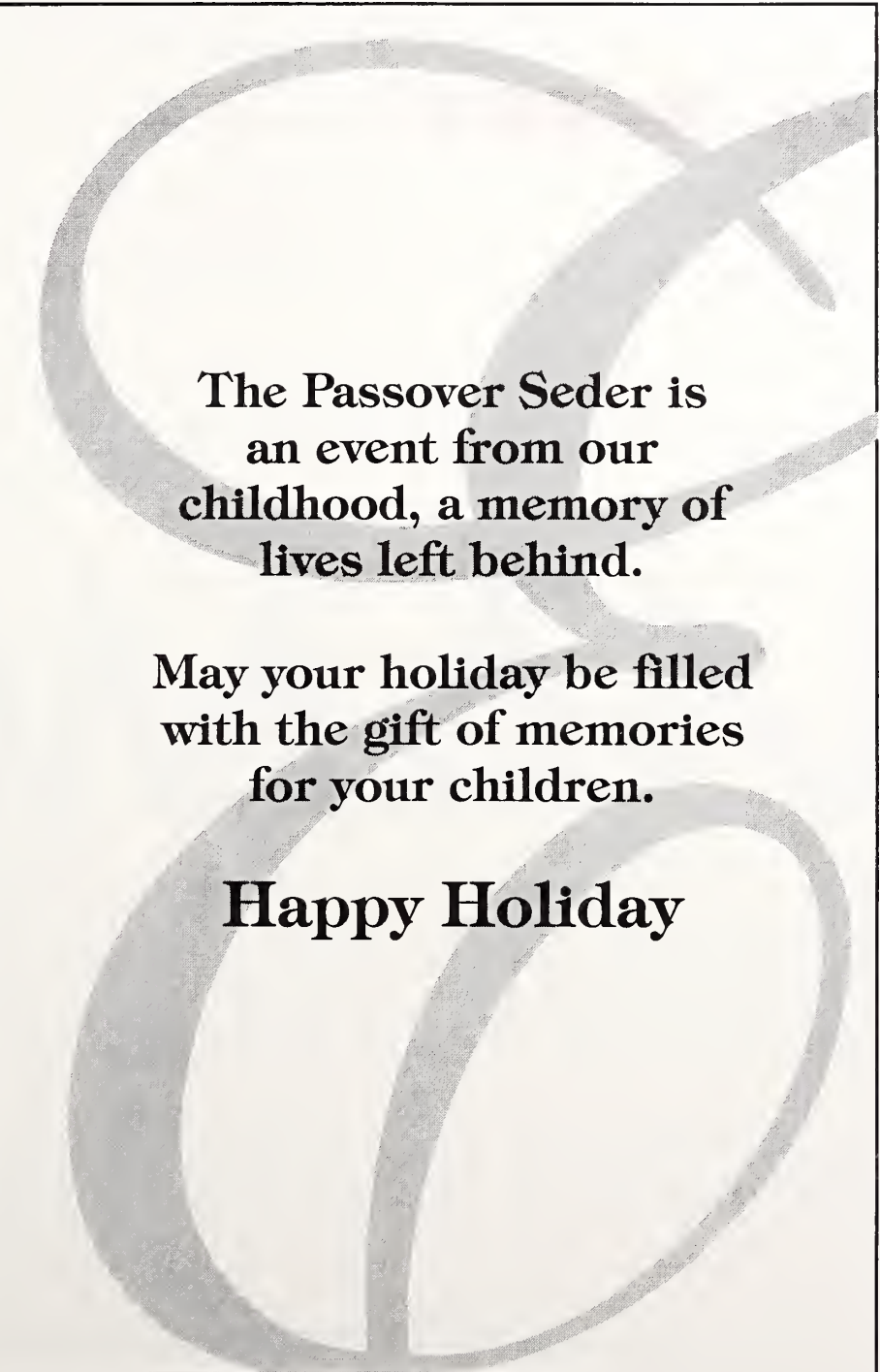
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Buchanan, known for his loyalty, defends these members of his staff who have been exposed, and they deny all allegations, claiming innocence of guilt by association. The evidence is too abundant to be doubted.

“That the leader of an anti-gun-control group of 100,000 regularly associated with racists and anti-Semites was troubling enough. But he did more: He addressed their meetings. Pratt spoke at the 1993 “Jubilation Celebration,” an annual conference of bigots organized in conjunction with the Christian Identity tabloid *Jubilee* along with Pete Peters and other Identity leaders. He also spoke at the June 1994 convention of the Constitutionalists Networking Center, as did Klan members, skinheads and other racists. The CNC is a white supremacist organization (headed by former Arizona governor Evan Mecham), and the agenda of that meeting was unmistakable. . .the militias were able to build their membership and spread their message through gun shows around the country--shows that people such as Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols would attend.” . . *A Force Upon The Plain*, by Kenneth S. Stern.

Frank Rich of the New York Times writes, “the Pratt wing of the (Republican) Party is more powerful than Buchanan’s candidacy and certain to outlast it.”

Buchanan appeals to some voters in his promise of creating jobs and condemning large corporations, especially international firms, for loss of jobs in the United States. It is odd for Republicans to be anti-business.



**The Passover Seder is
an event from our
childhood, a memory of
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Happy Holiday

Buchanan refuses to recognize the global society and trade that are now an accomplished fact. There is no withdrawing from that.

We can only hope that the sensible mainstream of American voters will prevail in rejecting the dangerous future into which Buchanan would lead us.

The time of the year (Passover) is approaching when the Afikomen will be on the lips and in the mouths of many of us. • You know what it is. You have eaten it. In fact, you have even given prizes to its finder at the Passover Seder. • But where does it come from? How did it get its name? • To begin the explanation; the word Afikomen is not Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic or from any of the Semitic languages. The word is of Greek origin. • Keep in mind that Hebrews lived in many countries of the world, and adopted words and customs from those cultures. They took from and added to existing customs. For example, it is only recently that you would be understood in the US outside of New York if you asked for a bagel. Yet, look at the proliferation of the shops selling bagels and many more Jewish foods. • Just as Yiddish is made up of German, Russian, Polish and Hebrew, so too has our people blended with the lands of the diaspora. One of the best known leaders of Christianity was Saul of Tarsus. He later was better known as Paul or St. Paul. • Paul, nee Saul, came from the city of Tarsus in Asia Minor; now known as Asiatic Turkey. Many major settlements of the time were built in the ancient cradle of western history. • Tarsus, located on the seacoast, is close to the string of Greek islands that hug the shoreline of Turkey. Both Turkish and Greek languages and cultures intertwine constantly in this region. Troy, the home of the fabled Trojan horse is located in the northern part of the area. • The Jewish presence in this part of the world is distinct in length of time and numbers of people. The Afikomen was probably named and used here by local Jewish inhabitants who also spoke Greek.

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The story of the Afikomen goes through several interesting twists and turns because it is sanctified by its presence in the Seder service, the Afikomen assumes greater importance.

In Iran, Afghanistan, Salonika, Kurdistan and Bukhara, Jews keep a portion of this mazzah in their pockets, or in their houses throughout the year for good luck. In some places, pregnant women carry the Afikomen with salt and a piece of coral. During birth labor, they sometimes hold a piece of the Afikomen in their hands. Another old tale is that a piece of the Afikomen if held for seven years acquires great powers. It could then be thrown into turbulent waters to prevent floods. It was even held to have the power to quiet the sea.

The Afikomen was also used as a talisman and was often tied to the arm or carried on the person of a traveler. The practice varied from land to land. Jews of Baghdad have a different variation of use than those from Djerba or Bukhara.

KOMMANI

Afikomen

*But where
does it
come from?*

BY SIDNEY SUSSMAN

In the Seder service, it was considered proper to end the meal with the eating of the paschal lamb. So, the Afikomen was saved to be used at the end of the meal. The piece broken off early served two purposes. It kept the attention of the young people who were rewarded for finding it, and acted as a form of dessert for the rest at the end of the meal.

The Afikomen was kept in the Arba Kanfat by eastern European Jews as a way of warding off the evil eye. Even Biblical lore has changed in relation to the Afikomen. While the mishnah spoke of the Afikomen as a dessert, it should not be used to complete the feast. The last taste that the celebrant should have would have to be that of the sacrificial or paschal lamb.

As history continued, however the use of sacrifice disappeared and the paschal lamb did not have its original meaning.

Later Talmudic commentary substitutes the Afikomen for the role of the sacrifice and therefore properly took its place at the end of the meal.

The concept of a dessert was developed, and since the Afikomen was in the nature of a treat, it had to be eaten when one was sated and filled with good food. The Afikomen was to be enjoyed as a climax to a good feast. It was not to be considered as satiating hunger but as a wonderful additional taste to be savored.

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JFN HOSTS

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ARID & SEMI-ARID

NEW YORK--Arid land managers and practitioners from five continents participated in a three-week training workshop in Israel, from November 15 through December 5, 1995, co-sponsored by the Jewish National Fund-Israel, the International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC), Israel's Centre for International Cooperation (MASHAV) and the Centre for International Agricultural Development Cooperation (CINADCO).

The International Management Training Workshop on Arid and Semi-Arid Ecological Systems was the third, and largest, international training program of its kind to be held in Israel with the IALC, which was founded jointly by JNF, the University of Arizona, the University of Illinois, Texas A&M-Kingsville, South Dakota State University, New Mexico State University and the USDA Forest Service. The IALC's goals are to conduct research, develop applications and share technologies in arid lands management.

The first IALC gathering in June 1994, "Arid Lands Management--Towards Ecological Sustainability," was hosted by JNF and attracted nearly 20 nations to Jerusalem and the Negev Desert. Hailed as a major success, it was followed in May 1995 by

the "International Symposium on Sustainable Water Management in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions," the first United Nations--sponsored conference ever held in Israel on water management, which was co-sponsored by the IALC and the Government of Japan.

Representatives of the IALC led the seven-member American team of scientists and foresters at the recent conference, which also included representatives from Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Eritrea, India, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Niger, South Africa, Senegal, Tanzania, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe, among other nations. Palestinian representatives also attended.

IALC board member Dr. Donald A. Hegwood, director of the Welhausen Water Resources Center, Texas A&M-Kingsville, was a workshop facilitator. Dr. Michael Edrington, director of Aviation and Fire Management, U.S. Forest Service, gave a presentation on Systemic Fire Management in Semi-Arid Ecological Systems.

Dr. Ray Johnston, leader of information systems for the southern region of the USDA Forest Service, and Michael Aschenbrand, JNF

director of administration, explored potential GIS (Geographic Information Systems) programs with workshop participants, including the Palestinian representative, Dr. Hani A. Daragmih.

Dr. Donovan Wilkin, of the University of Arizona, made a special presentation on "Global and Social Dimension of Systems for Reversing Desertification." Dr. Russell Stubbles, of South Dakota State University, led the session on "Rapid Macro Planning Methods for Reversing Diversification, Predictions and Solutions."

Participants reflected enormous cultural diversity, but despite the obvious, even startling, differences in dress, language, culture and religion, the similarities were ultimately more important. Most were in their 30's, and many hold doctorates and other advanced degrees. Most significantly, they recognized and respected one another as professional peers coming from different parts of the world, all concerned with using and maintaining desert lands.

Initially, the problems faced by Israel were discussed in detail. Dr. Ray Johnson noted, "We talked about the challenge of being in a deforested land

in arid and semi-arid regions with very little intensive agriculture, and how the Israelis began to see the value of living in the desert and using it to their advantage."

Participants then cited problems in their own countries, such as the spread of desert conditions, salinization, lack of capital, and lack of nutritious food. Addressing those concerns, workshop topics focused on agriculture, raising cattle and gardening in the desert; rainfall harvesting; precipitation, runoff and erosion under arid conditions, and grazing under dry-land conditions. Participants studied the global dimension of systems for reversing desertification and the economic, social and institutional aspects of developing arid and semi-arid lands.

"Again, we have helped to make history," said Mel Salberg, chairman of JNF's International Affairs Committee. "Through JNF, Israel is known worldwide for transforming barren land into a thriving nation that now supports over five million citizens. These conferences will allow other nations to make similar important gains for mankind."

"This gathering reaffirmed the IALC's dedication to exploring the problems--solutions--unique to arid

and semi-arid regions,” said Michael Aschenbrand, who has been a key figure in the evolution and continuing work of the IALC. In conversations with Mr. Aschenbrand at the conclusion of this international conference, Dr. Yitzhak Abt, director of CINADCO, expressed his appreciation for the IALC’s contributions towards the conference’s success.

Between sessions, participants had a unique opportunity to see firsthand dramatic evidence of JNF’s successes, as they visited JNF forests thriving in the desert; productive date and citrus plantations in the Negev, and greenhouses filled with flowers and bulbs and Israeli tomatoes, for which there is an international market. “Not only have they learned to grow them,” Dr. Johnston remarked, “but they’ve done it without harming the environment. This is an example of how we can use our resources to improve the quality of life without destroying the land.”

Fish-farming in the Arava provided another eye-opener. “What a sight!” Dr. Johnston exulted. “This is one of the driest places on earth, and now they’re farming fish here! Who would have ever dreamed it 20 years ago?”

Participants also visited moshavim and kibbutzim--and one Bedouin settlement, where residents who lived in tents served the visitors coffee and proudly showed off their goats, tractors and dry-land farm crops of wheat and melons.

There was also time for the unexpected, as participants saw rain

in the desert and experienced an earthquake in Eilat that measured 6.2 on the Richter scale. “It’s the strongest I’ve ever been in,” Dr. Johnston, who was born in California, admitted. “It was a little more excitement than we’d bargained for, to see walls crack, pipes break and water sloshing over the sides of our hotel’s swimming pool.”

In the evenings, workshop participants relaxed together, dancing to Latin American, African and Russian music--or singing “Home on the Range.” Dr. Johnston reflected, “This is what peace is really all about.”

“This conference provided extraordinary opportunities to strengthen our ties with other nations, and share vital technology,” observed Milton S. Shapiro, JNF president.

“One cannot overstate the value of this IALC gathering,” agreed Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, JNF executive vice president. “Just as JNF is committed to insuring Israel’s future, we are pleased that our knowledge can help other nations to surmount their challenges.”



Some participants from five continents who took part in an arid lands training workshop in Israel, co-sponsored by JNF-Israel, the International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC), Israel’s Centre for International Cooperation (MASHAV) and the Centre for International Agricultural Development Cooperation (CINADCO). (Photo: Joe Malcolm.) Mix of cultures, desert tomatoes, and an earthquake enliven international conference

Passover

Whether you keep kosher or not, these Passover delights will provide you with many easy and delicious ideas to serve and enjoy!

Sue's Salmon Roll

This recipe was such a hit at our office party that Sue made copies for everyone. Her secret was out. Because the dish looked elegant, we thought it would be complicated. In fact, it is really a quickie, with a high "ah" quotient.

1/2 small onion
 8 ounces Neufchatel cheese
 (use regular cream cheese for Pesach)
 1 14-3/4-ounce can red salmon
 1 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped

Chop onion in food processor. Add cheese and salmon (without skin and bones). Mix in processor with short pulses just until ingredients start to look blended.

Place a piece of waxed paper about 18 inches long on your work surface. Sprinkle the parsley to cover the paper. Form the salmon into a log shape about 14 inches long on the parsleyed paper. Using the paper, roll the log up and over until it is covered with parsley. Transfer to a serving dish with a spatula. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serve with vegetables or as a spread with crackers--use matzoh crackers for Pesach.

Serves 10-12



Passover Spinach Muffins

2 medium onions, chopped
 1/2 cup celery, chopped
 1-1/2 cups grated carrots
 6 tablespoons pareve margarine or 3-4 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 10-ounce box frozen spinach, defrosted and drained well
 3 eggs, beaten, or 3 egg whites and 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 3/4 cup matzoh meal
 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350 and grease a 12-cup muffin tin.

In a skillet over medium heat, saute onions, celery, and carrots in pareve margarine until almost tender. Add spinach during last two minutes of cooking.

Transfer to a bowl, add eggs, matzoh meal, and seasonings. Spoon into the muffin tin. Bake for 45 minutes. If planning to reheat before serving, decrease baking time by 5 minutes.

Yields 12 muffins

Passover Fruit Kugel

1 cup boiling water
 1-3/4 cups matzoh farfel
 1/3 cup finely ground whole wheat matzoh
 3 large eggs
 1/4 cup melted butter
 1/4 cup light cream
 1/3 cup sugar
 Dash of cinnamon
 Dash of salt
 1-1/2 apples, chopped
 1-1/2 ripe bananas, mashed
 1/4 cup raisins (optional)
 1/3 cup nuts, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 and grease an 8 x 8-inch pan.

In a bowl, pour boiling water onto farfel and ground matzoh and leave to cool.

Add eggs one at a time and beat well after each addition. Mix in remaining ingredients.

Place in pan and bake for 1 hour. This recipe can be doubled to fill a 9 x 13-inch pan.

Serves 9

Carrot Cake for Pesach

6 eggs, separated
 1 cup sugar
 1-1/4 cups grated carrots
 1 cup almonds, finely ground
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 and grease an 8 x 12-inch glass baking dish or a 9-inch springform pan.

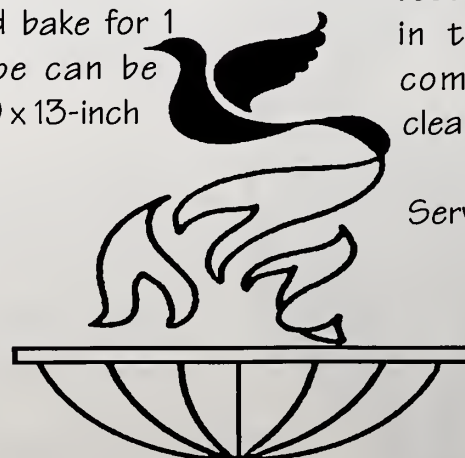
In a large bowl, beat egg whites with 1/2 cup sugar until peaks form, but do not overbeat.

In a separate bowl, beat yolks with the remaining sugar. Add the carrots, almonds, lemon juice, and cinnamon. Mix well. Fold in egg whites. Pour into baking dish.

Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, until lightly browned and a

tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

Serves 8-10



The Cynical Covenant of Farrakhan and Qaddafi

BY ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN

Last October, while Louis Farrakhan was basking in the afterglow of the successful Million Man March on Washington, the Nation of Islam leader announced he would be "keeping the momentum (of the march) alive" by encouraging blacks across the country to become politically active. His plans were welcomed by mainstream leaders and organizations and praised as a positive departure from NOI's long-held tradition of shunning the American political scene. Now it turns out that this seemingly legitimate political goal is fundamentally tainted--that Minister Farrakhan will work toward achieving black political influence in partnership with the anti-American Libyan strongman, Muammar Qaddafi.

On January 23, Minister Farrakhan and Colonel Qaddafi reached an agreement to launch a campaign to exert black and Muslim influence in the upcoming U.S. elections which can only be viewed as a cynical covenant between two haters. With the Nation of Islam leading the effort, Colonel Qaddafi said that blacks, Arabs, Muslims and native Americans will exercise their political muscle "and enter the election period as a card stronger than the Jewish card in the

elections campaign." Colonel Qaddafi had already agreed to bankroll the effort: in September he promised to spend up to \$1 billion to launch a Muslim lobby in America.

Until now, Colonel Qaddafi announced, "Our confrontation with America was like a fight against a fortress from outside." After speaking with Minister Farrakhan, however, "we found a breach to enter into this fortress and confront it." Colonel Qaddafi promised that as it battles America from the inside, the NOI will eventually fulfill one of its fondest dreams: establishing a black state within America's borders. Ever the military man, the Libyan leader also predicted that this new state will boast the "biggest black army on the planet."

Minister Farrakhan, "happy with the results" of his meeting with Muammar Qaddafi, has now publicly forged an alliance with an unrepentant international bully and an enemy of the United States. For years, Libya has sponsored numerous brutal acts of anti-American and anti-Israeli terror. Despite United Nations sanctions placed on his country four years ago, Colonel Qaddafi refuses to hand over for trial two Libyan

suspects on the bombing of a Pan Am 103 that killed 270 people. A fierce opponent of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, Colonel Qaddafi has urged Arab countries to expel all Palestinian refugees and workers from their lands as a way of embarrassing the peacemakers; in September he followed his own advice and began to expel hundreds of Palestinian workers from his country's borders.

This is by no means Minister Farrakhan's first encounter with the radical Libyan leader. In 1985, Colonel Qaddafi granted the Nation of Islam a \$5 million interest-free loan, which Minister Farrakhan said he used to launch his group's POWER personal products line. Months later, Louis Farrakhan visited Libya to thank his benefactor personally. The Nation of Islam leader and his lieutenants have traveled on other occasions to Tripoli for meetings with the Libyan dictator. One such gathering attended by Minister Farrakhan--in violation of a travel ban imposed on Americans by President Reagan--offered training seminars on weapons and explosives. Minister Farrakhan has called Colonel Qaddafi "a fellow struggler in the cause of

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liberation for our people," and his organization's tabloid, *The Final Call*, has hailed the Libyan leader as the "TRUE HERO of liberation struggle."

To all who believe that the Million Man March was a turning point for Louis Farrakhan, proving that he no longer harbors an extremist agenda, his alliance with Colonel Qaddafi should serve as a wake up call. His behavior in Libya fits a pattern that too many Americans--black and white--have ignored for too long. Louis Farrakhan's black separatist philosophy has always run counter to the American vision of equality for all citizens. His unabashed displays of friendship toward one of the world's bloodiest terrorists suggest a troubling complacency toward violence and extremism.

In preparation for the Million Man March, Minister Farrakhan drummed up support by reciting words of conciliation. He appeared to moderate his often-harsh rhetoric with appeals to black community responsibility, reconciliation and atonement. Such statements enabled him to curry favor with the mainstream; they encouraged congressmen and leading civil rights figures to pay homage to Minister Farrakhan in speeches at the march.

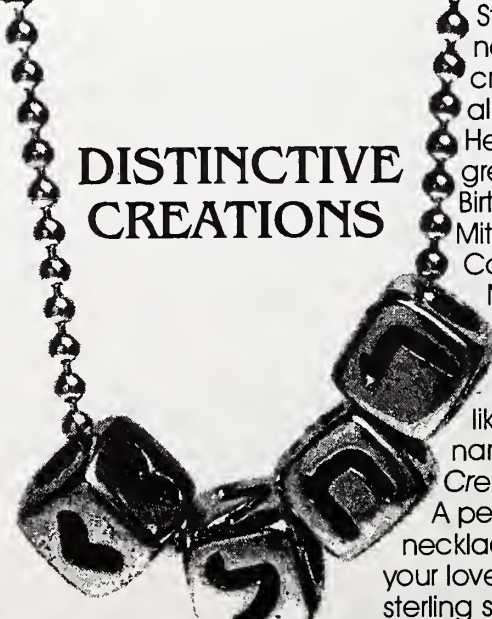
But Louis Farrakhan has the last laugh now. Respectable black leaders have proven willing to take a seat at Minister Farrakhan's meeting table, most recently at the November 1995 African American Leadership Summit. Nevertheless, it seems that Minister Farrakhan is only too happy to stride both sides of the fence. He welcomes, even craves, mainstream support, but at the same time forges links to terrorists and extremists.

In fact, Libya is not his only outlaw friend in the Middle East. Minister Farrakhan has also cultivated ties to the Sudan, an Islamic fundamentalist state notorious for harboring accused terrorists, and also reportedly responsible for enslaving black African Christians. His current tour included a cordial visit with the corrupt military dictator General Sani Abacha of Nigeria.

Louis Farrakhan has long poisoned public discourse with malicious words of racism and anti-Semitism. But

recently, many Americans have begun to overlook the rhetoric. Minister Farrakhan's hate speech, they seem to be saying, is old news. They believe he has progressed beyond the scapegoating, beyond the divisiveness and has settled into the mainstream. Minister Farrakhan's eagerness to cut a deal with one of the world's most violent leaders should cause these Americans to think again.

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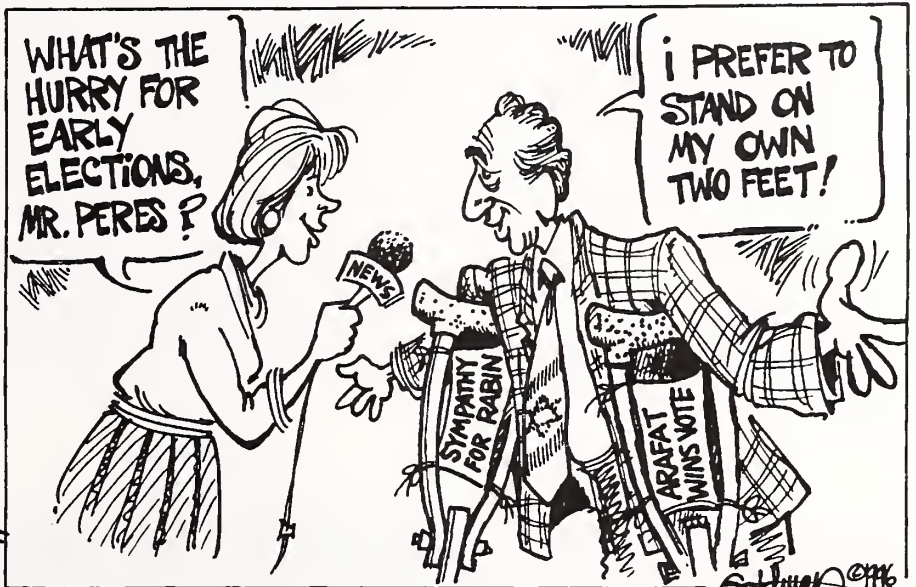
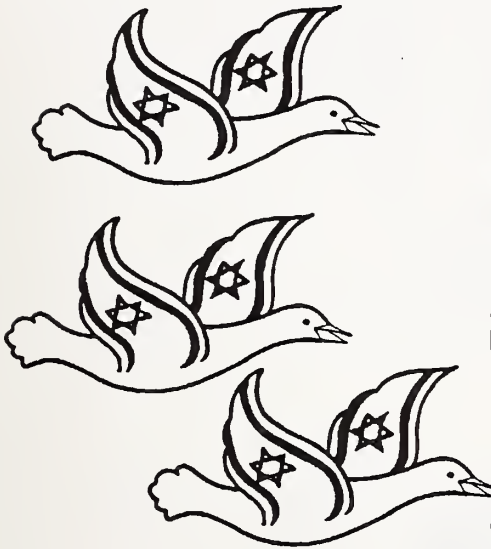
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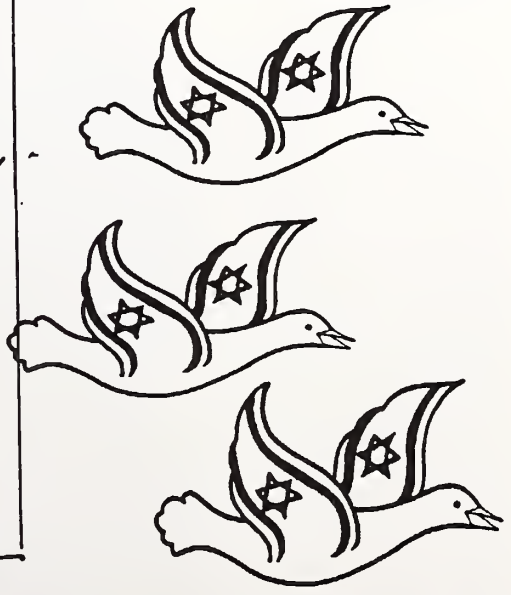
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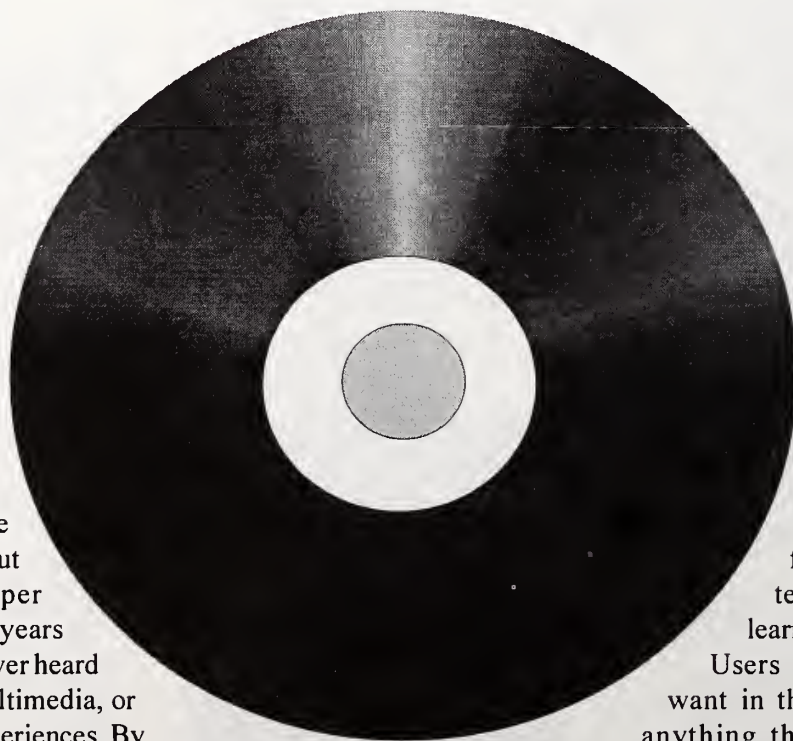
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Jerusalem-Center for Creative CD-ROM Production

by Eetta Prince-Gibson



(WZPS) It's a new game in the computer world, but Israel is already a super player. Just over three years ago, most Israelis had never heard the terms CD-ROM, multimedia, or interactive computer experiences. By 1994, Israeli graphics and multimedia firms were already bringing in \$10 million in annual CD-ROM export revenues, and predictions for 1995 set revenues at \$50 million.

C D - R O M (which stands for Compact Disc-Read Only Memory, meaning that you can access data on the disc but cannot store new information on it),

combines sound, stills, video clips, film footage, animation and text to create new types of learning and entertainment.

Users can go anywhere they want in the program and select anything they want to see, thus actively managing their own "edutainment."

These new "interactive" experiences have been made possible by the

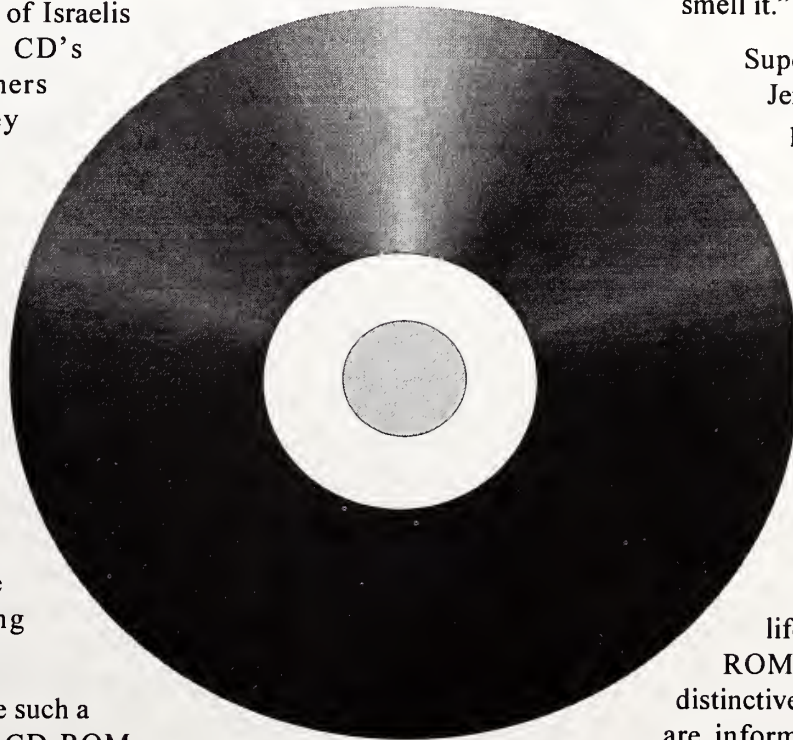
discovery of additional uses for compact discs, originally thought of as mere technological improvements over audio records and tapes. A standard CD contains 640 megabytes, which is equal to hundreds and thousands of pages of text. In the past few years, this tremendous capacity to store digital data has been harnessed to produce programs that present information in complete and fascinating combinations of visual and audio representations.

Among the new crop of Israelis capitalizing on the CD's potential are brothers Robert and Jeffrey Rosenschein. When they first started their small computer company in Jerusalem 12 years ago, they could never have imagined that by 1995 it would become Accent Software International, Ltd., an international software company employing some 90 people.

How has Israel become such a booming center for CD-ROM production? Robert Rosenschein, now President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Accent, presents several possible explanations. "First of all, computer creativity does not require high capital investment. It really can be done by a couple of bright people in a garage or a loft. Also, Israel has a rich pool of cultural backgrounds that spawns internationally marketable creativity. The country is such a polyglot of languages and cultures that we almost instinctively know how to universalize and globalize software and programs," he says.

Accent is about to market a CD-ROM version of their stunningly successful multilingual word processing program that includes a unique "global alphabet."

Although no statistics are available, multimedia companies are mushrooming throughout Israel and especially in Jerusalem. Many employ "olim" (new immigrants). "As olim, we have had to



adapt to another culture," says American-born Dina Porat, Manager of Glyph, a 1-1/2 year-old-multi-media company located in Jerusalem. "Maybe that's why, as professionals, so many olim understand what it means to adapt our products to different cultures," she says, echoing Rosenschein's sentiments.

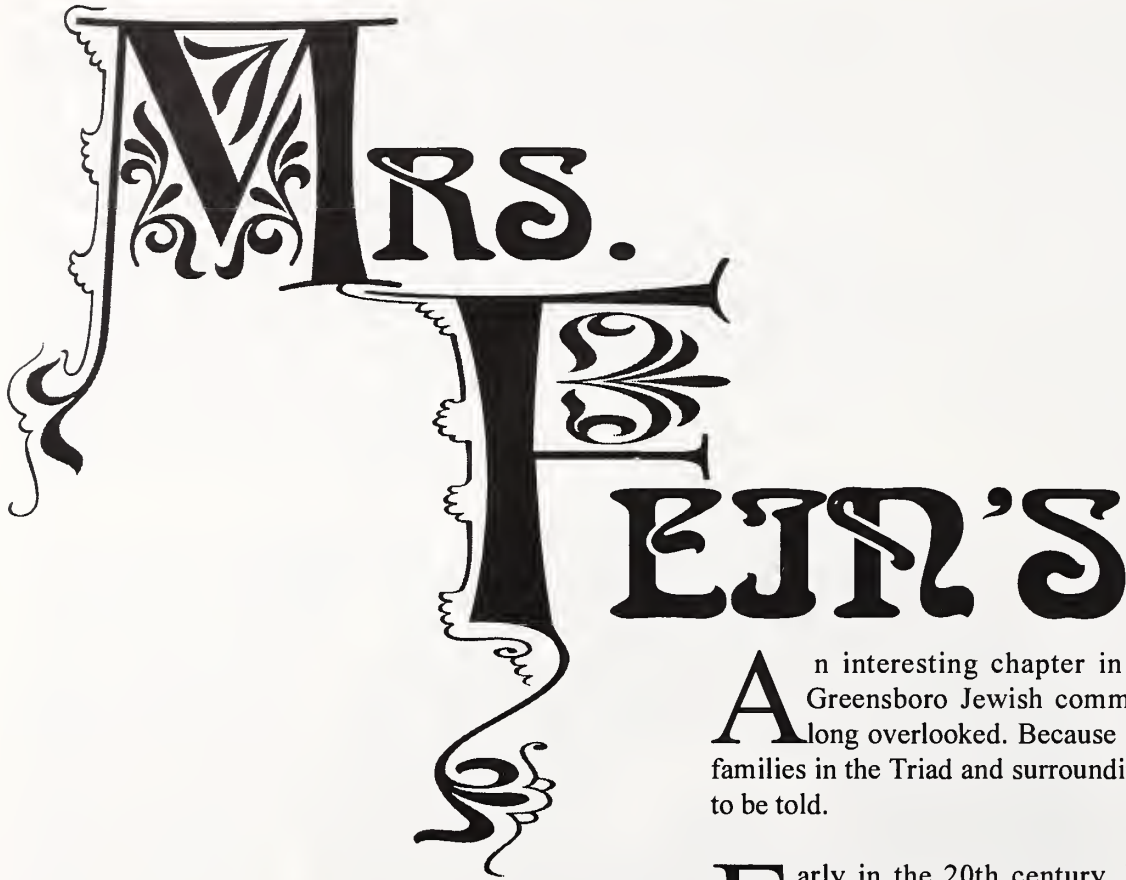
But there is no doubt that the vision, guts and sheer hutzpa--for which Israel is renowned--have also made their considerable contribution.

Glyph will soon be marketing "Jerusalem 3000"--its first CD-ROM program--which describes Jerusalem's history, traditions and cultures from biblical times to the present in text, music, film, videos and still photos. Aimed at all three major religions, the program is the brainchild of another new immigrant, Russian born Damien Kudriaytsev. "We're using CD technology to show people how the city looks and feels," says Porat. "They'll almost be able to smell it."

Superstudio, also located in Jerusalem, employs over 65 people, most of them immigrants from the United States, and competes successfully in the international market. It has produced the award winning "Knowledge Enrichment" CD-ROM, and "Leonard the Inventor," which used 3-D animation to bring sketches from the inventor's notebook to life. As with the bulk of CD-ROM titles, these are not distinctively Israeli or Jewish. Nor are information titles such as the Company's flagship "Infopedia," a multimedia reference that combines the Funk and Wagnalls 29 volume encyclopedia with seven other reference works.

Twenty CDs produced by Israeli companies are currently on the international market, covering, primarily, education, religion, archaeology and history. Some are aimed at the Jewish and religious markets, such as "Ami, My People," a CD-ROM produced by the Melitz center for Jewish-Zionist education.

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MRS. FEIN'S

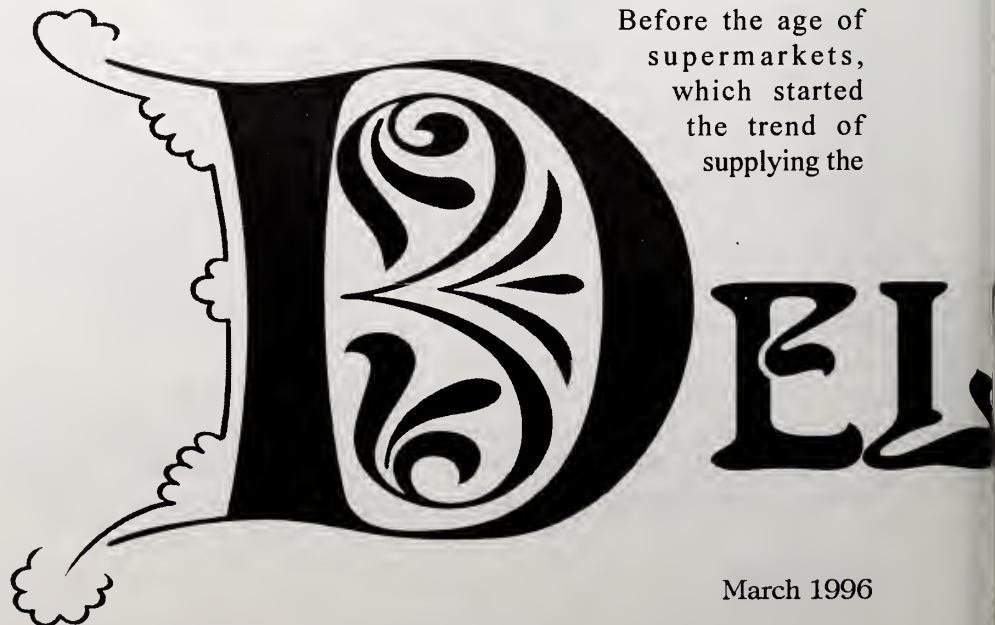
An interesting chapter in the history of the Greensboro Jewish community has been too long overlooked. Because it will interest some families in the Triad and surrounding areas, it deserves to be told.

Early in the 20th century, before I arrived in Greensboro in the 1930's, there was Mrs. Fein's Delicatessen. Durham had its Jewish baker, Mr. Jaffe, where homemakers used to take their cholent on Fridays, and where the only Jewish rye bread was available. But Mrs. Fein's Delicatessen in Greensboro was the only place to go for the products shipped in from New York--kosher delicatessen and other items to satisfy the taste for salami, hot dogs, etc. that could not be found in this area.

By MIN KLEIN

Min was editor-secretary for Times Outlook when it was published in Greensboro.

Before the age of supermarkets, which started the trend of supplying the



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homemaker with her needs--before gefilte fish came in jars instead of having to be chopped and boiled, and matzo balls came in cans--there was Mrs. Fein's Delicatessen.

The little house on Walker Avenue, cross corner from McGee Street, was the home of Mrs. Mary Fein and her three sons, Eli, Coleman and Morris (aka Mush) and daughter Ella. The front room of the house became the store and all the children were helpers. Thus, the convenience of the service and the genial personality of Mrs. Fein drew customers from Burlington, High Point, Asheboro, Reidsville and any "shtetl" where there were a few Jewish families.

It was also "a nice place to visit." Families who rarely saw each other met on shopping days at Mrs. Fein's, especially on Sundays, visited together, and exchanged news of activities in their hometown. Often new friendships were formed, while chatting during the intervals while waiting for their orders. Sunday was a busy day, but the Greensboro people were constant customers. The tempting aromas of the salami, hot dogs, and other goodies often encouraged the customers to buy more than they had planned, and the weekly orders grew. Children became impatient while waiting for their parents to finish shopping and gossiping, but Mrs. Fein in her wisdom knew that a piece of candy or a slice of bologna would help the

time pass. This was small town living, not New York or Chicago, where on every corner in the neighborhood could be found a kosher market or a delicatessen.

PASSOVER WAS THE BUSY TIME!

Before Manishevitz started to send matzo and other Passover items to Harris-Teeter and Krogers, and families from towns such as Oxford and Henderson had to order their supplies from New York, there was Mrs. Fein's Delicatessen in Greensboro. But the transportation system in those days did not encourage travelers to take on a 100-mile trip to Greensboro over roads a far cry from what they are today.

But Greensboro was a flourishing community and the Passover trade brought customers from the neighboring towns. One had to estimate the needs for the entire Passover and place the order with Mrs. Fein who kept strict records in her school-type composition book. When the orders arrived and customers were on hand to pick them up, there was bedlam in the store room, especially when some customers came at practically the last moment to pick up the orders. There was hardly room to move around but the Fein family had everything organized and each customer's order was checked off in the notebook. If some customers had underestimated their orders and had run out of matzo or matzo meal, or some other item

before the end of the holiday, well that was too bad. But somehow, Mrs. Fein managed to find a box or two; she would share her own order.

Sales decreased, however, as larger stores began to sell more items for the Jewish trade and business took on an entirely new look.

This was not the only change. Progress encroached on Greensboro and the house-store on Walker Avenue became a victim of the building and construction craze. Mrs. Fein died and the family moved. Ella got married and went to New York to live. Coleman became a newspaper man and Eli and Mush moved the business and set up a store-sandwich shop on Sycamore Street where the spirit of Mrs. Fein's Delicatessen still hovered over the modern, well-stocked, small, but adequate building. Mush and Eli built up a popular clientele so that the general community could patronize it. All Passover items were available as in the supermarkets and there was not need for pre-ordering. But it was not the same.

The natural changes of life took over. Eli and Mush passed away and Fein's ended a long term of service. The house on Walker Avenue is no more and the smell is different on that part of the street.

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The Arts Media Movie Reviews Books

Sony Wonder and Nickelodeon Video Release "A Rugrats Passover" on Home Video

Holiday Special Earned Top Ratings When It Aired On Nickelodeon: Video Arrives In Stores February 20th

NEW YORK, November 22-- Celebrate a special "Rugrats" Passover this year when Sony Wonder and Nickelodeon Video release the much anticipated "A Rugrats Passover" on home video. Destined to become a holiday favorite, this double-length cartoon reinterprets the traditional story of Passover with a distinct "Rugrats" twist. "A Rugrats

Passover" earned the highest ratings ever for "Rugrats" when it aired as a special on the network earlier this year. The video arrives in stores February 20 (order cut-off date February 1).

"Rugrats" follows the adventures of young Tommy Pickles, intrepid baby explorer of the cartoon world, his spoiled cousin Angelica, his buddy, Chuckie, the twins from next door, Phil and Lil, and a host of colorful adult characters who are often well meaning, but clueless. The show takes a baby's eye-view of the world and is one of cable's highest rated regular series and Nickelodeon's top rated program. Entertainment Weekly gave it an A- and said, "The charm of the special is the accessible

way the holiday is explained, even down to the kibitzing that accompanies most seders known to humankind."

"A Rugrats Passover" (\$9.98, approximate running time 25 minutes) finds everyone invited to a Passover Seder at the home of Tommy's grandparents, Boris and Minka. They are greeted by a teary-eyed Grandma Minka who explains that Grandpa Boris left because of an argument. As Tommy's mom comforts Minka, the kids sneak off to the attic in search of toys and instead find Grandpa Boris trapped inside. Before Grandpa Boris can stop her, Angelica slams the attic door shut and locks everyone in.

While awaiting their rescue, Grandpa Boris tells the story of Passover to the "Rugrats." As he talks, Angelica envisions an ancient Egypt where she is the first female Pharaoh, Tommy is Moses and the rest of the "Rugrats" gang assume the roles of key historical figures. It's the story of Passover from the "Rugrats" unique perspective, and it makes ancient history bright, lively and as fresh as Grandma Minka's gelfite fish.

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Angelica's Passover Muffins

1 pound matzoh farfel (8 cups)
 6 eggs
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
 1 tablespoon peanut oil

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease two 12-cup muffin tins. Place them in the oven to warm.
2. Soak the farfel in water to cover for 1 minute; drain.
3. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Stir in the farfel and mix well.
4. Spoon the mixture into the muffin tins, filling each cup. Bake until the tops

become golden, 30 to 35 minutes. Serve immediately.

Makes 24 muffins

Grandma Minka's Matzoh Brei

4 plain, unsalted matzohs (6-inch square)
 1 cup milk
 4 large eggs, beaten
 1 small onion, finely diced
 Salt and freshly ground pepper
 2 tablespoons butter

1. Soak the matzohs in the milk for 1 minute; remove.
2. Beat the eggs in a mixing bowl. Add the onion, and season with the salt and

pepper. Crumble the soaked matzohs into the egg mixture.

3. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. When it is very hot, add the matzoh mixture. Brown on one side, then turn and brown the other, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Serve immediately.

Serves approximately 4 Rugrats

Aunt Didi's Passover Nut Cake

12 large eggs, separated
 1-1/3 cups sugar
 Juice and grated zest of 3 lemons
 3/4 cup matzoh meal
 4 cups ground walnuts (about 1 pound shelled nuts)





Hooray It's Passover

by Leslie Kimmelman

Harper Collins 20 pp. \$12.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This picture book for Passover is illustrated by John Himmelman with beautiful, full pages in lovely colors on fine quality, shiny paper.

The few words at the bottom of each page tell the Passover story very briefly. The last page explains the story fully, including the history as told in the Bible and the symbols used in the Passover Seder.

This is a handsome book for very young children. Just one more thing---for cat lovers, there are four red tabby cats which belong to the family in this story, and they participate actively in celebrating the Seder.

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1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter a 13 x 9-inch cake pan.

2. In a non-reactive large mixing bowl, beat the egg yolks until frothy. Add the sugar, lemon juice, and lemon zest and continue beating until thick and fluffy.

3. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Using a rubber spatula, fold the egg whites into the egg yolk mixture. Combine the matzoh meal, ground walnuts, and cinnamon. Fold them into the mixture.

4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake until the top is golden and firm, 50 to 60 minutes.

Serves 8 to 10 Rugrats



Passover Desserts

by Penny Wantuck Eisenberg
MacMillan 199 pp. \$24.95
 Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

After the Passover Seder, some of us get into a culinary slump, serving mostly left-overs. One way to brighten Passover meals is to offer tempting desserts, and to this end Charlotte's Penny Wantuck Eisenberg has an extensive selection in her *Passover Desserts*.

There will be a book signing on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center at Shalom Park, during which the public is invited to sample the creations described in her new book. Beneficiary will be the Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

The first twenty pages of *Passover Desserts* include Dietary Guidelines, instructions for preparation of the kitchen for the holiday, and a discussion of ingredients which are sanctioned, with differences in some traditions.

Penny Eisenberg was president of Charlotte's Halailah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women in 1988-89. She was a volunteer assistant to Sally Schrader in the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Charlotte from 1990 to 1993. She has served on the board of The Federation and is currently a member of Jewish Women International, ORT and Hadassah.

Enjoy a few recipes!

Hazelnut Sandwich Cookies

- 2 cups skinned hazelnuts
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 sticks unsalted pareve Passover margarine, room temperature
- 4 large egg whites, room temperature



- 6 tablespoons matzo cake meal
- 6 tablespoons potato starch

Filling

- 6 ounces pareve Passover semi-sweet chocolate, chopped or chips
- 4 tablespoons pareve Passover margarine, room temperature

Preheat oven to 350 F. Place oven racks on middle and low shelves of the oven. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Place the nuts and sugar in a food processor and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse meal.

Place the margarine in a large mixer bowl, and beat with an electric mixer until light and creamy. Add the nut-sugar mixture and beat until well mixed and light. Add the egg whites and beat for about 3 minutes more until very fluffy.

Sift the matzo cake meal and the potato starch together. Stir it into the above mixture until no flourshows.

Using a rounded measuring teaspoonful of dough, form mounds about the size of a marble and place these about 2 inches apart on the parchment paper. Make the mounds as round as possible so that they will be able to fit together nicely.

Place on the middle shelf in the oven and bake 10 to 20 minutes, until the wafer edges are well browned. If using two racks, switch the cookie sheet every 5 minutes so that all the cookies bake evenly (the time will depend on the type of oven, type of cookie sheet, and how many sheets and ovens you are using).

Remove the parchment paper to a cooling rack and let the cookies cool completely on the parchment paper. The cookies should be crisp when cool. If they aren't, return them to the oven for 5 minutes.

For the filling, bring 2 inches of water to boil in the bottom of a double boiler. Remove from heat.

Chop the chocolate and margarine into 1-inch chunks. Place in the top of the double boiler, and place over the hot, but not simmering water. Stir until melted and smooth. Let cool to room temperature.

To assemble: Spread the flat side of a cookie with a thin layer of chocolate and top with the flat side of another cookie. Repeat with the remaining

A Travel Guide to Jewish Europe

by Ben G. Frank
Pelican Publishing Co. 600 pp.
 \$18.95 paperback

In the 12th century, Benjamin of Tudela traveled in Europe, Asia and Africa and wrote of Jewish communities he found. Now, Ben G. Frank, who calls himself Benjamin of New York, writes of Jewish Europe in which he has traveled extensively through thirty years.

This *Travel Guide to Jewish Europe* does not require one to be a tourist in order to find great interest within these six hundred pages which include many photographs. The author gives history, country by country, of the arrival of Jews and their lives and activities. He tells how they fared throughout roughly two thousand years of sojourn, sometimes meandering as circumstances dictated.

This is a second edition, updated from the original in 1992. New chapters have been added on the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. Despite the destruction of the World War II years, some remaining sites are still to be found, and there are new institutions formed by Jews who have returned, or some who have sought refuge from places they left since the war.

All of the usual information found in travel guides, such as hotels, restaurants, museums and shops are described in detail.

The author, Ben G. Frank is consultant to airlines and tourist offices and is president of The Frank Promotion Group. He is credited to be one of the most noted travel writers

on Jewish communities and culture. He is a member of international press organizations.

This book may be ordered from Pelican by phoning 1-800-843-1724.

A Force Upon the Plain

by Kenneth S. Stern
Simon & Schuster 302 pp. \$24.00
 Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Not pleasant reading, Kenneth Stern's report on the American Militia Movement and the Politics of Hate will disturb you, but read it, nevertheless. Stories of these militias which have been formed in 39 of our states have been published in newspapers and periodicals.

Kenneth Stern is the American Jewish Committee's expert on these groups, after directing the National Organization against Terrorism. He knew enough to warn government officials of impending terrorism (which alarm was unheeded), and when the Oklahoma bombing occurred, he was certain it was inspired by groups obsessed with anti-government hatred.

The Brady Bill, Randy Weaver of Ruby Ridge and Waco stirred some people into a frenzy that spawned the militia groups. To them guns are a symbol of freedom. They feel threatened by the United Nations, foreign countries and the United States Government, which is not upholding the Constitution as they interpret it. They feel the need of arms to protect themselves from the federal government which they perceive to be tyrannical.

They rewrite history, and celebrate a new strain of bigotry, against federal employees. Because of attacks upon

To assemble: Spread the flat side of a cookie with a thin layer of chocolate and top with the flat side of another cookie. Repeat with the remaining cookies. Can prepare ahead. Refrigerate 1 day; Frozen 3 months.

Cocoa Chocolate Chip Pecan Softies

1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
 2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
 1/4 cup matzo cake meal
 1/4 cup potato starch
 5 large egg whites
 3/4 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
 3/4 cup pareve Passover semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Combine the pecans, sugar, cocoa powder, matzo cake meal and potato starch in a processor and pulse on and off until the nuts are finely grated. Add the egg whites and pulse to blend.

Transfer the batter to a bowl and stir in the nuts and chocolate. Let the batter sit for 10 minutes to thicken.

Drop the batter by well-rounded teaspoonfuls (use regular spoon, not measuring spoon) onto the parchment paper cookie sheets leaving 1 inch between cookies.

Place one sheet on the middle and one sheet on the lower shelf. Bake for 4 minutes. Switch the lower sheet to the top and vice versa. Bake for 4 minutes more. The cookies should be dull, but very soft. If not dull, bake for 1 more minute. Transfer the parchment to a cooling rack, and let the cookies cool before storing. Can prepare ahead. Refrigerated 2 days; frozen 3 months.

For more information, contact Penny Eisenberg 704-847-4037.

them, in some localities, road maintenance has been stopped and some Forest Service workers in western states have been forced by threat of violence to stop work. Still, the FBI and ATF insisted there was no law enforcement problem, until the Oklahoma City bombing.

Individuals who were incensed against Moscow and communists in the 1950s Joseph McCarthy era have redirected their hostility to Washington, the new Evil Empire to them.

Timothy McVeigh, accused in the Oklahoma City bombing, had close ties to militia groups. Spokesmen for those groups have accused the U.S. government of the bombing, to furnish reasons for harassing them. After the bombing, 224 ARMED militia groups existed in 39 states. (A few disbanded.) Their concerns are guns, environmental programs, abortion. They are not like the KKK, which was highly racist, but not anti-government. Racism is a fringe element of the militias, however, and they subtly blame Jews for our ills, without naming us. They distribute and quote from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and proclaim the aim of Zionists to take over the country, along with the U.N. which they despise.

Among approximately 270 million Americans, militia members are a small minority, but since their aim is to establish private armies which accumulate huge stores of weapons, and since their stock in trade is hate, they pose a vital threat which must be monitored. The stance of our government has been that they cannot be accused until they commit criminal acts; however, private armies are not legal.

The militias claim that authority resides in local governments, as opposed to the federal system. They see themselves as the true Americans and aim to save us from our illegitimate government in Washington. It is hard to know how to combat these groups, for reasons outlined in this book.

Kenneth Stern writes: "While grassroots groups, civil rights organizations, ordinary citizens and our government are countering the impact of militias on America by doing what we know how to do--speaking out against hate remains the most important thing we know does work--some university or think tank or foundation should convene the leading minds in the related fields and give them a task: What would a study of the field of hate look like? The answer to that question. . . is long overdue. . ."

Making this book remarkably relevant at this moment is the announcement of the "leave of absence" taken by a co-chair of the campaign of Pat Buchanan, Larry Pratt, who is named in this book nine times.

Referring to a meeting in Estes Park, Colorado, of 150 leaders of the far right from around the country, the author states they represented neo-Nazis, Christian Identity adherents, anti-abortion activists, tax protesters, Ku Klux Klan members and others. . . including Larry Pratt, director of Gun Owners of America.

On page 117, we read, "GOA's leader, Larry Pratt, has appeared in all the right places--on the anti-Semitic *Radio Free America*, in SPOTLIGHT, at Preparedness Expo: along with people like Jack McLamb, Bo Gritz, and Mark Koernke; at Pete Peter's meeting after the Ruby Ridge siege,

where he reportedly called for the formation of armed militias. Pratt has written a book, *Armed People Victorious* (1990)." The quotation goes on to state there is no acceptable alternative to reliance on armed people. There is more.

Now another of the members of Buchanan's staff has been dismissed from the campaign in Florida for similar reasons. I fail to understand why Buchanan's bigotry has not been attacked by his opponents, since it is not a secret to anyone familiar with his record.

**When Truth Was Treason:
Based on the Narrative of
Karl-Heinz-Schnibbe**

*Compiled, translated and edited
by Blair R. Holmes
University of Illinois Press 425
pp. \$34.95*

This is the story of German Youth against Hitler. They were very few; in fact, four teenagers were the group of this story.

The conspirators were arrested, tried and convicted. One was beheaded. Years of research discovered many documents and photographs which revealed the story of the surviving Karl-Heinz Schnibbe. He was a son of working class parents. There was no encouragement of adults which emboldened the four youths to defy the Nazi regime.

The account is detailed, from the start of the disillusionment of the boys with the Nazi regime. Through the broadcasts they listened to surreptitiously by the

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New Anticancer Drug Developed at Hebrew University, Hadassah Hospital and Sequus Pharmaceutical Ok'd by FDA

JERUSALEM--The United States Food and Drug Administration has approved a new anticancer drug developed by researchers at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem and SEQUUS Pharmaceutical Inc. of Menlo Park, Calif.

The new drug, known as Doxil, was developed by Prof. Yechezkel Barenholz of The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and Prof. Alberto Gabizon of The Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem in cooperation with scientists at SEQUUS.

The new drug contains the active ingredient doxorubicin (a recognized agent for antitumor treatments) delivered within fatty particles known as liposomes--ball-like structures with trap liquid within them. These particles are capable of penetrating the cancerous growths through gaps in the blood vessels of the cancerous tissues.

Since these gaps do not exist in blood vessels of healthy tissue, the particles penetrate principally the tumorous growth tissue, and the medicine is then released at the point where needed, thereby reducing the harm done to healthy sectors in the body.

Doxorubicin is considered to be one of the most effective anticancer agents, but is also highly toxic, and therefore this new method of delivery is considered highly effective. The

new medicine is expected to be useful in the treatment of various types of cancer: breast, lung, cancer in persons with AIDS (Kaposi's sarcoma) and others.

The cooperative research that led to the development of Doxil was begun by Professor Barenholz and Professor Gabizon some 10 years ago. A special process was developed in Professor Barenholz's laboratory for "trapping" the medicinal agent within the liposomes, the result being the concentration of a very large amount of the agent within tiny particles whose size is approximately 1/10,000 of a millimeter. This process was patented by the Yissum Research Development Co. of The Hebrew University.

Not only did this process make possible the trapping of a large amount of the drug within the liposomes, but it was shown that this containment was stable, enabling the drug to reach and to be released in the tumor cells.

Before the new drug delivery system could be implemented, the researchers had to overcome the problem of the body's natural resistance to foreign particles--in this case clearing the drug-bearing liposomes before they could reach the desired destinations. The researchers therefore developed



a new material which serves as a coating for the liposomes, thus protecting them from premature destruction. A number of such coatings were tested by Professor Gabizon at Hadassah-University Hospital until the most effective substance was found. The final product was patented by SEQUUS Pharmaceutical.

On the basis of the successful animal studies and clinical trials conducted at Hadassah-University Hospital with the new drug, tests were conducted also in other countries, following which FDA approval was sought. Professor Barenholz noted that this approval was given relatively quickly. He said this is only the second Israeli-developed drug to receive FDA approval.

The researchers intend to apply their therapeutic approach, known as "passive targeting," to the development of additional drugs for various illnesses, in addition to applying it to the delivery of other agents used in treatment of various types of cancer.

Weizmann Scientists Tap Into Taste, Perception Centers

by Janet Silver Ghent

Somewhere in the recesses of the brain lie the taste memories of Grandma's chicken soup and Aunt Millie's Passover kugel. By tapping into this storage center, neurobiologists at Israel's Weizmann Institute may hold the key to overcoming appetite disorders. These advances may lead to new research on taste and flavor perception, possibly laying the groundwork for getting infants to enjoy their vegetables.

"The mechanism of flavor is of great interest to the food industry," particularly in terms of creating baby food and diet products, said Professor Yadin Dudai, one of a group of scientists from the Weizmann Institute who presented research at the Annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in San Diego, California, last week. A delegation of scientists from the Rehovot, Israel, Weizmann Institute, attended the meeting of more than 20,000 scientists from around the world.

Dudai discussed his research on taste memory, while Weizmann Professor Amiram Grinvald discussed his team's work on the effect of one's state of mind on perception as well as on a new "optical imaging" technique that enables investigators to observe brain activity.

Grinvald said new brain research is quickly transforming science-fiction fantasies into realities, making the '90s the decade of the brain. "It's nice to be modest, but the sky's the limit-

-limited only by the imagination of the investigator."

Discussing his work on taste memories, Dudai said uncovering the storage site has profound implications in the areas of taste and flavor research as well as in the investigation of learning and memory.

"If we identify the area, we may better understand some of the disorders," and pave the way to treating them. Moreover, "if we find the mechanisms of memory in the taste area, [this knowledge] might serve in other areas as well."

One possibility includes the development of drugs that ameliorate memory problems, particularly among those suffering from diseases that weaken memory. "It might open up a new pharmacology," said Dudai.

Another possibility is the production of tastier food products. In addition, this research may have a significant effect on the treatment of appetite disorders.

Dudai, who conducted his research in collaboration with Weizmann graduate student Rina Schul and American University Professor Burton Slotnick, serves as dean of Weizmann's faculty of biology and holds the Sara and Michael Sela Chair of Neurobiology.

Dudai's research team also confirmed earlier theories that the complex experience of flavor--resulting from

the combined experiences of taste and smell--is processed and stored in a brain area distinct from the areas where taste and smell are processed. In rats, it is located in the brain's frontal lobe. Taste qualities are probably stored in or around the gustatory cortex in the brain's upper-rear lobe and smell is delivered to a lower, olfactory area in the brain's cortex.

Discussing another study on the neuroscience of taste, Dudai reported that a molecular mechanism produces long-term taste memories. The research team, which includes Weizmann graduate students Kobi Rosenblum and Raphael Lamprecht, discovered that in the brains of rodents, a change in molecular activity and structure occurs in cells receiving taste signals from other nerve cells.

Meanwhile, Grinvald, who heads the Weizmann Institute's Grodetsky Center for the Research of Higher Brain Functions and holds the Helen and Norman Asher Professional Chair in Brain Research, reported on major strides in optical imaging.

Some 50 years ago, British physiologist Lord Sherrington marveled how much easier it would be to understand the brain if neurons would light up when they "talked" to one another. The technique developed by Grinvald's team brings us light years closer to fulfilling Sherrington's prophecy. The team includes Professors Amos Arieli, Alexander Sterkin, Ad Aertsen.

Working with rodents, the researchers stained the cortex with voltage-sensitive dyes that attach to neurons, transforming changes in the neurons' electrical activity into flashing lights. This advance joins a number of techniques now in use to measure brain activity, including the electroencephalogram (EEG) and magnetic resonance imagery (RI).

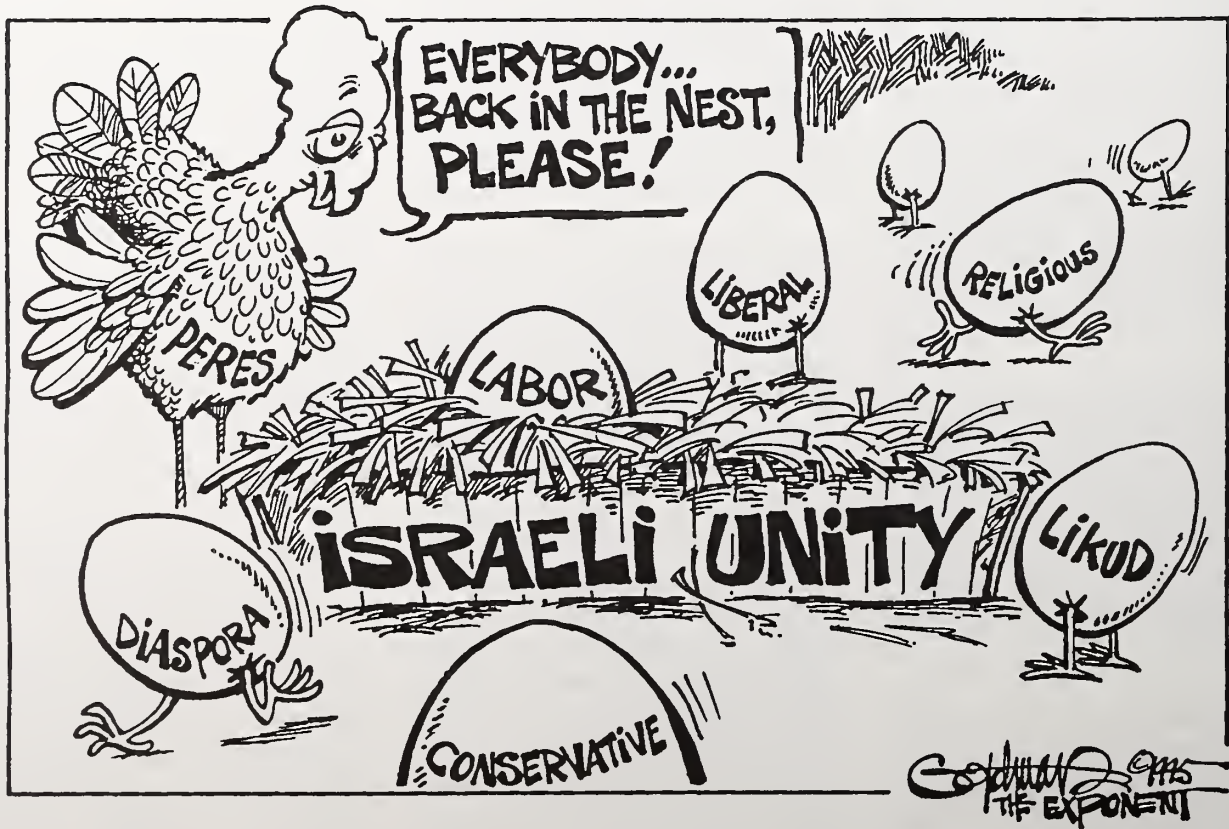
"We're in the business of the visualization of brain function," said Prof. Grinvald. "I'm the father of one type of imaging technique, optical imaging. The difference between what we do and what others do is that we see the activity in the brain with much better resolution. We get many more details about the origin of activity within the brain that can't be revealed by other imaging techniques."

For the first time, Grinvald's research team was able to monitor the effect of one's state of mind on perception. By monitoring internal patterns of brain activity, the team was able to predict the exact brain-wave patterns evoked by a visual image. Moreover, using a number of simple pictures, they were able to determine which picture the eyes had just seen.

The researchers discovered that even when the eyes are closed, highly structured brain-wave patterns scan the brain in an organized fashion. In the past, such activity was referred to disparagingly as "brain noise" and was thought to be of little importance. Today the Weizmann team views this activity as an indicator of moods, memories and feelings.

"The brain is constantly being busy thinking about itself," said Grinvald. "When somebody closes their eyes and doesn't get visual information, (one would assume) that part of the brain would be silent, but that is not the case. Thirty years ago, most investigators treated (this brain activity) as 'noise.' Now we're more aware that it's reflecting internal states. It's not noise."

Grinvald's research was supported by the Israel Science Foundation, administered by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and by the Human Frontier Science Program. Dudai's research was supported by the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation in Jerusalem and by the Saul A. Silverman Family Foundation.



Blumenthal Jewish Home

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March Issue

Is There a Waiting List At BJH? Now Is the Time to Choose the Best!

I was in Atlanta attending the Bat Mitzvah of a niece when I met a couple who had recently moved from Atlanta to Charlotte NC. Our conversation turned to the adjustment one makes when moving from a large metropolitan city to a smaller one, to whom they had met in Charlotte, and to the people I knew in Charlotte through my work at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. "We have heard about the Home and what a wonderful place it is. Is there a long waiting list?" they asked." "The Atlanta Jewish Home has always had a long waiting list" they added.

Comparisons are inevitable after moving from a large metropolitan city like Atlanta, with a large Jewish community to a smaller city such as Charlotte. Often newcomers will comment on the apparent pluses and minuses such a move incurs. Yes, the Blumenthal Jewish Home like many Homes in metropolitan areas sometimes does have a waiting list. However, unlike these large cities, the

wait is rarely a long one and at times no longer than needed to process the admission forms. The Blumenthal Jewish Home does its utmost to meet the needs of the Jewish elderly in the Carolinas. Its mission is to provide quality care so that our elderly may live their later years in a compassionate and dignified Jewish environment.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home draws its residents from individuals who live in small and large cities in both North and South Carolina and from out of state relatives of Jews living in the Carolinas. The Home reaches out to these communities to insure that knowledge of the Home is available to those who may have need of its services. In many cases families must be willing to travel to insure that their loved one is in a place in which they feel comfortable.

Knowing the Home is there for us when we might need it is truly a reassuring plus. Sons and daughters,

brothers and sisters, husbands and wives living in towns going east from the Home to Greensboro, Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill and, west to Hickory, Asheville and Hendersonville and south to Charlotte, Gastonia, Greenville and Columbia have sought the Home when their loved one needed more care than could be provided at home.

At Blumenthal Jewish Home the waiting list is rarely long. There is no admission fee. Children, spouses and relatives of residents are grateful that their frail mother, father, sister, brother, husband or wife would lives in a place where they feel at home: a home where they would enjoy Jewish foods, attend weekly synagogue services, participate in Jewish holiday observances and most of all would spend their days with the companionship of Jewish peers. Seeing their loved one in this environment has eased the transition from community to

assisted living and nursing care for family members as well as for the frail elderly.

Working at the Home I see residents each day, who might otherwise be alone or in a somewhat isolated situation, who are now enjoying a life filled with security, excellent health care, activities and the companionship of friends. I see the Blumenthal Jewish Home serving our elderly from small and large communities and bonding these Jewish communities together in its cause.

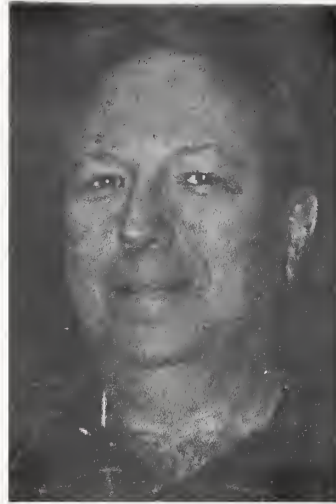
For those who may be faced with the choice of long term care for a loved one this is an opportune time to seriously consider the value of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The Home provides a rich and caring Jewish environment for our elderly that is not found anywhere else in the Carolinas. Take the time to drive to BJH and to visit, you will discover why Blumenthal Jewish Home is the right choice for your family member. Choose the Blumenthal Jewish Home and you will be offering your loved one the spiritual and emotional nourishment which they so dearly deserve.

For information about admissions to the Blumenthal Jewish Home contact Christine Greene , Admissions coordinator at 910-766-6401.



Rabbi Eli Havivi from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, chats with residents following the Rabbi's Hour program in January. Pictured clockwise: Nelly Schwarz, Sylvia Margolis, Rabbi Havivi, Irene Mendelson and Sally Waldman.

Meet The Trustees



Carl Hoffman is the Medical Director of the Bethany Medical Center in High Point, NC. Originally from New York, Dr. Hoffman received his BA and MD degrees from the University of Miami in Florida. His Internship and Residency were in Obstetrics and Gynecology and he served as a physician with the Armed Services in Viet Nam. A resident of High Point for twenty-one years, Carl joined the BJH Board of Trustees in 1991 and was reelected for a second three

year term in 1994. Dr. Hoffman serves as the Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee for the Home.

An active member of his community Carl Hoffman has channeled his volunteer interests toward concerns for the medical wellbeing of the community with his primary interest being the young and the elderly. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of High Point Regional Hospital, is on the Board of High Point Community Health Improvement Plan, serves as the Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of High Point and is on the Executive Board of the Bank of NC. Carl and his wife Sara Lynch Hoffman live in High Point, NC where they are members of B'nai Israel Synagogue. Their son Jeffrey Michael is a law student at UNC-Chapel Hill.



Sues News

We rang in 1996 on a high note when the Greensboro volunteers arrived on January 2nd to celebrate at the monthly birthday party and to begin the new year with gusto. Beginning their eighth year of sponsoring these wonderful parties for the residents, the volunteers continually bring as much enthusiasm and loving spirit to the Home as they did when they began the project in 1989. In recent years new volunteers have joined those volunteers who have remained committed to the project. Back for a return visit in January were college students Joey and Aaron Strasser who have volunteered at the parties on their school breaks during these seven years. We are grateful to the volunteers from Greensboro who sponsor both the parties and the Starmount Luncheons throughout the year. We congratulate Polly Strasser and her dedicated group of volunteers as they begin their 8th year of service to BJH.

BJH is blessed that it can boast of many loyal and dedicated volunteers who can be seen on a regular basis providing service to our residents each month. It is a wonderful feeling to know that while we are welcoming newcomers to our ranks in 1996, we are also maintaining the dedication of many of our long time volunteers. We are proud of those individuals who have given many hours over many years to our Home and our residents. We thank Eleanor Leverenz for bingo

and visits, Rose Solomon for bingo, menus and the Gift Shop, Janie Douthit for the Gift Shop, Kimmrey and Mike Pollack and Fran Bain for evening Bingo games, Tony Schwertfeger for blooming gardens, Edna Temples for piano music and Lydia Thabet for the General Store, shopping trips, Gift Shop and her newest job Movie trip assistant. Our thanks to these volunteers for years of dedication and to the many volunteers who have joined them to assist with these and other activities over the years.

There are many jobs to be done at BJH and many ways to volunteer. We hope that in 1996 you will choose to join us and try your hand at one.



Volunteer Lydia Thabet escorts Eunice Stephens on a Hanes Mall shopping trip.



The Greensboro volunteers have a good time entertaining the residents at the January party as the volunteers begin their 8th year of sponsoring the birthday parties at BJH. Seen left to right: Polly Strasser, Marilyn Belenky, Anita Rubin's sister, a friend, Ruth Jacobs, Anita Rubin, Josie Swirin, Joey Strasser, Fair Oaks resident Hannah Hockfield and volunteer Rhoda Fleisher.

Millie's Musings



Why Volunteer?

Our Jewish heritage places many responsibilities on us, among which is "tikum olam- to repair the world" by doing mitzvot. The volunteers at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, from many diverse religious backgrounds, continually provide the care and respect to our residents that demonstrate their high values and acceptance of responsibilities. They join the staff of BJH in assuring a life with quality.

In turn, our volunteers receive the greatest gift of all - the love and appreciation, the hugs and smiles from the residents and the knowledge that they have made the day a little brighter for their friends and themselves.

Won't you join our elite group of volunteers for an hour or two weekly, monthly or once a year? Call me, Millie Slatkoff at 910-766-6401.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sell in the Gift Shop
Sing at the Sing-a-long
Transport to activities
Conduct Shabbat services
Sort the Clothes Closet

Shop at the Mall
Lead an exercise group
Entertain at parties
Be a friendly visitor
"Adopt-a-grandparent"

For information call Millie - (910) 766-6401



Eleanor Leverenz conducts a BJH Bingo game.




Rose Solomon helps a resident choose her menus for the week.



Joey and Polly Strasser greet BJH resident Eva Kaplan at the party.



Sara Feen enjoys an assist from volunteer Bill Swirin at the Starmount Luncheon in Greensboro.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

Karl Cahn
 Velma Carter
 Herbert Doty
 Ruby Garwood
 Betty Gay
 Robert Little
 Ruth Mandel
 Nona Meigs
 Elsie McCarthy
 Columbus Morris
 Gladys Poindexter
 Thelma Richardson
 Rose Schulherr
 Anne Stockert
 Jack Tenenbaum
 Georgia Watts



Volunteers pictured counter clockwise from above are: Tony Schwertfeger, keeping blossoms blooming all year long at BJH, Aaron Strasser giving a hand to Eva Weinberg at the January birthday party, Greensboro volunteer Alice Roemer serving the cake at the birthday party and below a space we saved for you; please join us this year.

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

Beatrice Adler
Charlotte, NC
Alma Huff
Winston-Salem, NC
Annis Zietz
Winston-Salem, NC

Missing You



In Our Volunteer Picture!



STAFF NOTES

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

BJH is proud of the high retention rate of its staff and appreciates the continuity of care which they provide. Our dedicated staff consistently show their commitment to BJH through their excellent service to the residents and to the Home. Each year employees are recognized for years of service to the Home at the annual Holiday Party chaired by Director of Personnel, Bonnie Ayers. Employees were awarded pins for 5, 10 and 15 years of service.

Recognized for 15 years of service were Susie White, Accounting and Vickie Brown, LPN on Fair Oaks. Recognized for 10 years were Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, Janet Sowers, Director of Computer Services and June Sealey, RN on B-1. Receiving 5 year pins were Teresa Cook and Glenna Oney in Dietary, Freida Roach, Dir. of Recreation, Judy Morris RN, unit Manager A-wing and Karen Jarrett, Phyllis Lennox, Virginia Martin, Shelby Mullis,

Martha Smiley, Dianne Smith and Betty Stevenson in the Nursing Department and Harry Cooley in the maintenance department.

BJH congratulates those employees who received special recognition this year as well as the entire staff on the caring manner in which they deliver quality care to the BJH residents.

Congratulations to Freida Roach, Director of Resident Activities and her husband James on the birth of their new daughter, Ashley 8lbs 12.6oz, born on January 11, 1996.



Susie White receives a gift and a pin recognizing her 15 years of service to the Home.



Janet Sowers, Director of Computer Services and Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, receive recognition for 10 years of service.



Among those receiving 5 year pins are those staff pictured left to right: Martha Smiley, Virginia Martin, Fredia Roach, Phyllis Lennox, Theresa Cook, Harry Cooley, Judy Morris and Glenna Oney.

Our hats are off to the men in the BJH maintenance department, who kept their hats on and transported so many essential staff to BJH during the January blizzard. A special salute to Tad McClamrock, Director of Maintenance and to Billy West for their diligence which kept the Home running normally during a difficult time.

A snow covered BJH, pictured after the second winter storm, was only cold on the outside; inside residents were well taken care of by a dedicated and caring staff.



Special thanks also to the staff who "moved in" during the storms and ensured care as usual to the residents.

IN MEMORY OF
We mourn the loss of:

**Mary Beroth
George Carp
Bessie Carabateas
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Noah Kaplan
Dorothy Kellett**

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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3 Years

Suzanne Bennett, RN, Awing
Brenda Walters, CNA, B2

8 Years

Maggie James, Administration
Leona Cook, CNA, B2

2 Years

Jeanette Conrad, CNA, B1
Joseph Roberts, Dietary

6 Years

Diane Smith, CNA, B2

1 Year

Debra Angell, RN, B1
Renee Hunter, CNA, B1
Laura Lumpkins, Dietary
Patricia Pate, CNA, B2
Kathy Reagan, Recreation
Sandra Simmons, CNA, B2

5 Years

Wanda King, Laundry



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Training Videos - "Episodes in Kitchen Safety"	\$ 404.95
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Pan Rack ADE 1818/KDA	\$ 200.00

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Calendar Highlights March

1996

- 3 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 3. Children's Choir, Temple Emanuel, Greensboro, 11:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 4 Fast of Esther, Reading of Megillah, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 5 Purim Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 5 Monthly Birthday Party, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 6 Purim Carnival, 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 7 Cantor Roochvarg, Purim Musical Program, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 8 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 12 Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 12 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Activity Room
- 13 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Subeck, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping
- 17 Card Club, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 19 Rabbi's Hour with Cantor Sheppard, 10:30 a.m., Synagogue
- 20 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 20 Anchor Club Visit, Board Games, 3:00 p.m., Friendship room
- 21 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 22 Snappy Tappers, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 22 Shabbat Service with Greenboro Hillel, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 31 Brenner Concert, "Best of Broadway", 2:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium



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Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD, under the leadership of president Shirley Berdie, has for some time been alternating its monthly board business meetings with open meetings featuring programs of general interest. Sometimes fattening (the recent cooking demonstration, for example) sometimes physically helpful (the appearance of experts in women's self-defense), and always worthwhile, these occasions are dreamed up by Nicki Benetan, program chair.

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI is the pleasant once-a-month-or-so event involving a brown bag lunch and a spicy discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, of the topic of the day. The one on January 15 was as provocative as usual. It turned out to focus on the prevalence and persistence of Christmas observances in the public schools, and what, if anything, should be done about it.

IN THE NEWS on January 15 was Leah Karpen's letter to the editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times objecting to the proposed new building for the Chamber of Commerce for which the Chamber plans to raise \$1 million. Better to spend the million "to provide housing and social services for the homeless and those in substandard housing," she said.

The next day Robert Hruska's letter appeared. Concerning the recent shutdown of government functions, he said, in part, "We suddenly have a terrorist tactic for running the government, with the government as hostage. . . I think Congress should be advised that this is not the form of government we were born into and want to keep."

FROZEN OUT were Temple services on January 12. We all know that other parts of the country were worse off, but that didn't warm us up a bit.

ASK THE RABBI, the popular after-services talk session, took place this January on the 19th, and included a video and discussion about Operation Equality. This program, created by the United American Hebrew Congregations, said Rabbi Ratner, is "designed to put significant pressure upon the Israeli government to accept the work of Reform Rabbis in Israel regarding conversions and marriages."

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES have a small but ardent support group. A monthly gathering, which met in January on the 20th, it's so pleasant that the more people who hear about it, the more will attend.

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, January 20, was a big success, with plenty of pizza and popcorn to go with "The Frisco Kid" and plenty of people to enjoy it all.

SERVICES AT "THE SUMMIT," a local retirement facility, were held by Rabbi Ratner Friday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m..

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL principal David Cohen thanked Betsy Katell and Chris Lang for coordinating the Hanukkah party on December 17, and he also thanked "all those who provided the wonderful food!" With such good stuff as latkes and doughnuts, applesauce and sour cream and gifts to exchange, songs to sing and candles to light, it had to be an A-1 occasion.

THE RABBI SAID THANKS "to all our members who went into local public and private schools and organizations to explain the meaning of Hanukkah."

THE UAHC BIENNIAL CONVENTION, which attracted several thousand people, was enthusiastically reported on in the January Temple bulletin by Alison Berkey, one of the 7 Temple members who attended. The others were Rabbi and Susan Ratner, Philip and Carol Cohen, Frank Gilreath and Joe Karpen. The event ran from November 29 to December 3, in Atlanta.

"HELPMATES" REPRESENTATIVE Tricia Forbes spoke at Temple services Friday night, January 26. Helpmate is devoted to helping abused women and their children.

**Temple Israel
Kinston NC**

It has been a while since we watched the flickering candles glow and the marvelous celebration of Chanukah. Yet we often are reminded of the wonderful service and the delicious lox and bagel luncheon hosted by our religious school parents consisting of:

Dr. and Mrs. Lacin, Mr. and Mrs. David Brody, Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchens, Mr. and Mrs. George Gerdts, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kops. Thank you for your hospitality.

February continues to be a busy month with planned activities for our religious school's participation in a festival of Jewish arts and culture along with the celebration of Tu Bishvat, the Jewish arbor day. Mr. Irv Gross along with representatives from congregation Bayte Shalom of Greenville, will provide the students with arts and crafts activities. There will also be a guest lecturer, Ms. Barbara Rush speaking on "Tales Jewish Women Tell" and Dan Abramson, editor of the "Walford Gazette" who will speak on the topic of Jewish presence in British television.

In addition, we will be actively preparing for our annual Purim Shpiel. We hope to bring merriment to all.

Community News

Temple Israel would like to extend a warm welcome to all our newest members:

Ms. Constance Lesold, Mr. Jeffrey Gross and son Sam, Mr. Ira Dolens, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jester.

We want to wish a big **Mazel Tov** to **Faith and Stanley Pearson** upon the marriage of their loving daughter, **Ms. Betty Ann Pearson** to **Mr. Ken Jackson Caldwell, Jr.**

We all wish them much naches and good fortune as they start their new life as husband and wife.

In our congregation the "Circle of Life," continues as with us all in

marking our beginnings and our ends. Because of this we wish to extend our sympathy to the following members who have lost loved ones:

Martin and Leah Goldfarb and the Sandbank Family upon the passing of his wife, Ms. Ellen Sandbank Goldfarb,

Rabbi and Mrs. Rose upon the passing of his mother: Mrs. Mary Sarah Rose

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchens upon the loss of her grandmother: Mrs. Jacobi

**Beth El Synagogue
Durham NC
by Eileen Freed**

The Beth El Synagogue community prides itself on excellent educational programming. The inaugural semester of our School for Continuing Jewish Education, open to the entire Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish community, was a tremendous success. Sixty-seven students participated in four semester-long classes in Torah commentary, the Shabbat prayer service, and Hebrew (both modern and prayer-book). The Spring semester course offerings include study of the beginning of Genesis, an introduction to Yiddish literature, Hebrew, and a study of the Book of Jonah. Two other Spring adult education events are planned. During the weekend of March 22-24, Rabbi Mitch Cheffitz will lead a retreat on Jewish spirituality and meditation. Our Evans Scholar-in-Residence weekend (April 19-21) features Dr. Rachel Adler, one of the most original and insightful voices regarding Judaism and gender.

This commitment to education extends to our young people's

programs. Our religious school, directed by Michele Pas, offers many innovative activities. Children are introduced to praying as a congregation in our Jr. Congregation (3rd - 6th grade), Jr. Jr. Congregation (K-2nd grade), and Tot (preschool) Services. Family education is encouraged through our Home/School study program in which thematic portfolios (e.g., Shabbat, Succoth, Jewish Heroes) are sent home for parents and children to learn together. "Make-it and Take-it" days provide younger children (K-2nd) with an opportunity to learn about a topic through hands-on activities. This year, the students will be learning about and celebrating Jerusalem 3000.

This winter, we have had several programs designed to provide a combination of spiritual and social fulfillment. At our annual Shabbaton (held this year at the beach), we prayed, studied Torah, and relaxed together away from the hustle and bustle of our daily surroundings. Members of the congregation lit Hanukkah candles and celebrated together at our annual Hanukkah Happening at Camp New Hope. In an effort to facilitate the formation of new Chavurot (groups who get together for study, prayer, holiday celebration, and/or social interaction), Rabbi Sager and Dr. Pat Fischer conducted a Chavurah workshop. Our joint Shabbat services with Judea Reform Congregation (an annual event) featured guest speaker Dr. David Goldenberg who discussed the question "Is anti-black racism in the Talmud?"

Lest you think Beth El congregants never have pure fun, unconnected to any educational or spiritual activity. . . Three upcoming events will provide plenty of opportunity for dancing and shmoozing. On February 10, the

Sisterhood is holding a "Dance the Night Away" to raise money for renovation of the kitchen. March 2 is the date of our Purim Masquerade Party with Judea Reform Congregation. We hope to make this an annual joint congregational event. Our second annual Razzle Dazzle CasinoNight and Auction will be held on April 27.

For information about any of our events or programs, please contact Eileen Freed at (919) 682-1238.

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by *Lillian R. Wellisch*

Adult Education

CHANTING FROM TORAH

SCROLLS: A class started in January for more learning to chant from the Torah. Congregants were invited to join Rabbi Birnham into the territory of the sacred.

CONTINUING CLASSES:

PSALMS CLASS- two more sessions studying our sacred literature. We continue to focus on Psalms found in our Siddur. Rabbi and Walter Ziffer teach.

YIDDISH CLASS - the great class continues each Sunday with Dr. Walter Ziffer.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

- An exciting class that meets two Sundays a month. Rabbi Birnham teaches.

BUSINESS ETHICS - Join Bob Deutsch, Robert Eidus, Ken Schapira, Malcolm Sherman, Eric Wellisch, and others for bagels and coffee plus an hour of great study and discussion focusing on Jewish Business Ethics and related issues. This group usually

meets on the second Wednesday morning of each month with Rabbi Birnham leading the discussion.

Chai Lights

Brenda and Allan Abrams join our ranks fresh from our nation's capital. Before moving, Brenda held a long term position in marketing and business development for a research company. Allan comes to us from an IBM background on the large specialized machines, but is currently heavy into his magnificent creative woodworking. . .ranging from the beautiful groggers (like the one in the Gift Shop window) to commissioned Torah arks. His hobby has led to some unique pieces. . .each made with a touch of love. They have five children and four grandchildren.

From the Rabbi

A big thanks to Richard Nielsen, who has replaced Yosi Knight and is now rolling our Torah scrolls for each Thursday, Shabbat, and Holy Days. Also, thanks to Richard for helping Rabbi Birnham bury old, worn out prayerbooks.

Beth Israel Bet Seder Spotlight Winter 1995-1996

All classes have gone on field trips and participated in a joint program with Temple Beth Ha-Tephila's Sunday School at the JCC for the "Festival of Lights" program.

Our 1995-1996 staff is as follows: Teachers: Uta Levinson - Bet (ages 5-6), Teri Siegel and Beth Reiser - Gimel (ages 7-8), Debi Miles - Daled (ages 9-10), Alan Silverman - Hey (ages 11-13), Geoffrey Brown - music and Hebrew, and Elissa Brown - principal. Our Teacher Assistants are: Lauren Miller - Bet, Jason Langberg -Bet, Nick Sandler - Gimel, and Rachael Buskirk - Daled. Thanks to: Bob Deutsch for singing with us, Janet

Friedman for substitute teaching, Maggie Rotman for Hebrew necklace assistance, Michele Heller for bagel delivery and cohelper, Marc Rudow for being our chaperon for field trips, to all who participated in the Bosnian Relief effort, and to the parents who have supplied us with snacks.

A Touch of Bet Sefer Classes

BET: We have been studying holidays! Upcoming curriculum includes remembering the dead, Tefillah, Tu B'Shevat, kindness to animals and much, much more!

GIMEL: Did you know that services have not changed in over 5000 years? We have been studying the structure of the Friday night service and learning about meditations. We have studied the Amida and certain key prayers central to our lives as Jews.

DALED: We have covered the structure of the Shabbat morning service and how you experience Judaism through services. We have studied harvest festivals from around the world. We are "signing" prayers and created a Menorah for the Bimah.

HEY: Our focus has been "What's in Judaism for me?" Focusing on levels of Tzedakah, ethics, and the application of beliefs in the modern age, we are connecting daily application of being and living Jewishly in Asheville to adolescence. We had a great time in Atlanta seeing a Mikvah and visiting their JCC. We hiked Roan Mountain and got into some heavy discussion in class.

Additional thanks to Stan Greenberg who talked to the Daled and Hey classes and designed a creative model for helping the kids prioritize the needs of the community with decreasing dollars in a Federated campaign, Maggie Rotman, who led

the entire Bet Sefer in a hands-on crafts class as she helped every student make a necklace using the letters of their names, Hilda Ehrlich, who gave personal attention to each Bet Sefer student in helping them locate their Hebrew birthday, and to Eddie Greene, who shared an impromptu moment with the Daled students on his sixty-seven years experience laying tefillin and how it helped him through World War II. In a time when it seems that children do not have as many opportunities to get to know adults outside their own family, these interactions are especially important. Many thanks to each of those congregants who helped.

Hadassah

“Al Galgalim” is the Hebrew word for “Training Wheels,” the educational program to help families learn to “ride on the path of Jewish life.” Hadassah sponsors this program. Thursday, January 11, at the JCC, Hadassah invited members to visit our childhood, share our memories, and take part in the ritual of Shabbat, and to experience the program offered each month at the JCC for mothers/fathers and their young children. The cyclical theme of the Jewish holidays is a gateway to explore our Jewish identity and to pass on our Jewish values to our children and grandchildren. Shirley Cohen and Shirley Rapoport led this warm and welcoming program. Refreshments were served.


Each Thursday at the JCC in January, Debi Miles led a discussion on Jewish women’s issues as seen through

the eyes of Israel short story authors. We were joined by Dahlia Gans and Smadar Yinhar, who added their insights to the discussion. The Hadassah study program was based on the book, RIBCAGE. Members learned about the experiences of Israeli and American women.

Membership

At the entertaining Chanukah party with great food (Toby Cohen and Alan Levy arranging), Adele Rose read her original Chanukah poem.

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North Carolina Hillel is “JAM”ming in March!

During March, all over North Carolina, Hillel students are celebrating JAM, Jewish Awareness Month! JAM is an international Hillel project designed to promote Jewish life on campus. NC Hillel will be highlighting various programs designed to engage Jewish students in greater involvement and consciousness about their religion. Another aspect of JAM is to promote awareness of Judaism and its culture to non-Jewish students.

JAM Program Highlights

- 3/11 Mitzvah bagels in the Pit. Stop by the Pit on UNC campus from 9-11 a.m. and buy a bagel and cream cheese for only \$.50. Proceeds go to Mazon, the Jewish Response to Hunger.
- 3/12 **Prelude and Perlman**. A pre-party in the Great Hall and then a great concert by Yitzhak Perlman.
- 3/13 Lunch with Rabbi Fisher in Lenoir Dining Hall at UNC. Come join us at 8:30 for a fun night of Bowling!
- 3/15 Shabbat Services at UNC and Greensboro. Come join us at UNC for a Jerusalem 3000 Celebration during services.
- 3/17 “Crossing Delancey” **FREE MOVIE** at UNC 7 p.m. in the Union Auditorium
- 3/19 Cameron’s Kosher Cafe 5:30 **ALL YOU CAN EAT** for \$4: Jewish Fare
- 3/19 Art and Judaism Woven Together: Ruth Gaynes Professional Weaver at 6:30
- 3/20 PB and JAM Come make Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches for the Homeless
- 3/21 New York Deli and “**Friends**” Come enjoy good New York Deli and stay for “**FRIENDS**”
- 3/22 Intercultural Shabbat Services and Dinner at UNC

the student center for services at six. We will then have a great home cooked Shabbat Meal. March 21, look for us in the Brickyard during lunch. Every Thursday we will be eating lunch together in the Atrium from 12-2. Come join us for some good food, but great conversation! We will end the month with the perfect March treat! A BBQ in Pullen Park, with all the great BBQ fixin's! Bring the sports equipment, and we'll provide the food! March is going to be JAMmin with good times!

SPECIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

Art and Judaism Woven Together
Tuesday, March 19 6:30 at NC Hillel

Ruth Gaynes, a professional weaver from Greensboro, joins us for a night of Jewish history. Come learn about making tallit and other Jewish artwork. Discover how to personalize talitot.

“Prelude” Pre-party for Yitzhak Perlman Concert

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30

Even if you didn't get tickets to hear this violin virtuoso, don't miss this pre-celebration in the Great Hall at UNC. Hundreds of people will dance to Israeli music, feast on Middle Eastern delights and enjoy local Jewish artwork.

MARCH MADNESS is also JAMming!

In Raleigh, March is filled with chances to get involved! Now that we have moved into CCM office in the student center, Hillel is making a

home for itself. Come be a part of the future, and join us for a great month of March! We begin with Shabbat Dinner and services at State. Meet in

Hadassah Education Program Religion & Politics: Danger on the Right

In this election year, it is vital that we understand the history and the current impact of the relationship between religion (especially the religious right) and politics and how it affects our freedom and liberty.

With this in mind, The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will host an educational evening with Dr. Ted Arrington, Ph.D., who will speak about "Religion and Politics: Danger on the Right?"

Dr. Arrington, professor and former chair of the department of Political Science at UNC-Charlotte has been an advisor to many local, state and national candidates, and a political activist since 1960. He also served as Chair of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections from 1985 to 1991.

He is recognized as an expert in the area of racial and partisan voting patterns. Dr. Arrington has become quite well known in the Charlotte area. His commentary is frequently read or heard in the local media, and has also appeared in nationally and Internationally circulated print media, television and radio.

Please join us at the Jewish Community Center, 5007 Providence Road, on Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m., for this very important program. For more information contact Debby Rosenberger - 847-6659.

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Rabbi Jastrow on his dictionary, refers to the Greek work Epicomoi meaning fruits or sweetener as a source for Afikomen.

The word has created the basis for many anecdotes. People often referred to their age in the parallel as the "number of Afikomen I have eaten."

As you can see, a little thing carried through many cultures was changed to conform to local mores, and became unusual.

If the state of Israel were to send a satellite into space, perhaps some superstitious scientist or crew member would take the Afikomen along as a keepsake to make the trip luckier. Who knows?

*Credits: Jewish Encyclopedia
Encyclopedia Judaica
Rabbi Yancov Horowitz
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British Broadcasting Company, they learned the truths about Nazism, and somehow they were encouraged enough to do what few of their elders dared.

More than one-third of the book consists of documents and extensive notes. The narrative is good reading. One wishes only that their number might have been multiplied a few million times.



cont. from pg. 17 - CD-ROM

Focusing on the unity and the diversity of the Jewish people, the program explores contemporary and historical Jewish experience in traditional, humorous and unconventional ways. Israel's Proclamation of Independence, for example, is combined with Israeli rock video clips and breathtaking still photography.

Many firms are partially supported by BIRD (the Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation), which has a \$10 million endowment (split 50-50 by the Israeli and US governments).

According to Altholz, however, the industry in the U.S. is in trouble with many small firms having crashed--victims, he says, of over extension, misplaced optimism, imprudent financing, and market saturation. Future successes will be determined by complex equations involving market preferences, technological advancements, and capital investment trends. "It's easy to create good ideas in a garage," he warns, "but to succeed you need stable and diverse products, good long term strategies, partner firms with capital and good distribution systems, and the ability to weather the storms of the market."

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Do Bombings Hurt Business Development in Israel?

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Elmer L. Winter is chairperson of the Milwaukee-based Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, which is observing its 20th anniversary this year. He was a founder and longtime president of Manpower, Inc., the world's largest temporary help agency.

Since the recent tragic suicide bombings, I have been getting calls from American business leaders asking whether they should go ahead with investment plans in Israel or put such programs on hold. These are legitimate questions reflecting honest concerns. They cannot be ignored because the recent terrorism has created doubt and ambivalence in the United States as well as Israel. People in the business community are not immune to feelings of revulsion, anger and uncertainty when innocents are murdered in the streets by deluded fanatics controlled by religious extremists hungry for power.

Yet, while investors and corporate executives are cautious, they are also risk takers. If the odds are good, they are not afraid to take reasonable chances. Having worked with them for some 20 years, I think I understand their frame of reference. It is my guess that the booming economy and market potential of Israel are too good a bet to pass up.

American entrepreneurs and executives, while downsizing, are under great pressure to step up globalization projects and expand overseas activities. One of the most inviting new markets is the Middle East. Israel, already the most developed country in that part of the world with a Gross National Product of \$87 billion, offers a means to reach the 200 million potential new customers in the region.

American business executives are realists. They think and plan long term. They are not in it for the short run. They need to be able to forecast a high return on their investment for the next ten to 20 years and must be satisfied that such investments will be secure.

Despite the angst over the terrible toll of innocent Israelis through terrorism, Israel continues to enjoy an economic boom. Growth is projected by at least 5 percent in 1996, according to David Brodet, Director General of the Finance Ministry. Israeli economists forecast continuous growth in the future at the current rate. And Finance Minister Avraham Shohat points to the successful sale in early March of 14.5 percent of Israel Discount Bank shares as proof that investor confidence in Israel's economy remains high, in spite of the recent terrorism. Thirty five European institutional investors participated in the giant purchase, which represents a major step in Israel's privatization program.

At the same time, Intel, which announced its intention last fall to build a new \$1.6 billion microprocessing plant in Israel has completed its negotiations with the Israeli government and is moving ahead with the construction of its factory.

Robert Pearlman, executive vice president of Intel International has given public reassurances on the security issue that will undoubtedly influence the Israel investment policies of other American firms. Mr. Pearlman has noted that in the 21 years that Intel has operated in Israel, "we have had no problems due to the infrastructure. . . political events or perceptions of bad business conditions in that area."

"During the Gulf War," he said, "we lost half of one shift. Other than that, we never stopped receiving, shipping or manufacturing. Our absentee level during the Gulf War was no different than it was last year, last week or even next week. There was no interference with production."

It also deserves to be mentioned that Israeli companies provide sophisticated security devices to protect their employees and physical properties, so that the likelihood of terrorism taking place in Israeli industrial parks is minimal.

Not only have issues on the Israeli stock market been oversubscribed, but there has been no rush to sell, despite the early predictions of some financial analysts who believe that foreign investors would start unloading shares as a result of the bombings.

I believe American corporation executives will conclude that, despite the recent bombings, the peace process will continue, even if temporarily slowed by an all-out war against terrorism.

That is the response I give to the business leaders who call me for information or advice. I tell them that despite the work of the suicide bombers, the opportunities Israel offers are too great to be placed on the back burner.

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Most Friday nights, Oren, a 17-year-old 12th grader, stays up late with his friends, visiting the trendy pubs and restaurants in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva neighborhood. As the music blares out from the discos and the nightclubs, Oren and his friends pay little attention to the Jerusalem stones or the stories they could tell. As he walks down Rivlin Street, named for his great-great-grandfather Reb Hillel Rivlin, he rarely thinks about the history that is his family legacy.

Today, Nahalat Shiva is very different from the neighborhood established in 1860 by Oren's great-great great grandfather Reb Yosef (Yoshe) Rivlin, who, fired by religious fervor, messianic vision and nationalist dreams, had the courage to move outside the Old City walls.

In 1810, Oren's great great great-grandfather, Reb Hillel Rivlin, at the behest of the Gaon of Vilna, the revered Jewish scholar and leader, left the safety of his home in Europe and settled in the Holy Land. Since then, the Rivlin family has played a central role in the growth of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

Today the Rivlin family is the largest Ashkenazi family in Israel, quite possibly in the world, with a family tree that can be traced back 500 years to Vilna, Poland. In 1980, approximately 3,000 participants from over 20 countries held a family reunion in Jerusalem to celebrate their family heritage.

In the early 19th century, Jerusalem was an unimportant outpost in the Ottoman Empire, populated by mostly Sephardi Jews who traced their roots to the expulsion from Spain and spoke Spanolit, a Spanish-Jewish hybrid. Crowded into the dark alleyways of the walled Old City, in an area smaller than 850 dunam, the Jews, who numbered barely 2,500 suffered greatly from disease. In 1837, Reb Hillel Rivlin himself died of cholera.

By the mid 19th century, it was clear to the emerging Jewish leadership that solutions had to be found. The sons of the first settlers, among them Reb Hillel Rivlin's son, Rabbi Yoshe Rivlin (Oren's great-great grandfather), began to weave bold and dangerous plans: to settle outside the Old City walls. Earlier attempts had failed as fear of marauders, murderers, and thieves had driven the

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Jews back into the relative safety of the walls.

However, this new generation dreamed of new, safe and healthy neighborhoods.

In 1857, Reb Yoshe Rivlin founded the "Company of the Builders of Jerusalem" to purchase lands and build outside the Old City walls. Although "foreigners" were forbidden from purchasing land in the Ottoman Empire, Reb Yoshe and his company, supported by noted philanthropist Moses Montifiore, were able to purchase wheat fields about a mile outside the city gates. This was to become Nahalat Shiva (meaning the settlement of seven), the first Jewish neighborhood outside the walled city, which was composed of small, private homes, around courtyards and wells.

In 1860, Reb Yoshe was the first to actually sleep in his home at night, although it was two more years before his wife and children agreed to spend the night there with him. His friends and family would run out each

morning to assure themselves that Reb Yoshe and his family had survived the night.

By 1873, several dozen families had joined him in the new neighborhood and with the building of ritual baths, synagogues, schools, and other public buildings, observes Yocheved (Rivlin) Tzurieli, Reb Yoshe's granddaughter, more and more Jews joined them. Paths and roads began to connect the neighbor-

The first building to be built outside the Old City walls (mid 19th century), situated on the corner of Rivlin and Jaffa streets in Nahalat Shiva. WZPS photo courtesy the Rivlin family.

hoods, easing the sense of isolation and exposure; a railroad linked Jerusalem to the coastal plain, and the telegraph made communication possible. Jews began to work at new professions, seeking to improve their economic status, and by the 1890's,

Jews had become a majority in Jerusalem.

Reb Yoshe Rivlin continued his mission. He established at least seven additional neighborhoods, extending the boundaries of Jerusalem in all directions. By 1914, there were 22 Jewish neighborhoods, with more than 13,000 Jews, living outside the Old City walls. New Jerusalem became the political, social, and economic center of the Jewish community.



With the outbreak of World War I, many young men were conscripted into the Turkish army. Taxes were raised and services cut. Poverty, starvation, and illness were rampant, affecting more than 80% of Jerusalem's Jews.

On December 9, 1917, the

Arab mayor of Jerusalem and a committee of dignitaries walked out to the western hills of the city and surrendered to the British conquerors. The 30-year British mandate had begun.

The British brought great changes to Jerusalem. In 1917, Jerusalem still had no tarred streets, but for the first time since the Crusaders, Jerusalem was again a capital city. The British drew up master plans and zoning regula-

tions; utility lines and infrastructures were built and maintained; technological advances allowed the city to expand, and paved roads attracted public and private motor vehicles.

The Jewish community was changing too. Although a small group of

ultra-Orthodox sought to maintain their traditional ways, the majority of the population became more modern, engaging in new professions. The focus of Jewish strivings became political, not religious, as the Jews accorded national significance to the connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem.

Jewish communal life surrounded around its neighborhoods, most of which were ethnically homogeneous. Each neighborhood had its own distinctive character, stemming from its founders' visions, its physical layout, its location, and the makeup of its population. Each neighborhood provided its own communal services; and water, always a problem in Jerusalem, was drawn from neighborhood wells and cisterns.

David Rivlin, the youngest of Yoshe Rivlin's grandsons, was born in 1923 in the then-new neighborhood of Maskeret Moshe, in the area surrounding the Mahaneh

Yehudah market. His sister, Yocheved, was born in 1935.

"The neighborhood--the *sh'chunah*--was the center of our lives," Yocheved reminisces. "Each neighborhood was different. There were Ashkenazi, Yemenite and Sephardi neighborhoods; wealthier neighborhoods and poorer neighborhoods. But we all knew each other, and there was no friction. And on the eve of holidays or the Sabbath, each *eida* (ethnic group) brought its traditional foods to the bakery to cook."

"In many ways," observes David, "we were the transitional generation. I went to a *heder* (a traditional Jewish school), and my father was a *hazzan*. But I also received a secular education. My mother had 16 children, but my oldest brothers and sisters died of starvation and dysentery during World War I. We grew up between the wars. We knew the ways of the old community, but we were involved in the new. We spoke modern Hebrew and

were proud of that, but we also knew Yiddish and even Spanolit. We were part of the emerging Jewish State, and we were very aware of it."

"We were not rich," remembers Yocheved, "but we lacked for nothing. We wore hand-me-downs and our mother knew how to make wonderful foods from almost nothing. We slept three to a bed. We carried water from wells and ice was delivered by horse-drawn carts. But we saw ourselves as modern Jews in our soon-to-be State."

Relations with their Arab neighbors were complex, David remembers. As Jews moved beyond the Old City Walls, so too did the Arab population. As Jewish nationalism grew, so did Arab nationalism. On February 20, 1920, six Jews were killed and more than 200 were wounded in the first hostile demonstration by Arab Jerusalemites. Jewish property was looted and plundered. A year later, five more Jews were killed and 40 wounded.

Periods of calm alternated with periods of hostilities, especially during the riots of 1929 and 1936. "I, of course knew many Arabs," said David, "and even had some Arab friends. When there weren't violent demonstrations and riots, our relationships were wonderful. Then suddenly there were pogroms and we would have to defend ourselves against those same people. Gradually, there was less and less contact between us."

During World War II, Jerusalem was the center of British activity in the Middle East. But as the war drew to its end, activity against the British increased, in an attempt to persuade the British to allow the establishment of a Jewish state.

The entire country was enlisted and many Rivlins joined the underground. A large stock pile of weapons was hidden in Yocheved and David's cellar and Yocheved remembers the day that a secret meeting took place in her family's home. When the British came

searching for weapons, Yocheved, although only 14, hid hand grenades in her blouse. Only later did she discover that they had been primed.

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the Land of Israel into Arab and Jewish states, and to internationalize Jerusalem. The Arab states rejected this plan and launched a full-scale attack against the infant State.

Jerusalem became a battle ground. On April 9, 1948, the Etzel and Lehi underground captured the Arab village of Dir Yassin and murdered nearly 250 of its residents. On April 13, Arab irregulars ambushed a convoy of medical personnel; seventy-eight people were murdered and dozens were wounded. Terrorism and revenge continued incessantly. Jerusalem was soon cut off from the rest of the country, surrounded by hostile Arab villages. Water, food, and other necessary commodities had to be brought in convoys, but these were regularly ambushed by

Arabs from the villages surrounding Jerusalem.

“Everyone was hungry,” David remembers. “I was fortunate I was in the Haganah [the forerunner of the Israel Defense Forces] by the time of the siege, so I received a piece of bread regularly.” Yocheved recalls how her mother would try to make soup from the weeds that grew in the courtyard. Food and water were rationed and radio broadcasts, Yocheved remembers, instructed people how to save water by using the same water first for cooking, then for laundry, then to wash the floor, and lastly for sanitary purposes.

In 1948, the Old City fell to the Jordanians, and from 1948-1967, Jerusalem was a divided city. On December 7, 1948, Jerusalem was formally declared Israel’s capital, but Jerusalem had been depleted and wasted by the siege and the battles. In 1947, the Jewish population had reached nearly 100,000, but by the

war’s end nearly one quarter had left.

Gradually Jerusalem changed its physical appearance and its social character. To rebuild its population, many new immigrants who poured into Israel in its early years were sent to Jerusalem. Unesthetic housing projects were rapidly constructed to house the masses.

Looking out over the neighborhoods built during the 1950’s, David sighs. “There was no choice, I suppose,” he muses. “People needed somewhere to live. But old Jerusalem was built more carefully. My grandfather thought about every stone, every path.”

Over the years, Jerusalem increased in political and psychological significance. It was the seat of national institutions and organizations, and a center for higher education. But other cities, especially Tel Aviv and Haifa, grew faster. Jerusalem had no agricultural hinterland, was far from the country’s entrance points, and was

cutoff from the holy sites that were under Jordanian control. Its total area was reduced from 40,000 dunams in 1947 to 24,000 dunams in 1966.

But on June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six Day War, Israeli forces captured the Old City and Jerusalem’s fate changed again. Jews could again visit the holy sites, from which they had been cut off for 19 years.

Jerusalem began to spread its wings. The municipal boundaries tripled in size and within a decade doubled. Tourism blossomed and massive economic development was planned. Five new neighborhoods created territorial continuity and provided suburbs for the growing city.

Jerusalem has continued to grow and diversify. So too has the Rivlin family. Today, members of the family can be found in all walks of Israeli life. Some are ultra-Orthodox, most are secular. Liora Rivlin is a well-known actress; others are university professors and historians.

Some, like David, are active in left-wing politics; others, including former Member of Knesset Reuven Rivlin, have joined the right. Moshe Rivlin is chairperson of the Jewish National Fund; David Rivlin joined the Foreign Office and served as consul general in New York. Yocheved, who had lived in Tel Aviv for many years, returned to Rehavia, a wealthy Jerusalem neighborhood built in the 1930's. David and his family live in the garden neighborhood of Beit Hakerem, first established in the 1920's. David's children live in East Talpiot, one of the neighborhoods established after the Six Day War.

So much has changed since David and Yocheved's childhood. Geographically and in terms of its population, Jerusalem is now Israel's largest city. But David and Yocheved wonder if all this growth is for the best.

"How can my grandchildren understand how we grew up?" David Rivlin ponders wistfully. "Children who do not know

what it means to struggle, who do not remember a time of suffering, who do not commit themselves to a cause. We sang songs at night and we went for long walks; our grandchildren come home to their televisions. We dreamed of having the money to buy a radio; they boot up their computers."

"Our lives were so simple then," Yocheved continues. "Our expectations for ourselves were small, our hopes for our country were so great. We were involved, committed, aware of the unique role which Jewish history assigned to us. We saw ourselves as Zionists, but our children and grand-

*Rivlin street today--truly different from the isolated outpost it once was--is a bustling pedestrian mall.
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children speak of the post-Zionist period."

Yocheved is especially sad at the loss the house

that Reb Yoshe built, torn down some 20 years ago to make room for a modern office building. And David is concerned about Nahalat Shiva's transformation into a trendy nightspot. "If Reb Yoshe was ever to wake up and see what has become of his dream, he would go right back to his grave," he says.

Does history impart a special responsibility to members of such an illustrious family? David and Yocheved believe that they grew up with a commitment to serve the country, but Oren says, "The truth is, I like to go out with my friends, to feel like everyone else,

Common Israeli wisdom has it that Jerusalemites are somehow different, attached to Jewish history in a way that is different from anywhere else. And everyone can identify a native Jerusalemite by his special pronunciation of some most common Hebrew words. Yocheved says that she can't put her finger on it, but knows that Jerusalemites are special. "David believes that Jerusalemites are different, less frenetic than their Tel Aviv counterparts, more thoughtful and restrained. Oren disagrees. "I don't see any difference between Jerusalemites and anyone," he says categorically. Then he adds, "But



too. I want to live now and in the future, not in the past."

I don't feel comfortable anywhere else. This is truly my home."



Michael Kadis, businessman and biker, will lead JNF's Motorcycle Rally through Israel, Egypt and Jordan on October 15-24, 1996.

Bikers Rev Up for Israel-Egypt-Jordan Rally

Michael Kadis has been biking for nearly 40 of his 52 years.

As a young man, he built his first motor bike by attaching a power lawn mower engine to his bicycle.

On October 15-24, 1996, Michael will do something really exciting: he will lead a group of approximately 50 bikers on a motorcycle rally beginning in Tel Aviv, running through Israel, on to Jordan, then by ferry across the Gulf of Aqaba into Egypt, to Mt. Sinai in the Sinai Desert, through Taba, into Eilat, and finishing back in Jerusalem, Israel.

Bikers from around the world are invited to join this unique rally, which is being held under the aegis of the Jewish National Fund. Established 94 years ago, JNF is the sole agency officially charged with land development and reclamation in Israel.

All motorcycle enthusiasts, regardless of the type of bike driven, should be interested in this rally. Nearly 20 participants have already signed up, and rally organizers plan to limit the field to no more than 50. The caravan across the three Middle East nations will include a luggage van and an air conditioned luxury coach for non-riding participants, including spouses, journalists and other guests.

Michael now rides with a group in Cleveland, Ohio, where he resides and maintains several business interests, including machinery for the chemical, plastics and process industries; industrial real estate development; the manufacture of steel products, industrial coating, and the cryogenic grinding of heat-sensitive chemicals. These are his trades, but biking is his passion.

“The freedom, the sense of ‘you and the road’, the combination of wind and speed and the absolute concentration biking requires, gets you away from the normal course of events.

“You have to have a clear mind,” he added. “In a way it’s like golf: you have to be totally focused to function successfully.”

Mr. Kadis recently biked through the Canadian Rockies to the “Stampede” in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Montana’s Glacier National Park, and participated in Daytona’s Harley Rally in March.

Burt Richmond, of Lotus Tours, Chicago, will be the “Tour Meister.” Burt, who is an architect turned motorcycle tour leader, speaks of the “cerebral sense of biking.” He will assist Mr. Kadis with the rally’s planning and logistics, bringing 12 years of motorcycle tour experience to the group. Burt just returned from Peru, and is planning motorcycle tours of Vietnam, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Colorado, New Mexico and Tunisia.

“The combination of history, culture, religion, scenery, camaraderie and even exotic local cuisine,

in the cradle of civilization, an area that bikers have not experienced in this manner, will make this an unforgettable journey,” said Mr. Richmond.

Ruth W. Popkin, JNF Missions Chair, commented on the innovative concept of a motorcycle rally through Israel, Jordan and Egypt, saying, “A few years ago this kind of trip would have been impossible to make.”

Milton S. Shapiro, JNF president, agreed, adding, “The fact that JNF is initiating this rally shows how innovative our missions are and how much the world has changed.”

Reflective of this change is the sharing by Israel of desert technologies with Egypt and Jordan. Parts of

the countries share similar terrain and climate, and the Jewish National Fund has developed an expertise in arid lands management that can be helpful to neighboring countries. JNF was mentioned by name in the treaty with Jordan to assist in water management and desertification problems, and has sponsored or co-sponsored international conferences in Israel on arid lands management to which many nations sent representatives.

For information, contact Mort Naiman, JNF associate national campaign director, at 212-879-9300 ext 261, or the JNF Missions Department at 800-570-1673, or contact Michael Kadis directly through the JNF phone numbers.



AN Encounter

by Esther L. Panitz

On Sunday, October 22, the Sisterhood of the First Hebrew Congregation, Peekskill NY had a guest speaker. Rabbi Pamela Hoffman from the Conservative Congregation in Halifax NS, touched the hearts of her audience with a startlingly simple observation. If I interpret correctly, her thesis was abundantly clear. During those transcendent moments in our lives when we encounter the divine, myth and symbol-- and most of all ritual--we define, crystallize and structure those ineffable experiences. Such changes permit the realms of the material and spiritual worlds to merge. In the process we are transformed. One after the other, members in the audience testified to the relevant holiness of a particular moment in their lives, that instant when the sacred and the profane, the secular and the religious fuse. I was doubly shaken by the implications of Rabbi Hoffman's remarks.

As a graduate of the Seminary College of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and as a member of a family descended from such rabbinical luminaries as the 16th century scholar and kabbalist, Isaac Horowitz, and related by marriage to the descendants of Jacob Emden, 18th century skeptic and controversial legalist, I was a traditional but not a strictly orthodox Jew. Still, it was imperative that I be home before the Sabbath. Little did I realize when on October 20, I apologized to my students at William Paterson College in Wayne NJ for rushing home, that I would be on the road until 10:00 that night.

At first, when I headed north on the Garden State for the Thruway to the Tappan Zee Bridge, the route seemed uneventful, but at exit 8 on the Thruway two ominous signs should have alerted me. An accident had immobilized all the lanes of the Bridge in both directions. There would be a two hour delay. To head south was ridiculous. Manhattan was beset by gridlock, that symbol of the UN's celebratory season.

The radio told all those bewildered motorists to travel north to the Bear Mountain Bridge or to swim the river. I had no choice. My wait until

I reached exit 17 of the Palisades Interstate was interminable. By 6:30 pm, the Friday evening program from New York's Temple Emanuel had just concluded, and I was close to the grassy ledge alongside Anthony Wayne Park, when there was a strange sound. The sky lit up, and all the electricity in my car ground down. Suddenly, from nowhere two women appeared. One had a cellular phone and the other was a left handed driver. The one with the phone said, "Get in the car. I am a dentist." With that she gave me her card which read: "Dr. Jane Colfax Young, DMD." A descendant of Schuyler Colfax, the signer of the Declaration of Independence from New Jersey, Dr. Young went on to tell me how her grandaunt had grown up in the Dey Mansion, in Wayne NJ, the ancestral home, dating from 1765. In describing my background I told her about my days at Columbia, only to discover that her mother and I took our graduate work during the same years, with some of the same instructors. Meanwhile, the driver, Gail said, "Let me make some tea," and flipped on the lights. Her right arm stopped at the elbow. She brewed the tea. Meanwhile, Jane, looking at the pictures of my late husband, speaking before a Board of Education meeting in Paterson NJ, said "Oh, yes, I recognize some of the people in the audience, and so it went.

I asked them if they wanted to spend the night, but no, they said they would leave and call me the next day. By 10 am they phoned to say they had reached Pawtucket at 3:00 that morning, and now I have two new friends. When they left, I said, "Can I kiss you?" Yes, they replied, and silently I cried. Later we exchanged gifts.

Here was a transcendent moment in which the temporal and spiritual worlds touched. Recounting this incident to my driver who ferries me to the airports brought forth another response. He called it "godcidental." Even more irrational was a visit from the local police. When we reached Shrub Oak, they told me the alarm at my home had gone off at 5:10 pm. No other home at the end of the street where I live was affected. Perhaps the strangest confluence of events was that after this encounter with my new-found friends, I heard Rabbi Hoffman speak of God's transforming power structured through ritual and myth.

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Whoopi Goldberg

Film star Whoopi Goldberg livened up "Children at Heart," a fund raising auction at New York Sotheby's held for Chabad Children of Chernobyl project. Shown here, Whoopi is auctioning off her "Planet Hollywood" leather jacket which fetched a whooping \$6,000 to benefit children who have been affected by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear explosion. The Chabad organization has been evacuating children from the contaminated areas since 1990, and has brought nearly 1300 Jewish children to Israel for medical treatment and permanent relocation. Other film stars on hand to boost the Chabad organization were Jon Voight (Midnight Cowboy, Coming Home, Heat), Marvin Hamlisch, Dr. Ruth and Tina Louise. Proceeds are expected to bring a new flight of children in March.

A star-studded Sotheby's auction, co-chaired by Steven Spielberg and Elie Wiesel, raised thousands of dollars to benefit the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project, an Israel-based organization that evacuates Jewish Chernobyl victims and brings them to Israel for medical treatment.

Jon Voight, Whoopi Goldberg, Dr. Ruth, Sally Jessy Raphael, Darren Star, Tama Janowitz, LeRoy Neiman, and Marvin Hamlisch were on hand to create a celebrity, fun-filled evening for over 500 guests. The auction, entitled "Children at Heart," offered a variety of fantasy experiences designed to lure the "child in all of us." Items included a private dinner with Robin Williams for six, a weekend getaway at Prince Monsoor Ijaz's chateau in the South of France, a backstage meeting with Luciano Pavarotti, and a party for ten kids and two adults on the set of Jurassic Park II with Steven Spielberg. Among the items auctioned by guest auctioneers Dr. Ruth, Whoopi Goldberg, Martha Byrne of "As the World Turns" and Tina Louise, "Ginger" of "Gilligan's Island," were a specially-commissioned Peter Max painting for Children At Heart, Whoopi Goldberg's autographed Planet Hollywood jacket and Stevie Wonder's keyboard.

Master of Ceremonies Jon Voight (*Midnight Cowboy, Coming Home, Heat*) did a masterful job of inspiring the audience with a moving description of the plight of the Chernobyl children who are the real beneficiaries of the evening's proceedings.

"Since 1990, Chabad's Children of Chernobyl has saved the lives 1,294 children. And your enthusiastic participa-

tion in tonight's auction can become your way of helping save the lives of thousands more waiting behind."

Also in attendance were Steven Spielberg's mother, Leah Adler, and his two sisters, Nancy and Sue Spielberg, who are active board members of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project. A special presentation was made to Leah Adler, in tribute to her late husband, Bernie Adler, of blessed memory, who was instrumental in helping save the lives of many of the radiation-stricken children aided by Chabad.

Dr. Keith Baverstock, Chief Radiation Scientist for the World Health Organization, flew from Rome to attend the event and to add his words of admiration for Chabad's efforts in aiding children whose lives have been ravaged by radiation. "The rate of cancer is now 500 times above normal in the stricken areas," he said. "The work of Chabad can help change the downward spiral of despair, into an upward spiral of hope for thousands of children."

The evening was a huge success, with the real winners of the evening being the children to be airlifted on the next CCOC flight with the funds that were raised.

"We were thrilled at the turnout and the response," said Yossie Raichik, Director of Chabad's Children of Chernobyl. "The money raised can pay for much needed medical care, nutritious food, housing, education, and clothing provided to the children in our care. It will bring hope to many more children and their

parents now waiting to be evacuated from the contaminated, disease-ridden areas of Ukraine and Belarus."

Chabad's Children of Chernobyl is the only Chernobyl relief program in the world to permanently evacuate children from the stricken areas. Children are

Star-Studded Fantasy Auction at Sotheby's Raises Funds for Chabad's Children of Chernobyl

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brought to live in campuses in Kfar Chabad where they are cared for until their parents can join them for permanent resettlement in Israel. To date, the organization has brought 1,294 children and plans to increase that number with the new flights arriving in the coming months before the 10th Chernobyl anniversary on April 26, 1996.

The proceeds from this event paid for the evacuation and care of the children of the 22nd flight which arrived on March 21st.



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Galia Goodman Suzanne Lagershausen

The Interfaith Ketubah was designed by Suzanne Lagershausen of Chicago, and Galia Goodman of Durham, North Carolina, and is available from Good Company, Box 3218, Chicago, Illinois 60654 (312) 755-0880, for \$95.

Chicago, IL. . . When a Jew and Christian marry one another, their lives often blend much more harmoniously than do their cultures.

Culture clash often starts with the wedding over which traditions should be included in the ceremony. One of the religious traditions, often requested, but noticeably absent for interfaith couples has been the Jewish marriage contract or ketubah.

For the Jewish partner, the Ketubah is a two millenium tradition. For the Christian partner, it's a custom that excludes them from the marriage.

Under Jewish law, the traditional Ketubah may be used to unite in marriage a Jewish man and Jewish woman only. But many Jews engaged to non-Jews covet the sentiment and tradition that the signing of the Ketubah lends to the wedding ceremony.

However, Good Company of Chicago has a solution to this Solomonic dilemma: An Interfaith Ketubah created especially to address their desire for the growing population of Jews who marry outside the faith.

"We replaced the language which makes the Ketubah definitively Jewish and replaced it with prose that permits both partners to

maintain their own religious identity and to feel comfortable about signing the wedding document," said Rabbi Allen Secher, Chicago, creator of the new Interfaith Ketubah.

New Interfaith Marriage Ketubah Joining Jewish/ Christian Customs

"Over half of the Jews who marry today marry non-Jews, yet each partner often wishes for as much tradition in their wedding as possible."

"For Catholics, it's the Unity

candle and roses. For the Jew, it's the Chuppah or wedding canopy, the blessing over wine and the breaking of the glass. Until now, the Ketubah had to be excluded from such ceremonies," Rabbi Secher explained.

"The new Interfaith Ketubah text, written in Hebrew and English, integrates the style of the traditional Ketubah which expresses hope and celebration with nondenominational and egalitarian language. In it, the couple clearly expresses their mutual commitment, their promises to one another and their pledge to honor each other's respective traditions.

Elaborate, artistic ketubot have always been given prominent display in Jewish households, a tradition Secher hopes will be continued with this new Interfaith Ketubah.

Designed as an art piece, the Interfaith Ketubah measures 16" by 20", is printed in six colors on special artistic paper, and features elaborate paper-cut floral designs similar to those found on historic ketubot.

"Marriage emphasizes attachment to heritage," Rabbi Secher said. "Part of that attachment is the ketubah--a way for the intermarried couple to honor their parents and themselves by that attachment."

Horoscope

Taurus

21 April - 20 May

You are ruled by Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. Patient and of **kind disposition**, you strive to **reach harmony** with other people, but if pushed too far, you may get furious and attack your surroundings like a bull in a china shop.

Your vitality is rooted in **physical sensations**. You have a **good taste**, you like to wear soft clothes, to dine in glamorous restaurants with soft lights and violins, you love soothing pastel colors, you appreciate luxurious jewelry, good perfumes, good sex and good company.

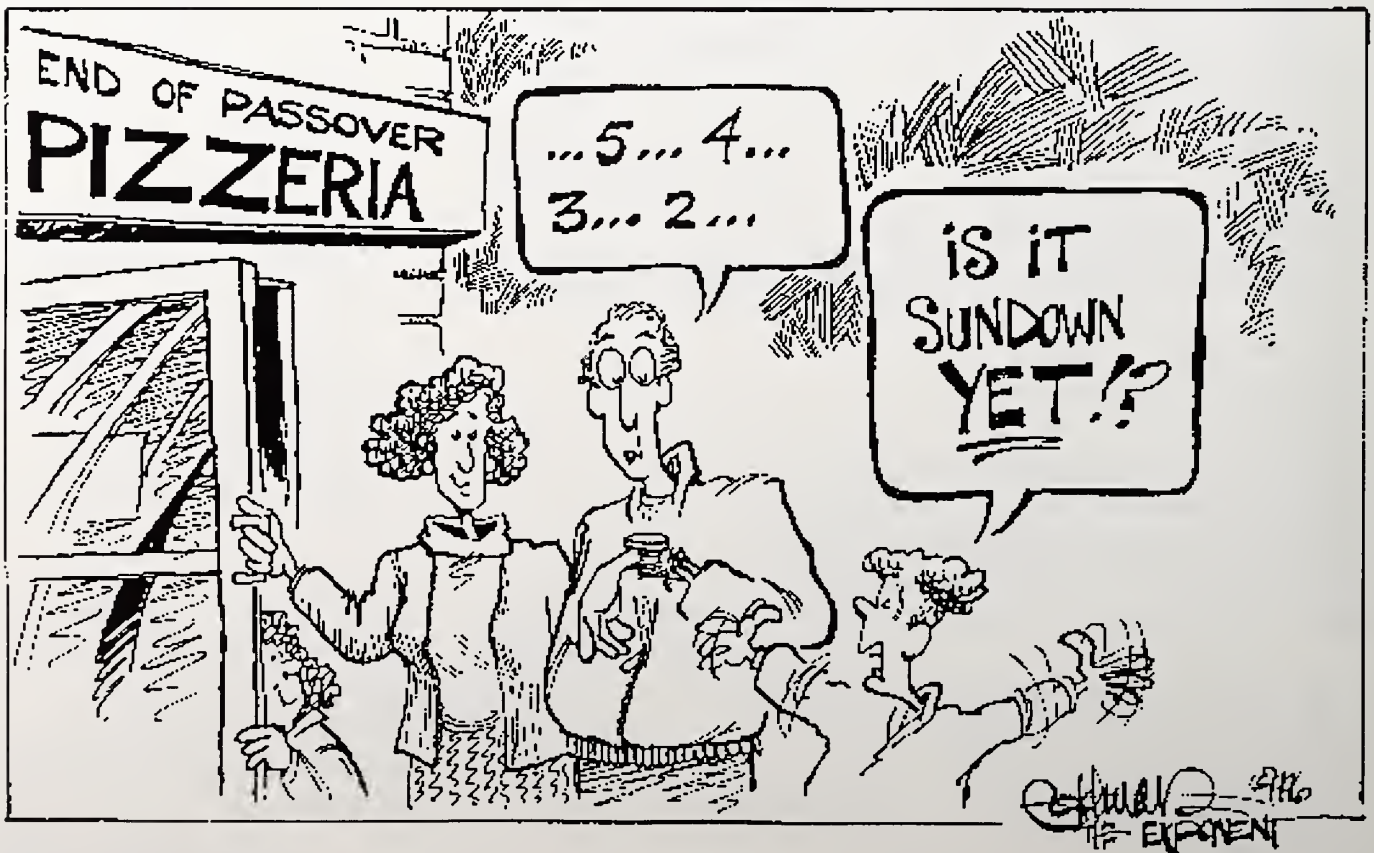
You are the salt of the earth.

Gemini

21 May - 20 June

Alive and alert, you enliven even drab and dreary surroundings. Curious and restless, you ask questions and look for **challenges and adventure**. You jump from one project to another, from learning woodcraft in Bali to climbing the Aconcagua. Your main need is to express yourself **verbally**. **Duality** is your secret: You can do two things at the same time, write, feed the baby and talk on the phone. You may love two partners, have two careers, two apartments, two pets, and a lot of dreams. Both the **abstract intellect and the concrete detail** will attract you alike.

Clever and lighthearted, you are a fun person to be with.



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The Matzah Ball Fairy

UAHC Press
by Carla Heymsfeld
Illustrated by Vlad Guzner
28 pp. \$11.95
Reviewed by
Estelle Hoffman

Although this book arrived too late to be reviewed in our March issue, it is too good to be ignored. It is an unusually delightful children's book, sure to evoke chuckles.

Indeed, it need not be reserved for the Passover season, for with its Mary Poppins reminders, it will amuse the adult reader as it makes children laugh.

The brightly colored pictures with imaginative details will be equally absorbing as the text. The Illustrator, Vlad Guzner, a

native of Russia, is now noted for his work in children's books and for illustrations in *The New York Times Book Review* and other publications.

Author Carla Heymsfeld, is a reading specialist at the elementary school level who has three children's books to her credit. She ends the book with a short explanation of Passover and matzah balls. She must be a great asset to Virginia schools.

The suitable age is stated by UAHC Press to be "primary," but it should be recommended for all who are young at heart.

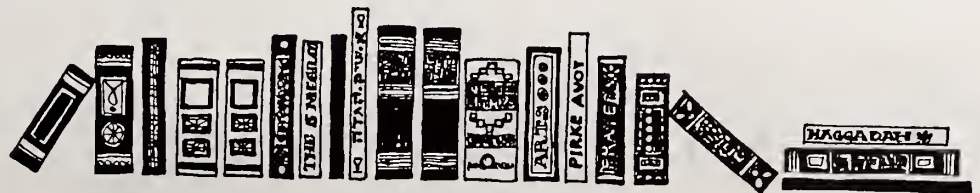
The Bones of Berdichev:

The Life and Fate of Vasily Grossman
by John and Carol Garrard
The Free Press 437 pp.
\$27.50

The Bones of Berdichev: The Life and Fate of Vasily Grossman, by John and Carol Garrard, is the fascinating story of Vasily Grossman, a Russian Jewish writer who experienced many of the most significant events of the 20th century: the Russian Revolution and the civil war, Stalinist purges, the war on the eastern front and the Holocaust. As a correspondent for the *Red Sea* and *Pravda*, Grossman spent over 1,000 days with the Soviet army between 1941 and 1945. His writings from that period shed new light on the lives of Red Army soldiers in what was probably the most grueling campaign in the history of war. And most importantly, it was Grossman who first published accounts of mass killings of Jews by Nazis on Soviet soil, adding a new dimension to our understanding of the Holocaust. In fact, the

Garrards provide convincing evidence that the atrocities Grossman discovered in Russia represented the true beginnings of the Holocaust, predating the death camps of Poland. To substantiate their claims, the Garrards draw from a variety of sources, including interviews with Grossman's friends and relatives, and recently opened Soviet archives.

The Bones of Berdichev paints a captivating portrait of a man torn between the ideals of his youth and the painful realization born from his horrific experiences in war and genocide. As a young man, Grossman believed wholeheartedly in the Soviet experiment, but gradually rejected totalitarianism, which culminated when he discovered proof that Soviet soldiers facilitated the Nazi slaughter of tens of thousands of Jews--his own mother included--just outside his hometown of Berdichev. After that he became an unrepentant critic of the Soviet system, which nearly cost him his life under Stalin and Krushchev. The Holocaust



alerted Grossman to the striking similarity between fascism and communism, driving him to expose their shared currency of lying, denunciations, cowardice and cruelty.

Vasily Grossman died in 1964, but *glasnost* brought him back to life. The postmortem release of his unpublished works of fiction appointed him to his rightful place as one of the greatest Russian writers of the 20th century. Today, his reputation as a novelist within Russia already exceeds that of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Boris Pasternak, and most other western favorites. *The Bones of Berdichev* not only tells Grossman's story, but helps us understand, through the lessons he learned, why and where we have gone awry in this violent and tumultuous century.

John Garrard, professor of Russian Literature at the University of Arizona, and his wife Carol Garrard are co-authors of *Inside the Soviet Writer's Union* (The Free Press, 1990). They live in Tucson, Arizona.

The Jew in the Text: Modernity and the Construction of Identity

*Edited by Linda Nochlin & Tamar Garb
Thames and Hudson Inc.
336 pp. \$29.95
Reviewed by
Estelle Hoffman*

The Jew in the Text is a collection of essays published in England, where it received enthusiastic reviews. Concerned with Jewish identity as expressed in the arts, the sixteen pieces are brilliantly written. Included are explanations and explorations of writings, painting, public sculpture and the theater. The literary works include philosophy, sociology and novels. Some date back into the 19th century; others are recent, concluding with "The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: Memory and the Politics of Identity, by James E. Young.

The essays are by and about Jews, showing "real" and "fictitious" Jews, trying to understand the Jew in the modern world, his various identities and experiences.

In Juliet Stein's contribu-

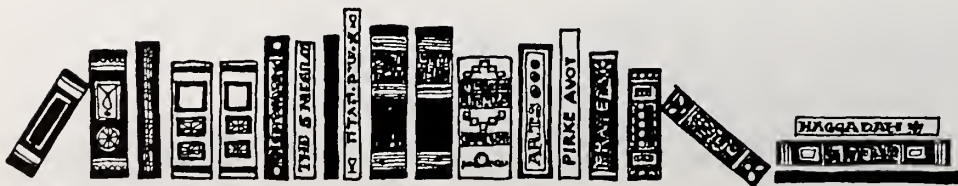
tion to this book, we are reminded of Charles Dickens, who waged battles for various underprivileged and mistreated classes, but who saw fit to portray the Jewish male according to the vile stereotype of the time, while dealing more favorably with the Jewess. It is impossible to explain or to accept the prejudicial attitude of Dickens, who cried out for justice for children, debtors, prisoners, and paupers.

At an earlier date, the Member of Parliament Macaulay, later to become the famous historian Lord Macaulay, spoke out in fairness: "The history of England is made up of wrongs suffered and injuries endured by them." That was in a speech in 1830 in support of citizenship for Jews. But decades later, Dickens and his famous illustrator depicted the Jew as worse than evil, doomed because of his birthright.

Enlightened England was not alone. There are several essays in this collection dealing with the status of the Jews in France. One revealing

chapter by Sander L. Gilman is entitled, "Salome, Syphilis, Sarah Bernhardt and the Modern Jewess." Sarah Bernhardt was Jewish by birth, but had little, if any, connection with Judaism throughout her long and famous career. Yet, she was known by the public to be Jewish and anti-Semitic barbs were repeatedly cast upon her. Many survive in posters and publicity. In France before and after the turn of the century, anti-Semitism was enormous. As the participation of Jews in the political and cultural life of France increased, so did the demonization of the Jew, according to Michele Cone in the essay, "Vampires, Viruses, Lucien Rebatet." The Dreyfuss affair is well known, but is only one of the ugly manifestations of the disease of anti-Semitism in emancipated France. Between the two World Wars, the question hanging in the French atmosphere was whether the Jews should be expelled, or whether to massacre them. There actually existed the French Anti-Jewish Committee before World War II.

Contrast this with the



situation in the United States, the writer advises. In France, the argument went that Jews had infiltrated, and thus contaminated French art. The latent, individual bias against Jews in America was never sponsored by the U.S. government, and since World War II, the position of Jews in America has indisputably advanced to the point of acceptance in many areas from which Jews had previously been excluded.

Thanks in part to our media that have familiarized the entire American society with Jewish people, our custom and even countless words of Hebrew and especially Jewish which have become common usage. Need bagels and lox be mentioned in this context?

I have digressed, but cannot fail to wave the flag occasionally, despite underlying fears, which never disappear completely. There remains faith (more than hope) in the mainstream of America and the guarantees of our Constitution.

Some of the essays are erudite and require more than just a little thought and some references to the dictionary, even to find words not therein

contained. The Jew in the writings of Sartre and James Joyce is examined in depth, with pros and cons of the issue of anti-Semitism in those important segments of English literature.

Inclusion of the essay on THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM may seem to be beyond the scope of the collection in this volume. The point is made as follows:

"Although the Holocaust took place in Europe, the event is of fundamental significance to Americans for three reasons. First, it was American troops who liberated many death camps, and helped to expose the horrible truth of what had been done there. Also, the United States became a homeland for many of those who were able to survive. Secondly, however, we must share the responsibility for not being willing to acknowledge . . . this horrible event was occurring. Finally, because we are humane people, concerned with the human rights of all peoples, we feel compelled to study the systematic destruction of the Jews so that we may seek to learn how to prevent such enormities from occurring in the future."

This further quotation

from James Young's excellent essay that includes the book is good to remember: "That is, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial defines what it means to be American by graphically illustrating what it means not to be American."

For a serious contempla-

tion of aspects of Jewish existence in the Western World in the period historians call Modern Times; that is the period roughly since the Napoleonic era, *The Jew in the Text* provides substantial and interesting reading.

**Jerusalem's Birthday Celebrated
by Jewish Theatre Group with
"L'Chaim, Yerushalayim!"
Greensboro, May 19**

GREENSBORO--L'Chaim Productions, Inc., Jewish Theatre Company, will celebrate the 3000th birthday of Jerusalem with its May 19 staging of "L'Chaim, Yerushalayim!" at 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 713 N. Greene St. in downtown Greensboro.

According to company founder, artistic director and playwright-in-residence, Karen Dresser, "L'Chaim, Yerushalayim!" will be an evening of literature and music, "incorporating poetry, songs, dances and costumes, all conveying the thoughts of writers of all faiths and nationalities who have visited Jerusalem."

L'Chaim Productions is also booking tour dates for its murder mysteries: "Death by Diamonds" and "Murder by the Book" and its teen drama, "Mt Vesuvius."

"Death by Diamonds" is an audience-participation murder mystery for adults; "Murder by the Book" is a participatory show for teens and "Mt. Vesuvius" is a one-act play about date rape and teen sexuality.

For additional information and reservation for "L'Chaim, Yerushalayim!," contact Dresser at 910-852-3578.

The Book of the Jewish Year

by Stephen M. Wylen

UAHC Press 154 pp. paperback \$12.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

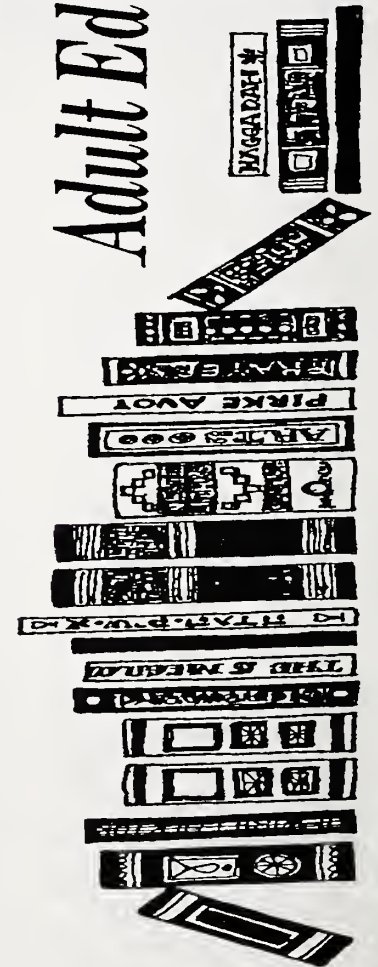
This excellent publication explaining celebrations, customs, feasts and fasts of the Jewish year compiles all the information about its theme without reading like a textbook. It is printed on high quality paper. It is illustrated mostly in color with copies from old books and manuscripts, with photographs and drawings both ancient and modern, all of which lead the reader eagerly from page to page.

The book begins with the Jewish calendar and the reason for calendars, headed by the familiar quotation from Ecclesiastes: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

As it proceeds through the seasons, each portion ends with a short story, and/or a personal reference to the occasion and appropriate "Mitzvot and Minhagim" (Good deeds and customs), pertaining to the foregoing portion. Both Hebrew and English are used for Hebrew words. The illustrator, Joel Iskowitz is to be complimented on his contribution to all of the other artwork which makes this an exciting book to read and enjoy.

It is, in fact, a short summary of a short course on the Jewish Year and much of Jewish history and customs, as it portends to be. The book is recommended for ages 9 to 12. It will serve as well for a brief review of Jewish holidays and Jewish practice for anyone. It is easy, interesting reading and what a buy for \$12.00!

Adult Ed





Israeli Felafel

(Chick Pea Patties)

2 cups chick peas, which have been soaked in water overnight
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 Tbsp. finely chopped parsley
 1 large egg
 1 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. dried hot red peppers
 2 cloves garlic
 1 teaspoon cumin
 Dash of coriander seed
 1/2 cup fine bulgur, which has been soaked for 1 hour
 Vegetable oil for frying

Combine the drained chick peas and the onion. Add the parsley, egg and spices. Whirl in blender or food processor. Add the bulgur until the mixture forms a small ball without sticking to your hands. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Form the chick pea mixture into small balls about the size of a walnut or use a felafel measuring gadget (available in Middle Eastern markets). Flatten the patties slightly before frying them in deep fat until golden brown on each side. Drain the felafel on paper towels.

Jerusalem Hummus

1 cup raw chick peas
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1 cup tahina
 1/2 cup lemon juice, or to taste
 2 cloves garlic
 1 tsp. salt
 Freshly ground pepper to taste
 1/4 tsp. cumin
 Olive oil
 Paprika
 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley
 Olives

Soak the chick peas in water with the baking soda overnight. Add water to cover by 1/3 and simmer, covered, about 1 hour, or until the skin separates. Drain.

Reserving 1/2 cup chick peas, place the rest in a food processor or blender with the tahina, lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cumin. Process or whirl until smooth. To serve, place the hummus on a large, attractive, flat plate. Smooth it down with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle with the remaining chick peas, olive oil and paprika. Garnish with parsley and olives. Serve with a large basket filled with hot pita cut into wedges for dipping.

Israeli Eggplant Salad

Vegetable oil for frying
 1 medium eggplant, unpeeled
 Salt to taste
 1/2 large onion, sliced in thin rings
 1 clove garlic, minced
 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise, or to taste
 Juice of 1-1/2 lemons
 Pepper to taste

Pour about 2 inches of oil into a heavy frying pan and heat to 375 degrees.

Divide the eggplant in half and cube the flesh into 1/2 inch squares. Sprinkle with salt and fry half the eggplant at a time. When it is golden, remove it to a glass or ceramic bowl. Add the onion rings.

Blend in the garlic, mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Adjust seasoning. Let sit overnight and serve with hot bread.



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take off all
your clothes.

Now look in the mirror for signs of melanoma/skin cancer.

Notice any changes in the shape or color of your moles or freckles?

Do you have any new blemishes that are larger than 1/4-inch,

varied in color, irregular or asymmetrical in shape?

If so, you may have melanoma or another form of skin cancer and you should see a dermatologist. Left alone, melanoma will spread throughout your body and eventually kill you. Melanoma can be successfully cured if caught early.

Okay, you can put your clothes back on now.

Spot Melanoma/Skin Cancer Early.



Special Events I S R A E L

JUNE 1996: SPECIAL EVENTS IN ISRAEL

6 Jerusalem
**A THOUSAND VOICES SING
 TO JERUSALEM [J3000]**
*(Thousand-strong Dutch Choir and
 the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
 perform classical and folk music in
 Jerusalem's City Hall Square)*
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6 Jerusalem
GALA DES ETOILES [J3000]
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 from around the world)*
 Tel: 011-972-2-234128
 Fax: 011-972-2-243144

27-July 6 Jerusalem
**INTERNATIONAL FILM
 FESTIVAL [J3000]**
Cinematheque
 Tel: 011-972-2-724131
 Fax: 011-972-2-733076

27-Sept. 6 Jerusalem
**JERUSALEM COURTYARDS
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*(Artistic and cultural performances
 and exhibits in picturesque
 courtyards throughout the city)*
 Tel: 011-972-2-256211
 Fax: 011-972-2-234865

28-July 7 Countrywide
**INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE
 FESTIVAL**
 Tel: 011-972-2-660490
 Fax: 011-972-2-610131

Mysteries of

by Michelle Mazel

(WZPS) Despite endless wars, conquests and destruction, Jerusalem, holy to Christians, Moslems and Jews, has endured. It has, however, been left with a legacy of mysteries that have puzzled generations of scholars.

The saga of Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago when King David stormed the city, at the time the stronghold of the Jebusite, a small Canaanite tribe. We encounter here our first mystery. How did David succeed where so many had failed?

Scholars were restricted by the fact that they did not know exactly where the "City of David" had stood. Until the end of the 19th century, they believed it to be Mount Zion, the hill situated to the west of the city. By the turn of the century, scholars were increasingly unhappy at being unable to find proof

of this theory. Excavations conducted after the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 determined that the City of David was located slightly south of Mount Moriah--the Temple Mount--near the pool of Silwan. At some undocumented point in history, new ramparts had been erected, leaving much of the city out in the cold. A re-reading of the Bible, in view of these discoveries, led some present-day scholars to believe that David and his men entered the Jebusite stronghold through a tunnel bringing water into the city, taking its defenders by surprise.



The recent excavations at the biblical City of David, are unearthing solutions to some ancient mysteries of Jerusalem. WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.

Jerusalem

The next mystery is still far from being solved. Where is the exact location of the Second Temple? The First Temple, which was destroyed in 586 BCE by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, was rebuilt when the Hebrews returned from the Babylonian



exile. One of the most magnificent monuments of its time, it apparently disappeared without a trace after it was set on fire by the armies of Titus in the year 70 CE. The treasure that it contained--holy vessels, objects of gold and precious stones--also disappeared. Though there are a number of theories, there is no consensus today on the exact location of the Temple. For that reason, observant Jews cannot set foot on much of the Temple Mount for fear of treading unknowingly on

the site of the Holy of Holies. A synagogue, however, is documented to have been situated for many years on the Temple Mount site.

Here, a few judicious excavations would solve the riddle fairly quickly, since the general area is thought to be that of the present day Mosque of Omar. But the likelihood of such excavations ever being carried out is not very great. Muslim religious authorities, who administer the Temple Mount today, insist that Jews have no claim on the Mount. Clearly they have no wish to see vestiges of the great Jewish Temple brought to light.

Special Events I S R A E L

JULY 1996: SPECIAL EVENTS IN ISRAEL

2 Jerusalem
USA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
(Picnics, games, sports, live entertainment in Sacher Park)
Tel: 011-972-617151

5,6 Sea of Galilee
JACOB'S LADDER FESTIVAL
(Country, folk, Blues music festival--with international stars)
Tel/Fax: 011-972-6-962231

7-13 Haifa
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN INTERNATIONAL SAILING REGATTA
(Starts in Cyprus, ends in Haifa)
Tel: 011-972-4-985-1200
Fax: 011-972-4-991-6284

7-16 Jerusalem
INTERNATIONAL PUPPET THEATER FESTIVAL [J3000]
Tel: 011-972-2-733814
Fax: 011-972-2-732122

9-11 Carmiel
ISRAEL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL
Tel: 011-972-4-998-7951
Fax: 011-972-4-998-3514

14 Jerusalem
SYMPHONY OF A THOUSAND [J3000]
(Mahler's rarely performed 8th Symphony with Zubin Mehta, Israel Philharmonic and international guest stars)
Tel: 011-972-2-234128
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Special Events

I S R A E L

21-Aug 4 Jerusalem
MIZMOR L'IR DAVID [J3000]
(Cantors from around the world perform throughout the city)

26-Aug 4 Jerusalem
CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL MUSIC [J3000]
(Gospel choirs and guest soloists from around the world)
 Tel: 011-972-2-234128
 Fax: 011-972-2-243144

26-Aug 12
KESHET EILON VIOLIN MASTERCOURSE
(Western Galilee at Kibbutz Eilon)
 Tel: 011-972-4-985-8347
 Fax: 011-972-4-980-7323

31 Jerusalem
GALA CONCERT OF PSALMS [J3000]
(Gala concert in the open air Sultan's Pool, with classical works based on the Psalms: Zubin Mehta, Israel Philharmonic; guest stars Include Jose Carreras, Ruggero Raimondi and Barbara Hendricks)
 Tel: 011-972-2-234128
 Fax: 011-972-2-243144

The treasures of the Temple also never surfaced, though according to legend, they were spirited away to a secret cave deep beneath the bowels of the earth awaiting the rebuilding of the Temple.

Another riddle plagued Christians for a long time--that of the exact site of the crucifixion and of the tomb of Jesus. True, a magnificent church had been erected as early as the fourth century on what was believed to be that site. However, many Christian scholars were uneasy. The site was well within city limits and Jewish religious law does not permit burial within the municipal limits of Jewish cities. The question is, where exactly did the boundaries of Jerusalem stand at the time of the death of Jesus? There is no decisive answer, but the consensus today is that the site was well beyond the city wall.

A group of Protestant churches has evolved a theory of their own. They believe the tomb and site of the crucifixion stand well away from present-day ramparts, in a garden situated by a skull-shaped hill outside Damascus Gate on the north side of the Old City. The "Garden Tomb" theory, suggested as early as 1840, was made famous when British General Gordon endorsed it. The site still draws many visitors today.

Even the origin of the name "Jerusalem" is unclear. For some it is the city of the god Salem; others insist that it means "Vision of Peace." Perhaps the advent of the fourth millenium, even if it does not dissipate some mysteries, will indeed usher in a new era of peace.

Special Events

I S R A E L

Blumenthal Jewish Home

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May Issue

From A Nurse's Perspective

by Judy Morris RN

My name is Judy Morris. I have been employed as a registered Nurse by the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the past seven years and recently received a promotion to the position of A-Wing Unit Manager. Prior to this I was involved in the care of both my mother and mother-in-law. It was during this period of time that I was first exposed to long-term care for the elderly. As the years passed and the health of these two wonderful people declined, I was forced to face some difficult decisions regarding their future care.

My mother had a massive stroke which left her completely paralyzed on one side and my mother-in-law broke her ankle. We were encouraged to place my mother in a "nursing home" and my mother-in-law moved into our home. A few years later my mother died, and one year after that my mother-in-law died.

At this time, I felt I had a lot of extra time and decided to look for work in the nursing profession. The Blumenthal Jewish Home gave me the opportunity to practice in the field of geriatrics. I will always be grateful for that opportunity.

During my years of employment at this institution, I have seen why the Home retains such an excellent reputation. BJH strives to treat each and every resident with all the respect and dignity to which they are entitled. Their physical and mental needs are of the utmost importance. The

Home has an excellent medical staff, and nursing management is always striving for more effective ways to deliver nursing care for the benefit of each individual resident. Our in-house pharmacy further facilitates meeting the residents' medical needs in any

situation. Our nursing assistant ratio is excellent compared to other facilities I have had occasion to visit. We have a transportation department which provides transportation to medical appointments. The recreation department works diligently



Judy Morris

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to provide activities both on the grounds and off for all residents based on their level of care. The Home provides several in-house medical clinics for the benefit of the residents. We also provide rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech therapy. Whenever possible each resident has a voice in his/her treatment and the activities in which he/she participates. When a nurse or other caregiver has suggestions for equipment or other items which may enable the resident to have a better quality of life, they are encouraged to discuss these suggestions with the proper authorities. Our Social Services department does an excellent job of providing the clothing and other items that a resident needs. They go shopping for our residents when they are unable to go for themselves and visit them regularly.

I have been very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this institution. My employment has shown me the value of human life. With the efforts of a team of caring individuals, a senior citizen can live out his/her latter years with dignity and respect.



Judy Morris Appointed Unit Manager on A Wing

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Judy Morris, RN as the new A wing unit manager. Although new to this position, Judy is neither new to BJH nor to the nursing profession. Judy brought many years of nursing experience with her when she joined the Home's staff in July 1988 as an RN on the B-1 unit. Until her recent appointment Judy served as a charge nurse and weekend supervisor on the B1 unit.

In 1964 Judy Morris received her nursing degree from Rowan Memorial Nursing School, after completing a thirty-six month diploma program. Her early nursing experiences were at Rowan Memorial Hospital and Charlotte Memorial Hospital, where she worked in the operating room. This experience led her to return to school for eighteen months and in 1969 she received her certification as a nurse anesthetist. Over the next ten years Judy worked as a nurse anesthetist at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro and Forsyth Medical Park in Winston-Salem and helped to set up the combined Baptist and Forsyth Hospitals Obstetric unit.

Judy says that she feels fortunate that when she was ready to return to work, following a number of years out of the work force, the staff at BJH was willing to give her the opportunity to resume her career. Enjoying her new position as unit manager, Judy says that although it entails greater responsibility and increased documentation she looks forward to coming to work each day and especially to spending a part of each day visiting with the residents.



Greensboro volunteers and students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro make the March birthday party a joyous event for the residents.

To Your Health

Nursing meets Today's Challenges

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing (left) with Peggy Bridges, Staff Development Director.



Lorraine Hetrick, B2 Unit Manager (left) with Libby Carter, B1 Unit Manager.

Patsy Petree, the Director of Nursing at BJH celebrates her eleventh anniversary with the Home this month. During these years she has seen many changes both in nursing technology as well as in the population requiring long term care. "The elderly are waiting longer to enter both Fair Oaks and the nursing Home and when they do choose to come they arrive with greater needs", says Patsy in speaking of the changes. The average age on admission is now between 85 and 90 and the average age of the residents is 88. According to Mrs Petree we are facing multiple changes in long term care and will be faced with many challenges in the future. She believes that at the Blumenthal Jewish Home we will continue to provide the care that we believe in and have always provided because of the philosophy of the Home and its staff.

The dedication of the nursing staff and their commitment to the care of the resident is exemplified by the continuity of service within the department. Many in the department, on all levels, have worked at the Home for many years. Their long-standing service is indicative of the excellence in care provided at BJH. "We all know the system and share its philosophy" says Patsy, "The residents care is foremost and the

outcome for a resident is our primary concern. By the time a person arrives at a long term care facility they have experienced multiple losses. We try to minimize their losses and help them adjust; rehabilitation whether it be physical, emotional or medical should begin the day of admission."

In the nursing facility all of the beds are classified as skilled nursing and each unit has an RN (registered nurse) who serves as the Unit Manager. Fair Oaks is staffed with LPN's (licensed practical nurses and CNA's (certified nursing assistants). Libby Carter, Unit manager on B-1, has been with the Home for 14 years; Lorraine Hetrick, Unit Manager on B2, for 8 years and Judy Morris, A-wing unit manager has been on staff for 8 years. Peggy Bridges, Director of Staff Development joined BJH four years ago bringing many years of nursing experience to this position. The professional nursing staff which includes RN's and LPN's, numbers approximately 35. With the addition of approximately 70 CNA's, the nursing caregivers number over 100 creating a high staff to resident ratio. Together the BJH skilled nursing staff ensures continuity of quality care providing the technology of modern day nursing coupled with the compassion of experienced care.

The Whole Megillah

B'nai Shalom Day School students delighted residents with their performance of an original Purim play directed by their teacher Karen Dresser. These talented students charmed their audience with both their enthusiasm and their friendly greetings as they helped to serve refreshments and distribute flowers to the residents after the performance.



Talented students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro take a bow following their performance of a Purim play for the BJH residents.



The B'nai Shalom students help serve refreshments to the residents at the party.

Rabbi Fred Guttman, Cheryl Greenberg, Education Director and religious school students from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro brought the sounds of Purim to the Home when they visited on Sunday March 3rd. The Youth Choir entertained residents with a spirited musical program capturing the festival mood and adding to the celebration of Purim.

Rabbi Fred Guttman accompanies the religious school students from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro in entertaining the residents with a lively musical Purim program.



BJH Briefs

... and More Purim Scenes

Cantor Elias Roochvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte captivated his audience at BJH when he presented his "post Purim pre- Passover" concert set between the holidays. He truly pleased his admiring fans who enjoy both his beautiful singing and his engaging personality.

Cantor Elias Roochvarg sings to an admiring audience in the Fair Oaks living room.



Purim masks were never as glamorous as those created by residents at BJH. Sequins, sparkles, feathers and creativity turned a fun project into decorative masks to be worn and displayed. Residents and activity therapists had a good time preparing for the holiday of Purim.

BJH resident Eva Kaplan proudly displays a sparkling mask created for Purim.



The Purim celebration was complete with services in the Fair Oaks synagogue, the reading of the Megillah and enjoying the tasty treat of hamantaschen.

Residents enjoy receiving the flowers distributed by B'nai Shalom students at the BJH birthday party.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

21 Years

Pauline Allen, CNA, Fair Oaks

19 Years

Esther Peay, Dietary

16 Years

Vicki Brown, LPN, Fair Oaks

13 Years

Phillip Money, CNA, B1

11 Years

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing

8 Years

Lois Slater, CNA, Fair Oaks

7 Years

Genevieve Yankus, Dietary

6 Years

Virginia Martin, CNA, B2

Fredia Roach, Director of Resident Activities

Martha Smiley, RN, B2

5 Years

Barenda Mauney, CNA, B2

3 Years

Winnie Harris, CNA, Fair Oaks

2 Years

Terri Kelsey, CNA, B1

1 Year

Michelle Davis, LPN, Awing

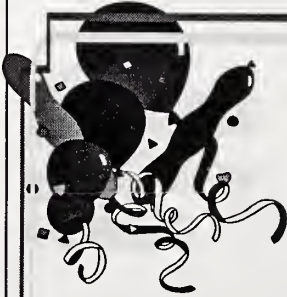
Melanie Miller, CNA, Awing

Tonia Rice, CNA, Awing

Olivia Walters, CNA, Awing



Singers starring at the monthly Sing-a-long, left to right, are: Volunteer Lynn Eisenberg, Fair Oaks residents Fay Simon and Sally Waldman and Sally's daughter volunteer Laura Milgrim.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
May

Vivian Ammon
Ila Bailey
Raisa Bochkis
Iva Bottoms
Vera Fox
Lottie Maienthau
Bea Mandel
Sue Michielutte
Anna Passman
Anna Schleicher
Theresa Schwartz
Doris Sink
Mildred Sullivan
Ida Temko

IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of:

Eileen Jacobs

Anna Levine

Rose Schulherr

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

Millie's Musings

Soon after I moved to Winston-Salem, many people told me that I could be occupied every day and night of the week with all the events taking place, lectures, musical presentations, art exhibits, etc. I found this to also be true at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. In the last several months, BJH has been fortunate to enlist new volunteers who bring new ideas and plans to our residents.

Nancy Allen, who recently moved from California, began volunteering by visiting weekly on a one-to-one relationship, sharing thoughts and life stories with a resident. Nancy began to arrange bridge games for others in Fair Oaks and is now also shopping on the mall trip and is on the sales staff in the General Store.

Sandi and Mike Appel, also new to our community, took on the gigantic task of organizing and cataloging all of the books in the libraries in the mansion and in Fair Oaks. On Sunday mornings They wheel a book cart to individual wings so that residents can check out reading material. By means of generous donations, large print books have been purchased to supplement the library collection.

Paula Shropshire, a full-time college student employed by Bowman Gray, finds time each week to be a personal secretary to one of our residents. They have formed a close personal bond and are able to learn from each other.

Although he is not a new volunteer, having participated in the Mall shopping and at special events, Leonard Clein has inaugurated a new discussion group called "News and Views". The residents are attending in large numbers and discussions are lively.

In the following months I'll highlight more of our new volunteers and new events. In the meantime, do you have a wonderful idea (original or not) or would you like to hear some of our ideas? Just call Millie Slatkoff at 910-766-6401 to get involved in one of life's most rewarding activities, volunteering.



Volunteer Leonard Clein leads a spirited discussion during the "News and Views" hour.



Volunteer Nancy Allen assists Fair Oaks resident Lottie Maienthau on the Hanes Mall shopping trip.

"Blumies" is blooming with new spring gifts and cards for . . .



Mothers Day
Weddings
Showers
Birthdays
Children



Visit Blumies at BJH -
Give the gift that gives twice.

Shop Hours
Tues. 12-4p.m.
Thurs. 1-4p.m.
Fri.; 3-5p.m.

BJH Thanks

The Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men For Their Generous Donation Of Large Print Books For Our Residents' Library And Patio Furniture For The Entrance To Fair Oaks.

Wish List

<i>Item</i>	<i>Price</i>
Motorized Adaptive Wheelchair	\$4,000.00
Single Section Roll-In Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
16' x 16' Canopy Tent For Courtyard	\$1,500.00
Special Holiday Concerts, e.g. Chanukah Party, Sukkot Celebration and Mayfest	\$1,000.00
Laser Printer with Serial Connection for the Public Relations Office	\$ 800.00
Blender for Making Puree Foods	\$ 675.00
Swing Band for the Residents' New Years Party	\$ 600.00
Augmentive Communication Device	\$ 500.00 to \$1,000.00
Calculators	\$ 500.00
Large Print Books for Residents' Library	\$ 500.00
Poly-fill for Craft Shop items	\$ 300.00
Plants for the A-Wing/Fair Oaks Connecting Hallway	\$ 250.00
Telephone Adaptor for Hearing Impaired (TDD)	\$ 250.00
Set of Kitchen Chef Knives	\$ 200.00
Pan Rack ADE 1818/KDA	\$ 200.00
Plush Stuffed Animals	\$ 100.00
New or Used Videos: Travel, Musicals, Family Oriented, Animal Stories or Cartoons	

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*May you have a long, happy,
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Clemmons, NC

Tincy Fearington
Clemmons, NC

Mary Garner
Winston-Salem, NC

Helen Gordan
Charlotte, NC

Mary Johnson
Winston-Salem, NC

Elsie Karesh
Greensboro, NC

Ruth Reece
Winston-Salem, NC

Amelia Santillo
High Point, NC

Mildred Sullivan
Greensboro, NC

Beatrice Woosley
Winston-Salem, NC

Wish List

*Be an angel and 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.*

National Nursing Home Week - May 12th - 18th

Calendar Highlights May

1996

- 2 Childrens Hour, Pre-Assembly Room, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Brenner Concert, Gerald Klickstein, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 10 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, Fair Oaks Entrance, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Parents Day Brunch, Commons Auditorium
- 14 Senior Citizen Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Forsyth Country Day School, Music Program, Commons Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Sing-a-Long with Volunteers, Upper Commons, 11:00 a.m.
- 15 Anchor Club Visit, Manicures, 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Mayfest, Outdoor Courtyard, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Card Club, Upper Commons, 3:00 p.m.
- 21 Cantor Sheppard, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Brenner Concert, Razz-Ma-Tazz, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 31 General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.



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.

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Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Kramer

Shabbat services in May include:

First Friday Family Shabbat on May 3. The Second and Third Grades of Temple Beth El Religious School was host to a Shabbat Dinner for their families at 6:00 p.m. at Silverman Social Hall. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Temple office at 366-1948. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children over the age of three.

The dinner was followed by a Family Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. during which all May birthdays will be recognized. The Sixth Grade Class will participate in the service, an Intergenerational Shabbat which will honor the Senior members of community. **Sisterhood Shabbat** on May 10 will honor the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). Guest speaker will be Rabbi Janet Liss. The Choir will perform and the Oneg will be sponsored by LIBERTY in recognition of WRJ's efforts on the Youth Group's behalf.

Education Shabbat on May 17 at 8:00 p.m. will honor the education programs of Temple Beth El, including the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, the Religious School and the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies.

Regular Shabbat Services will be held on May 24 and May 31 at 8:00 p.m..

A Taste of Judaism, a three-session course geared specifically for persons not affiliated with a temple, will begin on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El and continue for the next two Tuesdays, May 14 and May 21. . .Designed to give a brief overview of Judaism to the participants, the course will cover Jewish spirituality, ethics and community open to Jews and non-Jews alike. There is no charge. Please contact the Temple office for more information.

A PEP Talk (Parallel Education for Parents) will be held on May 5 in 2 sessions, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.. The topic is Jewish Spirituality and Mysticism. The **Service of Healing** will be held Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gold Chapel.

The SPICE Committee is sponsoring the annual **Sr. University** at Temple Beth El Wednesday, **May 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m..** There will be a presentation on Spirituality and Aging by Rabbi Bennett, a lecture, "How to effectively communicate needs, concerns and feelings with one

another," presented by Patricia and Clarks Butler, M.S.W., lunch and Entertainment with Cantor Linda Shepherd and three workshops: "Journaling based on the book Loss, Love and What I Wore," presented by Claire Krusch: Jewish Genealogy-- Finding Lost Relatives in the U.S." presented by Walter Klein; and A.B.L.E. (All Bodies Like Exercise) presented by Cilla Laula, M.Ed. Pre-registration cost is \$6.00, \$8.00 at the door. Please call Cherie at the Temple office to register.

Temple Beth El will **Burn The Mortgage on May 11.** Plan on paying off your building Fund and joining the fun starting at 6:30 p.m. in Silverman Social Hall.

The **Women of Reform Judaism** will install officers for the coming year on Wednesday May 15 at 6:00 pm. Tot Shabbat will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18 at 9:15 a.m..

Rosh Chodesh will be celebrated by the women of Temple Beth El on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. with a Havdalah service.

Temple Beth El Day will be celebrated on May 19 with a gala day including a Temple-wide Picnic, the annual Temple Meeting, and Silent Auction.

Committee and Auxiliary Meetings for the month of May include:

Anshei Mitzvah Class	Every Tuesday	8:00 p.m.
May 6	Board of Directors	7:00 p.m.
May 2	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
May 20	Religious School Board	7:30 p.m.
May 9	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
May 19	Brotherhood	10:30 a.m.
May 27	Sisterhood Board	9:45 a.m.
May 30	Social Action Committee	7:30 p.m.
May 27	Executive Board	6:30 p.m.

The Confirmation Class of Temple Beth El will celebrate the conclusion of their formal religious education with a **Confirmation Service** on May 23 at 7:00 p.m..

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on May 27 at 12:00 p.m. for the monthly **Senior Seminar**, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch--the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in May:

May 4

Craig Singer, son of Robert and Eileen Singer

May 11

Arden Garis, son of Jeff and Elyse Garis

May 18

Sara Passe, daughter of Jeff and Mindy Passe

May 25

Devin Klein, son of Robert and Moira Klein

Best wishes on the arrival of:

Tyler Gene Whisenant, son of Ellen and Tyndall Whisenant and grandson of Mark and Linda Rothman, born on February 17, 1996.

Rachel Elisabeth Rappaport, daughter of John and Bettina Rappaport, born on February 19.

Welcome to the following new members of Temple Beth El:

Asa and Renee Adler, Moshe and Karen Blitz, Alexis Brinkley, Sandy Cohen, Ken and Christine Faberman, Michelle Feuer, Roger and Kelly Gaines, Jay Rappaport, James and Sharon Sasser, Julie Shapiro, Philip and Lora Solomon, Youssef and Maria Soued, Howard and Lisa Winter, David and Michele Woldman, David and Barri Zehner

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

PURIM

Purim was almost as crazy as ever with Rabbi and children sharing the reading of the Megillah, heavy on the Rabbi's part reading of Hebrew. All children, and many adults, contributed to the mood by wearing innovative costumes. All sampled the wonderful Hamantaschen prepared by Rochelle Neuringer and company. The evening's festivities were muted, however, due to the tragedy of the suicide bombings in Israel, one that very day.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

The Sisterhood Shabbat co-chairpeople, Sara Birnham, Barbara Miller, and Lillian Wellisch thank the following people for their contribution to the Shabbat experience on the weekend, honoring the memory of Mildred Lurey, Isabel Shulimson, and Nettie Slosman, long time, loved members of the Synagogue: Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Dr. Barbara Gerber, for her inspiring words, Brenda Abrams--Kiddush Luncheon chair, Laurie Chess, Jessica Hedgepeth, Julia Kessler-Hollar, Caren Kessler, Lauren Miller, and Miranda Richmond--Torah Readers, Susan Hedgepeth, for her singing of Eishet Hayil, Barbara Pasternack for her lively Oneg Shabbat singing, Caren Kessler, Diana Lieb, Barbara Michalove, Jennifer Michalove, and Lillian Wellisch for their leading of Friday night service, Yosi Knight, Dr. Joseph Schandler, Susan Hedgepeth, Lauren and Abby Miller, and Muriel Gelbert, for their leading of Saturday morning

services as well as the leaders and other participants of the services, Caren Kessler and Lorraine Silverman for giving their honors to the family members of the honored women, Carol Deutsch, Ruth Gaynes, Alice Green, Sherrill Knight, Barbara Levy, Liz Nigrosh, Maggie Rotman, and Susan Wadopian for their help and advice, Brenda and Allan Abrams, Elaine Bronstein, Ellen Carr, Toby Cohen, Marilyn Friedman, Ruth Gaynes, Muriel Gelbert, Harry Goldberg, Susan and Jessica Hedgepeth, Kay and Dale Houghtaling, Caren and Julia Kessler, Julie Lee, Barbara Lewin, Ellie and Mel Miller, Steve, Barbara, Lauren, Abby, and Cassie Miller, Deborah Neimkin, Rochelle Neuringer, Lorraine Silverman, Carmina Shuman, Deborah Slosman, Sandy Slosman, and Mary Tabashneck, for all the culinary treats and kitchen help, the families of the honored women for the photographs, the Shulimson family for traveling so far (Tennessee and California) to participate and for donating the beautiful flowers for the Bima, Lauren Miller and Gail Shulimson for sharing powerful words with us.

BIKUR CHOLIM

The newly formed committee, Bikur Cholim (commandment to visit the sick), is co-chaired by Natalie Kramer and Susan Hedgepeth.

They met on March 31 with other members of the committee and those interested in learning more about visiting the sick.

NEW DISCUSSION GROUP TO FORM

Brenda Abrams, a new member, and others write and ask questions, God-his/her existence, motives, power, goodness, fairness. Or what about people -- do we really have total free

will or does God sometimes intercept? Does God really hear our prayers? If God hardened Pharaoh's heart, as the story goes, could he also have hardened Hitler's heart? How much of our Bible stories are true? Why is there so much destruction on Earth? Do some humans really have spiritual experiences and, if so, where might they lead to? Is there more after death?

Because of the interest expressed by some congregants and the questioning of Brenda Abrams, the Rabbi is forming a group to meet weekly or biweekly for free, open, philosophical, and challenging discussions.

THANKS

A big thanks to Phil and Carol Cohen for organizing and carrying off a great Tu B'Shevat Seder. Over fifty people attended this thoughtful, fun, and educational program.

DR. BILL SABO, OF UNCA, SPEAKS TO THREE GROUPS AT ASHEVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

On March 17, Dr. Bill Sabo, Associate Professor of Political Science at UNCA, enlightened members of Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhoods and Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah and their guests about the political climate this election year. His analyses of current political phenomena have been quoted in the **CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY** and the **NATIONAL JOURNAL**.

Bagels, cream cheese and lox, and coffee (and leftover wonderful Hamantaschen) were served. Representing the sponsors, Beth Israel Sisterhood, was Lillian Wellisch, for Beth Ha-Tephila, Shirley Berdie, President, and for Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah,

Carol Cohen and Marilyn Schwartz, Co-Presidents. There was a question and answer period before the conclusion of the program.

Members of the committee included: Ruth Weber and Lillian Bieber, both of Beth Ha-Tephila Temple and Maggie Rotman and Sylvia Epstein, of Beth Israel Synagogue.

BEGINNING ETHICAL WILLS

Sue Greenberg, a Shul member and therapist, will be joining Rabbi in this exciting new program for members.

Temple Emanuel

Winston-Salem NC

by Miriam Blickman

Temple Emanuel hosted its annual Community Second Seder on Thursday, April 4, at the Temple under the leadership of Rabbi Marla Subek. As usual, this event draws participants not only from the Temple but also visitors and friends. The Temple Board approved the suggestion by Vice-president Barbara Freiberg, to institute a Mitzvah Day for Temple members. There are now at least 21 regular members of the weekly Torah class in the adult education program. As a proven fundraiser, the Fourth Annual Golf Tournament and Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at Tanglewood Park. The fee is \$60.00 which includes an individual participant and the picnic lunch for family members. We have also been active in supporting the AIDS Task Force, for which we will be holding the annual Dining for Friends on Saturday, May 11, at the Temple.

In the religious school our ninth graders are exploring the ways in which the voice of Jewish Americans manifests itself in Congressional and

Presidential politics, a subject appealingly relevant to students.

The Sisterhood held a major event on Saturday, April 27, when a dinner and Havdalah service will be conducted with the participation of almost the entire membership.

BBYO meets at Temple Emanuel and fields a very active program for its teen-age members as well as preparing them for leadership roles. The group conducted a creative service for Sabbath, March 1, and mounted a rousing Purim carnival under the direction of Jonathan Thull. During the weekend of March 15-17 young people came from North Carolina and Virginia to take part in a BBYO leadership conference. The guests were housed in private homes and finished a stimulating week-end with a final breakfast meeting at the Blumenthal Home.

Three of our students will be traveling on the March of the Living two-week tour, beginning in Poland and then to Israel. They are: Robyn Block, Danny Thull; and Natalie Kojen.

We extend our congratulations for the following simchas: Bat Mitzvah of Erica Wolfe, daughter of Stephen and Rochelle Wolfe on March 9; Bar Mitzvah of Zach Friedman, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Friedman on March 23; Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Fromson, daughter of Drs. Jean and Gerald Fromson on May 11; Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Sigal, son of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Sigal on May 18.

Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE SISTERHOOD, under the leadership of president Shirley Berdie, has for some time been alternating its monthly board business meetings with open meetings featuring programs of general interest. Sometimes fattening (the recent cooking demonstration, for example) sometimes physically helpful (the appearance of experts in women's self-defense), and always worthwhile, these occasions are dreamed up by Nicki Benetan, program chair.

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI is the pleasant once-a-month-or-so event involving a brown bag lunch and a spicy discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, of the topic of the day. The one on January 15 was as provocative as usual. It turned out to focus on the prevalence and persistence of Christmas observances in the public schools, and what, if anything, should be done about it.

IN THE NEWS on January 15 was Leah Karpen's letter to the editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times objecting to the proposed new building for the Chamber of Commerce for which the Chamber plans to raise \$1 million. Better to spend the million "to provide housing and social services for the homeless and those in substandard housing," she said.

The next day Robert Hruska's letter appeared. Concerning the recent shutdown of government functions, he said, in part, "We suddenly have a terrorist tactic for running the government, with the government as hostage. . . I think Congress should be advised that this is not the form of

government we were born into and want to keep."

FROZEN OUT were Temple services on January 12. We all know that other parts of the country were worse off, but that did not warm us up a bit.

ASK THE RABBI, the popular after-services talk session, took place this January on the 19th, and included a video and discussion about Operation Equality. This program, created by the United American Hebrew Congregations, said Rabbi Ratner, is "designed to put significant pressure upon the Israeli government to accept the work of Reform Rabbis in Israel regarding conversions and marriages."

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES have a small but ardent support group. A monthly gathering, which met in January on the 20th, it's so pleasant that the more people who hear about it, the more will attend.

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, January 20, was a big success, with plenty of pizza and popcorn to go with "The Frisco Kid" and plenty of people to enjoy it all.

SERVICES AT "THE SUMMIT," a local retirement facility, were held

by Rabbi Ratner Friday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m..

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL principal David Cohen thanked Betsy Katell and Chris Lang for coordinating the Hanukkah party on December 17, and he also thanked "all those who provided the wonderful food!" With such good stuff as latkes and doughnuts, applesauce and sour cream and gifts to exchange, songs to sing and candles to light, it had to be an A-1 occasion.

THE RABBI SAID THANKS "to all our members who went into local public and private schools and organizations to explain the meaning of Hanukkah."

THE UAHC BIENNIAL CONVENTION, which attracted several thousand people, was enthusiastically reported on in the January Temple bulletin by Alison Berkey, one of the 7 Temple members who attended. The others were Rabbi and Susan Ratner, Philip and Carol Cohen, Frank Gilreath and Joe Karpen. The event ran from November 29 to December 3, in Atlanta.

"HELPMATES" REPRESENTATIVE Tricia Forbes spoke at Temple services Friday night, January 26. Helpmate is devoted to helping abused women and their children.

Organizations

NC Hillel Press Release for May Calendars

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. The students are anxious for summer, and the seniors look toward graduation! The Hillel Calendar is filled with end of the year study breaks, and graduation activities for students and their families. Now is the time for the staff at Hillel to publicly thank our student board and active students for the 95-96 school year. Without our students, Hillel could not exist!

Elisheva Ende, the UNC Student Board President this past year, has offered some thoughts of reflection over this past year, and how NC Hillel has changed and grown over the last four years. How the students view Hillel is extremely important. As Elisheva has said . . . NC Hillel “. . . is in good hands - the students’.”

Reflections of an Outgoing Hillel President

To be honest, the first time I went to NC Hillel I didn't like it. The second time I felt left out. It wasn't until the 20th time or so that made me feel like I belonged. I could tell that I belonged because I wanted to help change things. I wanted Shabbat to be more special, so I became Shabbat Coordinator - for two years. Then I wanted to change the image of Hillel as exclusive, so I became president. It's up to the students at UNC to say if I accomplished those goals, but I know that Hillel has changed in my mind in the past four years.

Hillel went from a place to go Friday nights, to a family to spend Shabbat with. Programming went from a few educational avenues to band parties, weekend dinners, social action, interfaith dialogues, Intramural sports, and camping trips, just to name a few highlights. Students have taken a good thing and made it better because they made it THEIRS. I truly feel that the past four years have been a time of great growth for both me and NC Hillel. I wish I could stay to nurse it through to greatness (where newsletters are in color and program are always successful), but I have to leave that to those who remain behind. I know NC Hillel will get there, because I leave it in good hands--the students’.

Elisheva Ende

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Jewish Family Services' Annual Friends Campaign Begins

by Lynne Cojac

JFS Friends and Family

It's not just about survival, it's about quality of life.

The theme seeks to dispel the myth that it is not only the ill, the destitute or the aging who benefits from Jewish Family Services.

JFS can provide individual, couple and family counseling, unemployment counseling, supplemental food and emergency financial assistance, information and referral, home and office visits, and older adult services.

Most cases need only temporary help during a trying time. Appropriate help during a time of crisis can lessen pain and struggle, bringing about more rapid movement in quality of life.

Even if the need does not exist within our own home, as the Talmud Shav'u at says, "All Jews are responsible for the Other." We are all friends, all family.

Through a sliding fee scale, Jewish Family Services is available to families and individuals whose lives are in transition. It serves as a safety net for every Jewish family in Charlotte.

The majority of the JFS' budget is funded by Federation's generous support. This year's Friends Campaign goal of \$50,000 will make up the balance to assure that no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Letters to the Jewish Community ask a commitment to a Friendship with Jewish Family Services through this cash campaign.

Funds raised through the Friends Campaign will be used locally and acknowledged in the Charlotte Jewish News by category. A phonathon will follow in the coming weeks.

ORT Forges Non Traditional Path in Career Education for Women

When the Fourth World Conference on Women convened in Beijing this past autumn, education and career training--particularly the need to improve women's access to vocational skills, science and technology--were at the top of the agenda. But at ORT schools around the world, young girls and women already can be found engaged in "non traditional" studies in unprecedented numbers.

"Girls are often deprived of basic education in mathematics and science and technical training," reads the Platform for Action adopted at Beijing, "which provide knowledge they could apply to improve their daily lives and enhance their employment opportunities. Advanced study in science and technology," the Platform continues, "prepares women to take an active role in the technological and industrial development of their countries, thus necessitating a diverse approach to vocational and technical training. Technology is rapidly changing the world. . .it is essential that women not only benefit from technology, but also participate in the process from the design to the application. . ."

ORT's sentiments exactly.

Each year, enrollment statistics at ORT Israel show a consistent increase in the number of young girls and women. Approximately 45 percent of ORT Israel's high school students, 30 percent of the students in junior and academic colleges and 48 percent in junior high schools are female. Among the many careers for

which they are preparing are engineering, aircraft mechanics, electricity, auto mechanics, information technology, industrial chemistry, biotechnology, construction and architecture and agriculture science. At the ORT Kennedy Industrial School in Jerusalem, for example, young women can be found hard at work in the automotive mechanic's laboratory; at the ORT Braude International College of Technology in Karmiel, the high-tech science and engineering labs are home to countless female students.

In Latin America, where the ORT

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 Israel, the United States, South America, France, India, and now throughout the former Soviet Union. It is the largest affiliate organization of the World ORT Union and a major source of financial support to its central budget.

More than 252,000 students presently are enrolled in ORT's 800 schools and projects that include comprehensive and vocational high schools, colleges,

ORT takes great pride in the large percentage of young women enrolled in its technical and scientific programs of study.



technical high schools and colleges enjoy an outstanding reputation and are highly competitive, more than one-third of the "teenage techie's" are female. The two highest scores earned on the entrance examination to the University of Buenos Aires Medical School were achieved by ORT alumni -- one young woman, one young man.

And, in the United States, almost one-half the students at ORT's three technical institutes in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles are women. They are engaged in programs of study focusing on computer-aided design, ophthalmic technology, business management and accounting, and computer electronics technology.

apprenticeship programs and teacher-training institutes. The ORT program encompasses some 60 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 your local Women's American ORT office.

VISIONS OF VISION

The goals of scientific research are set by inspired visions. Some of the most stimulating are visions about vision. In research centers around the world, the focus on vision opens new paths to medical progress and economic abundance. It engages brilliant minds across a spectrum of diverse scientific disciplines. At the Weizmann Institute where multi-disciplinary research flourishes in Israel, vision-related studies challenge the imaginations of many scientists. Some laboratory projects address the eye itself, such as the demonstration of regenerative growth in injured optic nerves and the use of an enzyme to treat glaucoma without surgery. Other vision-oriented research occurs at the exciting intersection of brain research and mathematics. Discoveries in neurobiology point the way to revolutionary new robotic devices: intelligent systems designed to recognize and understand what they "see." Computer scientists analyzing vision data hope to generate models leading to spectacularly more sophisticated prosthetic devices and infinitely more efficient tools for industrial and agricultural development. Wherever research scientists pursue visions of progress, they deserve enthusiastic support from public and private sources.

The Weizmann Institute, founded in 1934, is a community of 2,400 scientists, engineers and scientists-in-training engaged in a full agenda of 850 research projects ranging from basic medical research in cancer, AIDS, neurosciences and children's diseases to chemistry, physics, agriculture, computer science and the environment.



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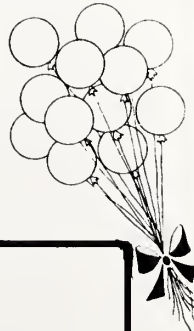
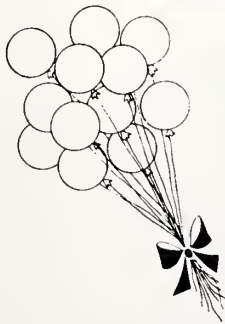
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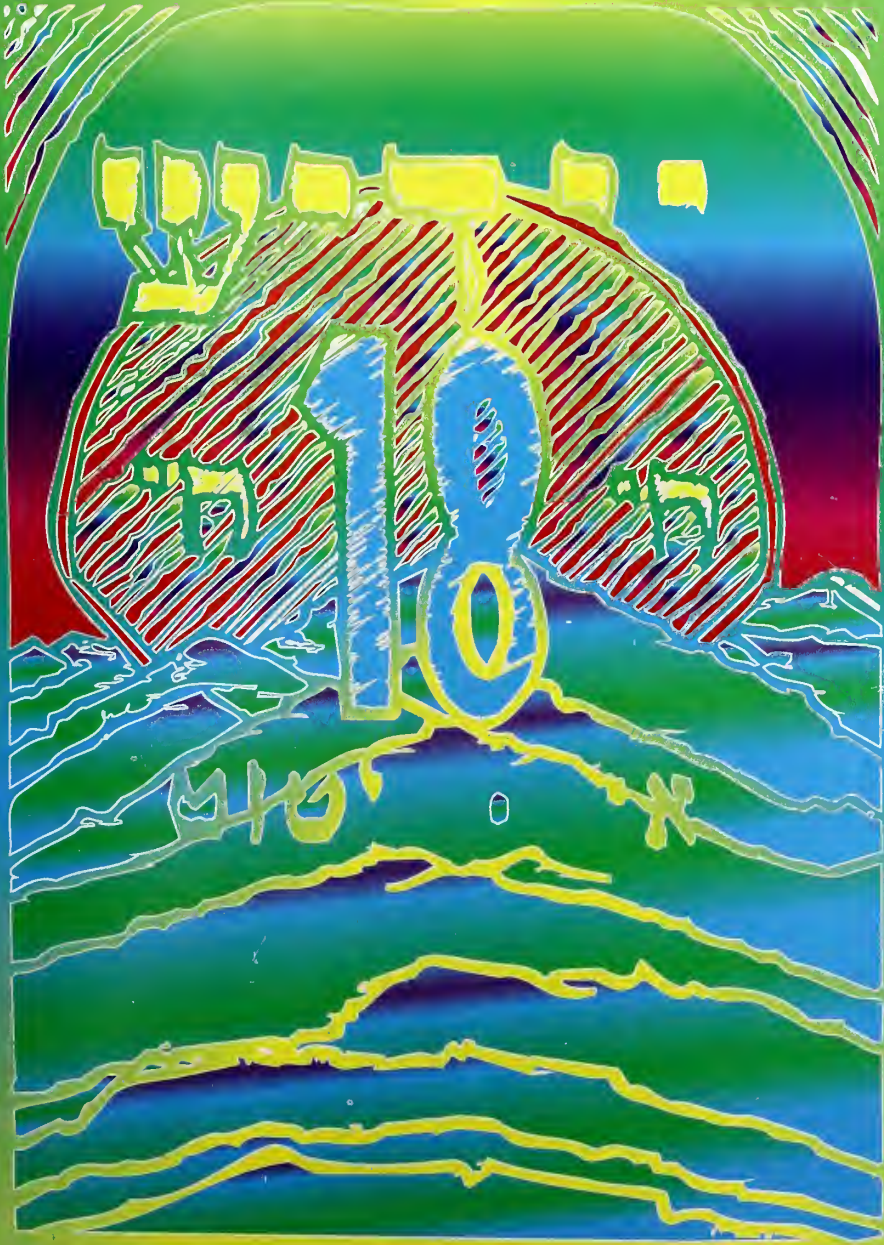
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United Synagogue Leaders Condemn Southern Baptist Plan to Convert Jews

Leaders of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism stated today that they are deeply troubled by the resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention which calls for efforts to convert Jews to Christianity.

According to Rabbi Jerome Epstein, USCJ Executive Vice-President, "By appointing a missionary to undertake this disgraceful task, the Southern Baptist threaten to undo the very real progress that has been made in interreligious relations over the past several years. We are both saddened and troubled by their decision."

Noting that recent interreligious efforts, in which The United Synagogue has participated, have focused on the creation of an ongoing dialogue between Christians and Jews, Alan Ades, USCJ International President, stated that "targeting the Jews for conversion not only violates the spirit of our prior meetings but demonstrates that the Southern Baptists--who themselves have been the subject of religious discrimination in the past--have not come to appreciate the lessons of history."

To help undo the damage that may be caused by this resolution, Sarrae Crane, USCJ Director of Social Action and Public Policy, stated that The United Synagogue calls upon President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore, and new Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, themselves Southern Baptists, to speak publicly and forcefully against this destructive resolution and to endorse the ongoing interfaith dialogues that seek to bring about mutual understanding among diverse religious groups."

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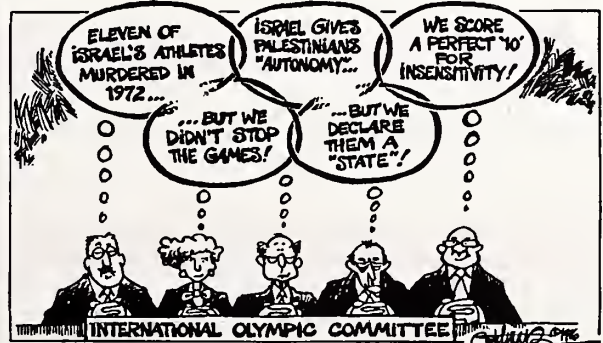
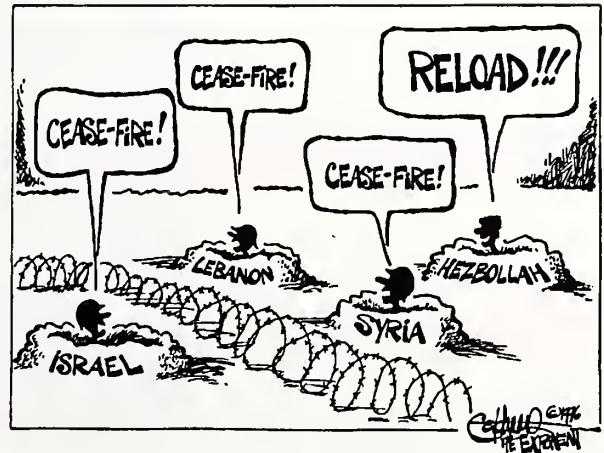
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American-born Naomi Ragen

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When American-born Naomi Ragen approached me to review her first book some years ago, my reaction was, "Who does she think she is?" Used to doing profiles on the David Grossmans and Amos Oz's of this world, I thought she was being a little presumptuous.

Nevertheless, I read and thoroughly enjoyed her first book, and the two that followed, on the problems that arise from the rigidity of the ultra-orthodox world. Now well into research for her fourth book, Ragen can confidently admit to having a following both in Israel and abroad (including myself). As with her first three books, Ragen, who is deeply in love with Jerusalem, feels confident that her characters will end up in Jerusalem. "It is," she says, "where all roads eventually lead." (Ed.)

One Writer, Two Worlds At Home With Naomi Ragen

by Shelley Kleiman

On the face of it there seems little in Naomi Ragen's life to suggest the ultra-orthodox world she so successfully evokes in her three best selling novels. Her large suburban home in Ramot, a mixed religious and secular neighborhood in Jerusalem, seems more than a cultural stone's throw away from Mea Shearim and B'nei Brak where much of her fiction is set. But if it is esoteric to some, this world of matchmaking and wig choosing, of morals patrols and seminary study is as familiar to Ragen as toast and jam.

Ragen's novels have sold more than half a million copies and aside from the American and English editions, her first novel, *Jephte's Daughter*, was translated into Finnish; *Sotah*, her second into Norwegian. *Sotah* has just come out in Hebrew, leaving this American-born novelist a little nervous about the exposure here.

"Come on up," Ragen calls from the top of her stairs. She offers no family introductions, no house tour, no glimpse into her private life, no coffee. Ushered into her book lined study, she quickly shuts the door as if trying to keep her fiction and private life apart. She can't.

There is a knock on the door and her 10-year-old son enters the study. Ragen had been translating a story he had written into English ("I want to be more famous than you, Mom") and wants to know if she is done. Mother of four and grandmother of a two-year-old, Ragen, 47, writes from eight in the morning to one in the afternoon. "Those hours are sacrosanct," she says, then laughs: "Except when a kid gets sick and you have to run to the doctor."

Ragen is a woman with a mission. Blind conformity, the kind that feeds upon what the neighbors willsay, the kind that suppresses individual freedom, is this novelist's muse. "If I don't always paint a pretty picture," says Ragen almost impetuously, "I didn't make it that way."

Jephte's Daughter was based on a true story of an ultra-orthodox woman who leapt to her death with her three-year-old daughter. Physically and mentally abused by her husband and confined to a world in which "what's nice you don't show," or talk about, she took what she saw as her only way

out. Shocked by the story, it turns out they had been neighbors. Ragen gives her fictional character a second chance.

"It would have served no purpose for her to have died in *Jephte's Daughter*, explains Ragen. "I wanted to bring her back to life: to show others like her what should have happened." In her own small way Naomi Ragen wants to make the world a better place.

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A portrait of oppression and letter-of-the-law rigidity, Ragen's first novel left this devoutly religious writer feeling a bit guilty. "There are many wonderful aspects of the haredi world - their family values, the ways siblings care for each other, the way children respect their elders -- they didn't surface in *Jephte's Daughter*, says Ragen.

She did not want the book to be translated into Hebrew and would not sell the film rights because she didn't want the image of a religious Jew beating his wife flashed on the screen. "I just couldn't do it."

Ragen calls *Sotah* her *tshuva*, or repentance, for her first novel.

Peopled with warm, supportive and kind people, Jerusalem's ultra-orthodox community is still not exactly paradise regained. An ultra-orthodox woman wrongly accused of adultery and banished from the community by a religiously ordained purge, *Sotah* is also about acceptance and forgiveness. Ragen's third novel, *The Sacrifice of Tamar* - the story (also based on fact) of a haredi woman raped by a black man - takes place in a religious enclave in Brooklyn, where Ragen herself had spent a year attending a women's teachers seminary.

Ragen likes to talk. Her speech is so fast, listening

to her is like riding a New York City subway during rush hour - the words keep tumbling out, each pushing its way to exit first. She talks so intimately about her characters, it is a bit of a disappointment when they don't knock on the door to borrow some sugar or tea. "They don't always cooperate," she says as if describing some recalcitrant children. "That's why I never know how my books will end until I get there."

Rage's most deeply felt persona, though, is not a character, but a city, described in such intimate detail it is brought anthropomorphically alive. "I'm so deeply in love with Jerusalem," says Ragen, echoing the sentiments of many of her characters.

"See the hills from my house?" asks Ragen. "Somewhere out there David fought Goliath. Over to the right is the tomb of Samuel the Prophet." To Ragen, Jerusalem is more than the concrete reality of cars, office buildings and hotels. "There is an otherworldliness here," she exclaims. "What you are looking at is a palpable 2,000-year-old longing."

Born in 1949, Ragen grew up in the Rockaways, New York, in a racially-mixed low-income - "deadening to the imagination"-housing project. Her father died when she was five and an unredeemable five dollar application fee landed her in a religious girls' school as a scholarship student. Ashamed of her financial status, she was even ashamed she didn't have a father. "Isn't that strange?" Ragen asks, baffled by her own self-consciousness. It was in school that Ragen began her life-long love affair with orthodox Judaism. And writing.

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In 1971, Ragen and her husband moved to Israel without ever having been there - "we didn't want to be like the Biblical spies" - and settled in Jerusalem. She wrote freelance articles, suppressing, she says, an almost pathological fear of being considered a housewife who writes on the side.

By the time she decided to tackle fiction (she already had a BA and MA in English Literature), she and her husband traded in their brand of ultra-orthodoxy for something more modern. Straddling two worlds, Ragen is as comfortable discussing D. H. Lawrence as she is explaining Jewish ritual. Although she has read and admires Amos Oz and David Grossman - she finds the Hebrew a bit tough going despite her 25 years in the country - she admits to living in a sort of literary no-man's land. "Israelis will never consider me truly their own," says Ragen who writes in English, primarily for American audiences.

Ragen answers all her fan (and occasionally hate) mail and has not read reviews of her books since in a New York Times reviewer hailed *Jephte's Daughter* as a new genre of Jewish Gothic. "As if I had made the whole thing up," fumes Ragen.

Ragen is currently at work on her fourth novel. Taking her leave of the ultra-orthodox world, she is approaching the Sephardi Jewish community with great awe. Three years into research, Ragen says she is only beginning to scratch the surface. Although the novel takes place in New York, Ragen feels confident her characters will end up in Jerusalem. "It is," she says, "where all roads eventually lead."



Fate Lends A Hand to Five Elderly Jews in Kiev

by Fran Sommers

Berta Jivotovskaya, 77 (left) lost almost her entire family at Babi Yar. Today, she is cared for by Taisa Juk, one of many UJA-funded workers serving 200,000 elderly Jews throughout the former Soviet Union, where there are still a reported 250,000 to one million Jews in need of help.

UJA Press Service Photo

by Sharon Faulkner

A single moment--an overheard conversation--and the lives of six people were changed forever.

Five Jews. Five elderly Jews left to fend for themselves by a government burdened by political uncertainty, economic frailties and the collapse of a once envied medical infrastructure. Five women left alone by World War II and rampant anti-Semitism.

And one non-Jew, who brought them hope. Hope delivered by the grace of G-d, a volunteer Ukrainian Jewish welfare society and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is funded in large part by the UJA Federation Annual Campaign.

Five years ago, Kiev resident Taisa Juk was shopping. "I overheard some women talking about one of their neighbors--Berta Tziklis--who lived in a communal apartment. They said that the other people in the apartment wanted her out. She was too much trouble since she broke her leg. They wanted her sent to a elder hostel."

In Ukraine, elder hostels are state-run nursing homes, reputed to provide little more than a bed. Taisa, with plenty of troubles of her own--no job, three children and a difficult marriage--couldn't turn away. It took several weeks but she found Berta.

"Berta was a little afraid of me," Taisa said. "She asked why anyone would want to help her and get nothing in return. But her pension barely covered food, let alone medicine and someone to look after her. She couldn't really refuse."

Several months later, during one of Taisa's regular visits, a representative from a JDC-funded volunteer Jewish welfare society knocked on the door. Berta had written a letter to a childhood friend, who had brought the letter to a synagogue, where JDC volunteers were telling people how they could help. The Jewish welfare society

located Berta, as it had located so many of her peers, via an elaborate volunteer network that scans government social service rolls, attends synagogue meetings and follows every lead that comes its way.

The welfare society volunteer came with a JDC food package, the promise of a \$2 per week JDC food supplement and a proposal.

"The volunteer told me that the welfare society would hire me to take care of Berta and maybe three or four others, if I was willing," said Taisa. "If I was willing. . . I didn't have a job. My husband wasn't working and we have three children."

That was four years ago. Today, Berta is a new woman.

"Truthfully, being Jewish wasn't part of my life until I broke my leg," said Berta Tziklis, 78. "I was all alone. My two older brothers and my husband died in World War II. My pension didn't cover medicine, home health care and food. I lay in bed all day crying, and then I started praying. G-d answered my prayers. First Taisa. Then the JDC. Because

of them I don't need anything anymore. . . not even apples."

Another of Taisa's five "old ladies," as she lovingly calls them, is an author of children's books.

"I was maybe a little bit famous," admitted Paula Ludmila Oychtravska, 80. "My health never allowed me to have children of my own, but through my books I felt like I had millions. .

. Last year, some thugs broke into my house and hit me on the head.

I broke my hip in the fall. One day, like a gift from G-d, the JDC volunteer brought me Taisa. Without her, I would be dead. It's not always pleasant to need help or to get help, but she makes it easy. For months, I wouldn't get out of bed. I was afraid I would fall again. She said, 'If you stay in bed, I will not come anymore,' Within two days I was moving around my apartment."

Taisa noted that Berta and Paula are at opposite ends of the spectrum. "Paula has friends and still works," she said. "She tutors some children who come to her apartment. Berta, on the other hand, has no

one. If I don't go to her, no one will."

And despite their praise, Taisa maintains that the women she cares for are far more remarkable than she is. "Berta is a doctor. . . Paula is a writer. . . Bella (Prenavaya, 86) raised a son all by herself. . . my other Berta (Jivotovskaya, 77) lost almost her whole family at Babi Yar and she still went on. It didn't crush her. . . And Chava, she saved thousands of lives, all by herself."

Chava Rudzinskaya, 85, a retired vocational school accountant, recounts the story in a calm, steady voice: "I was evacuated to the Northern Caucasus during World War II. It was my job to meet the trains and to make sure that all the passengers had their papers. Then we would feed them as well as we could.

After I was there for a few months, the Nazis started getting closer and closer. And then a telegram came from the German authorities saying that people couldn't be evacuated pass our station. I hid the telegram and kept the people moving for several more months. I

was frightened. I knew I could be caught. But I also knew I was the only one who could do anything. So, I did something."

"These are not ordinary women," Taisa said. "They are all educated, intelligent people who have been forgotten. Their contributions ignored. Ignored by everyone except the American Jewish community."

"That first day when the JDC volunteer came to my home," said Berta Tziklis, "she told me that most of the money comes from American Jews. It was hard for me to believe that people so far away would care about me. If I could tell them anything, I would tell them how they have brought dignity back to my life. I am so grateful."

"It's a powerful thing that Jewish people in the United States are thinking about me," said Paula. "I'm from Odessa, where Judaism was mostly cultivated in the villages, but I remembered the traditions. I remember the Seders. And Purim. I have always been a Jew. I know people who have hid their Jewishness, but I never did. I am proud to be a Jew and proud of Israel. . ."

Free For The Picking

by Daniel Rogov

(WZPS) During the celebrations for Jerusalem's 3000th anniversary, nearly 1,000 people will partake in a great culinary adventure: 14 of the world's greatest chefs will congregate in Jerusalem and together with their Israeli colleagues prepare "King David's Feast."

Although few of the dishes actually prepared during the reign of King David would be considered palatable today, the meal will be based entirely on local foods, some of which are known to have grown in Israel since Biblical days. Artichokes, grapes, dates and figs, lamb, geese, fresh and salt-water fish, will all be present in one form or another. And because wine has also been made in Israel since ancient times, all of the wines served will come from Israeli wineries.

Fine food has not always been taken for granted in Jerusalem. In fact, when the city was under siege - twice by the Romans, once during the Moslem invasion and once during the War of Independence - food was extremely scarce in the city. Despite that, no one had to starve because so many wild foods grew in the city streets and surrounding hills, all free for the picking, that no one ever needed to be truly hungry.

Grapes, berries and mushrooms grow wild in the Jerusalem hills and fig and olive trees are to be found almost everywhere, but the most popular of the "free foods" found in the city is mallow. Sometimes known as "poor man's bread", mallow is an herb with dark green leaves, showy flowers and disk-shaped fruits. Because it thrives in even the poorest and most

rocky soils, it is one of the oldest inhabitant of the Middle East. Most modern-day Jerusalemites refer to mallow by its Arabic or Latin names, *hubeza* or *malva*, as opposed to the more modern Hebrew name, *helmonit*.

Even though no one has ever ranked mallow with the true culinary treats

of the world, no one has ever scoffed at it. For centuries, the poor have used the leaves in salads and some homeopathic doctors and healers continue, even today, to use mallow flowers in poultices and infusions of mallow leaves to relieve chest pains.

Most importantly, modern cooks have realized that the young leaves of the mallow plant can be delightful when served in salads, that the buds of the flowers can be sauteed gently in oil, seasoned with allspice and used as a garnish with meat and fish dishes, and that the mature leaves can be used in making a large variety of recipes. In each of the following recipes, if mallow is not available you can substitute either spinach or Swiss chard.



Egg fritters with mallow. WZPS photo by John Simms

Mallow Soup

1 lb. (450 gr.) mallow leaves
 3 Tbsp. butter
 3 eggs
 juice of 1 large lemon or more to taste
 salt and pepper to taste
 6 cup chicken stock, hot
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 1 cup toasted bread croutons

Remove the heavy stems from the mallow and wash well under running water. Dry the leaves on paper towelling. In a heavy skillet melt the butter and in this saute the mallow leaves until just tender.

In a small mixing bowl beat together the eggs, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Add 3 Tbsp. of the hot stock and beat well. Add this mixture to the hot chicken stock and then add the mallow. Mix briskly, garnish with the cheese and croutons and serve hot. (Serves 6-8).

Mallow Pie

2 lb. (900 gr.) mallow leaves, washed well
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1/4 lb. (115 gr.) Gruyere cheese, grated
 3 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated
 1 cup spring onions, chopped
 3 oz. (85 gr.) philo pastry leaves (strudel-leaf pastry)
 salt and pepper to taste

Shake off as much water from the mallow as possible. In a heavy skillet heat 2 Tbsp. of the butter and the olive oil and in this saute the mallow, covered, over a high flame, until steam appears. Reduce the flame and simmer until the mallow is tender (5-6 minutes). With a slotted spoon remove the mallow from the skillet and chop coarsely. Return to the skillet and season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a small mixing bowl combine the cheeses, spring onions and salt and pepper to taste. Add this mixture to the mallow and mix well.

Butter a square casserole dish or cake tin and in the bottom place 6 leaves of philo dough. Brush the top of each leaf with butter before covering with the next leaf. Over these spread the prepared mallow and cheese mixture. Cover this with 6 more leaves of the dough, again buttering the leaves and also buttering the top. Be sure that the edges of the pastry are well buttered and bake in a medium oven for 30-40 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes and invert on a baking dish. Return to the oven until the top is crisp and golden-brown (about 10 minutes). Serve hot or at room temperature. (Serves 4-6).



Egg Fritters with Mallow

8 eggs
 1 cup fresh bread, with crusts removed, soaked in milk and squeezed dry by hand
 3 Tbsp. mallow, chopped
 2 Tbsp. basil, chopped
 1 Tbsp. thyme, chopped
 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 cup dry breadcrumbs
 4 cups oil for frying (ideally olive oil)

Hard boil 6 of the eggs. Drain, cool and shell the eggs.

Mix the bread with the mallow, basil and thyme and Parmesan cheese. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide the mixture into 6 equal portions and pat each portion into a circle. Place one hard boiled egg on each portion and wrap the eggs in the bread mixture.

Beat the remaining eggs in a shallow dish and into these dip the wrapped hard boiled eggs. Roll the eggs in the dried breadcrumbs, coating well.

In a deep skillet heat the oil to 350 degrees Fahrenheit (180 Celsius) and in this fry the fritters until golden (about 5 minutes). Drain on paper towels, arrange on a serving plate and serve hot. (Serves 4 or 8).

Salmon Steaks and Capers

4 Salmon steaks, about 1/2 lb. (225 gr.) each (may also use tuna, locus or red snapper)
olive oil and wine vinegar as required
salt and pepper to taste
2 tsp. parsley, chopped
4 lemon slices
capers, drained, as required

Place each fish steak on a piece of aluminum foil and then brush the fish lightly with oil. Sprinkle over a small amount of the vinegar, season each steak with salt and pepper and scatter a pinch of parsley on each steak. Add a slice of lemon and several capers.

Fold and seal the fish parcels, making sure they are tightly closed. Place them on a baking sheet and heat in an oven that has been preheated to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (200 degrees Celsius) until cooked through (about 15 minutes).

Transfer the parcels to a preheated serving platter and open them at the table, taking care not to let the liquids escape. (Serves 4).

Caper Sauce

To make a caper sauce to go with hot or cold fish, eggs, or

vegetables, melt 2 Tbsp. of butter. Into this stir 1/4 cup of flour. Stir the mixture with a whisk and then add 1 egg yolk that has been mixed with 1 Tbsp. of cold water. Over a moderate flame slowly add another 1/2 cup butter, stirring constantly. When the mixture is smooth, gently stir in 2-3 Tbsp. of well drained capers. Add pepper to taste and serve the sauce hot.

Veal in Wine and Capers

(note: not kosher)

2-1/2 lb. (1-1/4 kilo.)
'leg or loin of veal
3 whole cloves
1 large onion, sliced
1/4 cup olive oil
3 oz. (85 gr.) tuna fish, flaked
8 anchovy fillets, mashed
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup wine vinegar
1 cup sugar
2 onions, sliced
juice of 2 lemons, strained
rind of 1 lemon, grated
2 Tbsp. each celery leaves and parsley, both chopped
1-1/2 tsp. basil
1/2 tsp. thyme
1 cup mayonnaise
3 oz. (85 gr.) capers

Trim the fat and sinew from the meat, tie with string and wash under cold running water. To a large soup pot with an ample amount of lightly salted water add the whole cloves, sliced onion

the meat and bring slowly to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes and then run under cold water for 10 minutes.

In a large flame-proof casserole dish heat the oil and in this saute the meat, tuna and anchovies until the meat is browned all over. When brown season with salt and pepper. Add to the casserole the lemon juice, wine vinegar, sugar, lemon rind, celery leaves, parsley, basil and thyme. Cover the casserole and cook over a moderate flame until the meat is tender, turning occasionally. Allow the meat to cool, cover and refrigerate 24 hours.

Remove the meat, untie it and slice. Place the liquids and all of the contents of the casserole in a blender and blend well. Remove to a mixing bowl and fold in the mayonnaise and capers, blending well. Arrange the meat slices on a serving platter and pour over the gravy. Let cool and then refrigerate. Serve cold. (Serves 6).



Famous Jewish Women

Estee Lauder

Estee Lauder was born in Queens NY. One of a large brood whose parents were Jewish European immigrants. She like so many in her class, wished to be purely red, white and blue. It seems that she succeeded.

Working with an uncle who was a chemist, she improved on his preparations for skin care. She catered to the elite, marketed her products only in fine establishments, and adopted the gimmick of free give-always, a practice continued to this day. She was innovative and secretive in the pursuit of her illustrious career.

She married Joseph Lauter, changed later to Lauder, and they had two children. Estee Lauder has always been a family business, with the close attention of the couple and

their children even to small details. Since 1946, with the start of Estee Lauder, Inc., the company remained private and spread worldwide. Meanwhile, Estee had cultivated her position in society, which hurt her not a bit.

At the end of 1990, the Estee Lauder line was first in department store sales of cosmetics and skin treatment products, third among all such companies and sales of makeup products.

Thus did Josephine Esther Mentzer, born in Queens in 1908, become one of the three guests whom the Prince and Princess of Wales requested to be invited by President Reagan when they visited the White House. Neither her Jewishness nor her feminism deterred her from reaching the highest rung on the ladder she chose to climb.

W O M E N

Anzia Yezierska

In 1922 Samuel Goldwyn produced the film, *Hungry Hearts*, based on the stories written by Anzia Yezierska. That seemed to be the high-light of her career, distant from her begin-nings.

She was brought to New York from Polish Russia in the 1890's at the age of 16. Her father was an Orthodox Jewish scholar whose Talmudic studies forced his wife and children to fend for themselves. In protest, Anzia left home and worked with other immi-grants in sweatshops and a laundry. She was intent on learning and through evening classes and her own reading, she eventually gained a posi-tion as teacher of cooking in an elementary school.

By the time she reached the age of 35, *Metro-politan Magazine* published her short story, "Where Lovers Die." She had come a long way from her humble start on the lower East Side. In the interim, she had married and given birth to a daughter, but she left them to pursue her writing career. She was encouraged by Frank Crane, a Methodist Episcopal clergy-man, who was also an author.

Her writings portrayed in broad strokes the life of the Jewish immigrant to America, sparing neither the exploiters nor those who tried to help. The first were the employers who imposed harsh working conditions on those who had come, seeking a better life. The latter were social workers, many of them German Jews who had come earlier to America and who had indeed succeeded. For their attempts to help the newcomers from eastern Europe, they were severely condemned as members of the "bourgeois" class.

As a salaried writer from Hollywood, and in her numerous published stories, Anna Yezierska re-vealed the plight of the Jewish immigrants, particularly the women. From her own background she was able to lend authentic-ity to her writing.

Her stories were often bitter, though not without humor, and the public failed to regard her with affection. She never mentioned her husband and child, and it seems her emphasis on the struggle of her characters ignored all possible benefits. She died in 1970.

Her first novel, *Salome of the Tenements*, is reviewed in this issue of *The Times Outlook* by Pearl Rohde.

Famous Jewish Women



From Israel to Oklahoma City: “We Know How It Feels”

by Susan Heller

The bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City one year ago left 169 adults and children dead, and an entire city in shock.

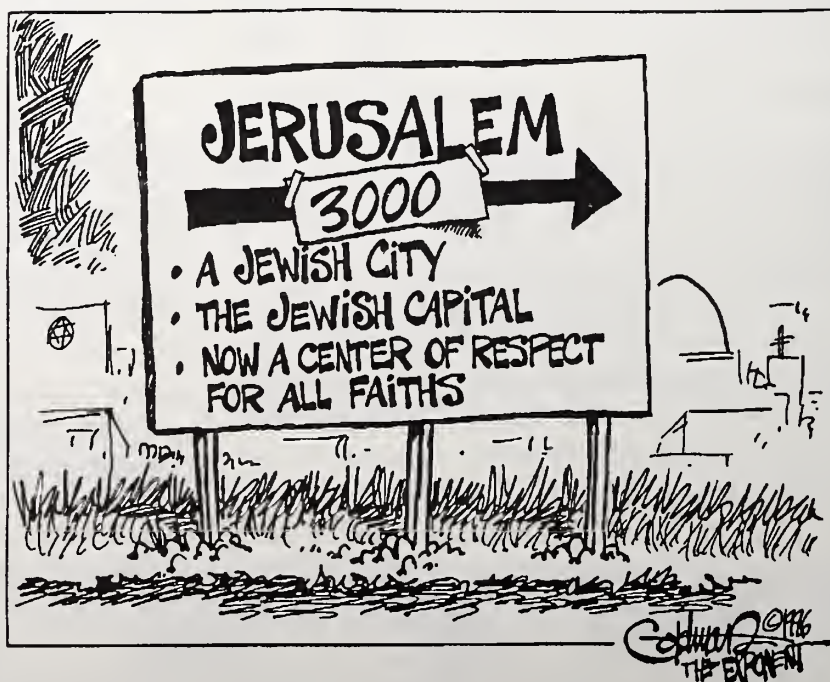
Almost exactly one year earlier, an Israeli town was dealing with the same turmoil and the same trauma. On April 6, 1994, an Islamic militant drove his explosives-laden car into a bus in the northern Israeli town of Afula. This first ever Hamas suicide bombing left eight dead and scores wounded, many of them teens on their way home from school.

This March, a group of Israeli fourteen and fifteen year-old who survived terrorists attacks traveled to Oklahoma City to talk to high school students about their experiences. The six---five who survived the bombing in Afula and one the October 1994 suicide attack on a Tel Aviv city bus--were part of the Anti-Defamation League program, “Peers in Healing.” During their week in the American heartland these Israelis affirmed the universal human face and human cost of terrorism.

Most of the Israelis had suffered critical burns and endured painful surgery, rehabilitative therapy, and had still-visible scars on their hands and necks. All continue to experience periodic nightmares and trauma. Their counterparts in Oklahoma City were more fortunate. They themselves were not physically wounded by the blast. Nevertheless, almost everyone the Israelis encountered had felt the explosion that April morning, and many knew people who were killed or injured.

While the Israeli teens were very

familiar with the American high school scene from their daily dose of MTV and Beverly Hills 90210, the Oklahoma City teens had little knowledge of Israel. As they attempted to find Israel on a world map the question began: “Do you ride a camel to get around?” “Does your school look like our school?” Soon, the Israelis and Americans discovered that they listened to the same music, knew the same dance steps, studied the same Shakespeare plays and shared the same passion for basketball and pizza.



But inevitably, the talk turned to their other shared experiences. For all of these young adults, life has been divided into two: before the bombing and after.

Many Oklahoma City students confessed to suffering nightmares or sleeplessness following the attack. "How long did it take you to sleep through the night?" one asked a new Israeli friend. Others expressed amazement at the ability of the Israelis to go on, particularly in the face of the continued threat of terrorism. "After what happened to you, how can you get on a bus again. Aren't you afraid of other terrorist attacks?"

The Israelis recounted how seeing the television pictures from Oklahoma City brought on flashbacks. "I felt like the bombing happened in Afula. It was the same day all over again," one Israeli said. The Oklahoma City students admitted to feeling the same when they saw footage from recent suicide attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

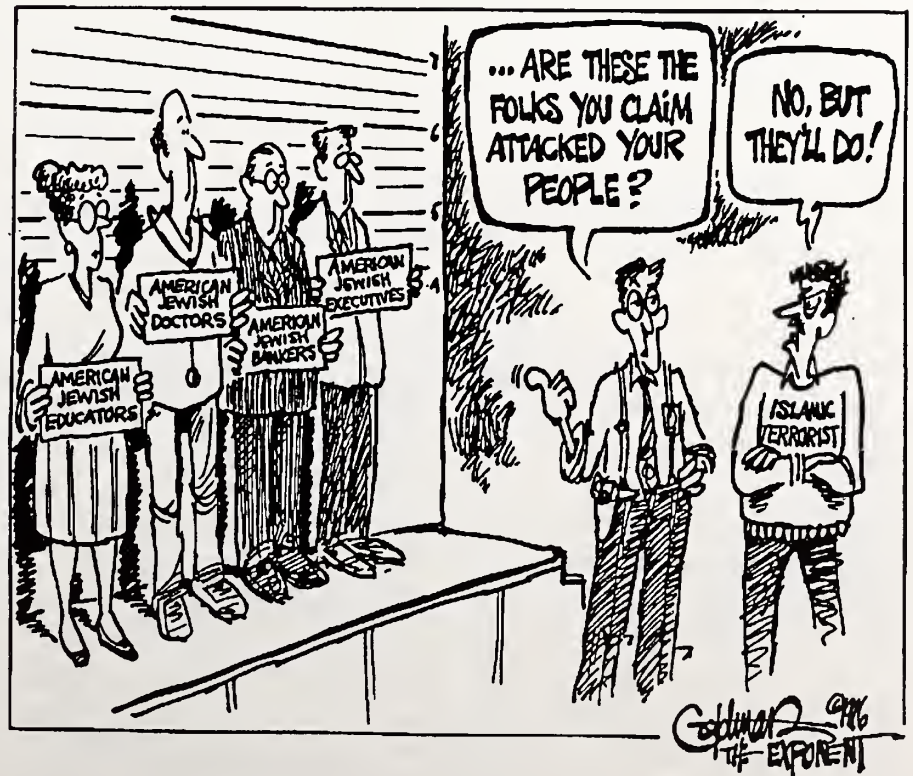
"How long until things got back to normal in your town," an Oklahoma student asked, "and how long do you think that it will take in Oklahoma City?" "I don't know," answered a usually jubilant Israeli teen. "It may take a very long time here, because things still aren't back to normal in Afula."

After sharing confidences, dance techniques and a game of pick-up

soccer, the Israeli teens left their new Oklahoma City friends to pay their respect to the victims of the bombing. Despite the television pictures and the conversations with the Oklahoma City students, the Israelis were stunned by the devastation at the site of the Federal Building. The surrounding area still resembles a ghost town, with boarded-up shells of office buildings, churches and community centers. All along a fence encircling the spot where the Federal Building once stood people have left notes and gifts. And everywhere people have carefully placed crosses. For the Israeli teens, the site represented both the univer-

sity of terrorism as well as the personal tragedy. Two members of the group insisted on writing notes in Hebrew to the victims. They folded their notes in two, drew large Stars of Davids on the outside and stuck the notes into the fence. "We are here to say no to terrorism and hatred," they wrote, "and yes to hope and peace." "We have come from Israel to tell you that we know how it feels."

Susan Heller, Director of Middle Eastern Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League, accompanied the Israeli teenagers to Oklahoma City.



Issues of Aging

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“Who will handle your affairs if you become incapacitated?”

This question isn't about who is going to make life and death decisions instead of you. It means, who is going to carry out your wishes, plans and decisions. Now is the time to talk about living wills and “heroic” medical measures, not in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Feelings do change. I know a man who was adamantly opposed to any extraordinary medical procedures until he became terminally ill. Then, he wanted everything, and he got it as long as he was capable of asking. So should you.

A decision to end heroic measures is incredibly difficult to make, even when there has been a clear cut discussion. It is infinitely worse

when there hasn't been, and everyone, including the care recipient, suffers.

You can insure that someone agreeable to all parties can step in, if and when necessary, to manage finances by getting a lawyer to draw up a durable power of attorney to take effect in the case of incapacitation. The cost is \$25-150. You might also have the attorney draw up a medical power of attorney which allows a trusted someone to make the health care decisions you agree on in your living will.

The next issues for discussion has to do with arrangements. Yes, I'm talking about funerals and wills. I can tell you from personal experience how comforting it was that my

parents had selected where and how they would be buried. They had even paid for most of the cost, and they had done it at a time when they were in excellent health, almost 20 years before my father was the first to pass away. In later years they often said how relieved they were not to have to be concerned with those arrangements at a time when the need was increasingly imminent.

Now we come to the will. I would be surprised if there is anyone reading this who hasn't gone through or doesn't know someone who went through battle with family members over who was going to get what. On the other hand, I know a number of older adults who have taken tremendous joy in knowing

who valued which of their possession and in playing the parental role of arbitrating decisions. In many instances, they got the most pleasure out of giving items well in advance so they could enjoy the joy that this gave both giver and recipient.

If you have a favorite institution, charity or cause that you want to support, you may decide, as a family, to make your contribution now as a "honorial" rather than waiting till it becomes a "memorial". We all know what you have to do for a memorial. With an "honorial" you can enjoy seeing the fruits of your generosity.

Families are usually so complex that there is no easy way to talk about dividing up financial resources. But, in most cases, the discussion should be attempted and should cover contingencies. Actually, it is a discussion that should be held periodically as needs and relationships change. Good, sound, long term family planning means everyone being involved to the extent that is possible. A time of grief and mourning should be a time of reassurance, support and security and not a time for unpleasant surprise and confrontation.

The last question is "Where do you keep your important

documents and what should these documents include?" If you keep the only copy of everything in a safe deposit box, you run the risk that the box will be sealed until probate, and that could take quite some time. Instead, keep at least two or even three copies of the following papers. One set in the safe deposit box, another on file with your attorney and a third in a locked box or file box at home. Make sure that those who need to know are aware of where all the copies are located.

The papers should include your wills, durable powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, living wills. Make lists of insurance policies, savings accounts, checking accounts, stock and bond

certificates, certificates of deposit, real estate papers, etc. and be sure to say where the originals are located. Include canceled checks and tax returns for the past three years. Don't forget to put in a labeled key to the safe-deposit box. Finally, draw up a list of the names and phone numbers of attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, stockbrokers, bankers and financial planners. Adding the names of all your doctors would hurt either, especially if incapacitation is the reason for someone needing access to these papers.

It isn't as daunting as it sounds. Start now, work at it every day, take it a little bit at a time, and you should be finished in a couple of weeks at the most. Then, sit back, relax and enjoy the life you have just put in order.



Rmedia Reviews MOVIES BOOKS

The Arts

Journey To My Father, Isaac Bashevis Singer

By Israel Zamir
Arcade Publishing
240 pp. \$21.95
Reviewed by Estelle
Hoffman

After twenty years of separation, Israel Zamir came to the United States from Israel to meet with his father, Isaac Bashevis Singer. In *Journey To My Father*, Israel Zamir tells the story, translated from Hebrew by Barbara Harshav, because Isaac Bashevis Singer's son has lived most of his life in Israel and writes in Hebrew.

Isaac Bashevis Singer and his noted literary brother, I.J. Singer, were born in Poland. I.J. (Joshua) broke away from communism and Jewish Orthodoxy early in his youth. I.B. Singer, the subject of his son's book, also discarded the garb of the shtetl, but clung longer to faith in the Soviet Union, after his brother saw its evils under Stalin.

Joshua, after cutting off his earlocks and getting rid of his kapoteh, immigrated to the United States. He was a worldly person whose

stories Israel Zamir preferred to those of his father. I.B., shy and pessimistic, believed in demons and ghosts as forces in the world. He was a mystic, but knowing life isn't story, he was realistic, too. The brothers argued.

In 1936, Joshua sent for his brother, who joined him in New York. The Singer home gathered writers and theatrical people. Isaac Bashevis had a hard time earning a living, while his brother was a successful writer for *The Forward*. When I.B.

came to this country, he deserted his wife and five year old son, Israel. Although he had been unfaithful to his wife, he promised they would be reunited. Mother and son made their way to Israel by way of Turkey, and there they remained.

On the Kibbutz, the Soviet Union was an inspiration, and when Stalin was denounced, Israel Zamir was shaken. His communications with his father in America were few and far between over the years.

Meanwhile, I.J. Singer died in America, and Isaac Bashevis became acclimated and fared better. Women were his weakness, but as a descendant of a long line of rabbis, he still believed in God, without ritual observance. He claimed to be a writer of Jewish life in general, as he has seen it in Poland. He was accused of exploiting the shtetl with erotic and demonic stories. He said, "There is no compromise between religious life and secular life." He did not despair of the secular world, but saw the escape of others into the religious life.

As a father, he never showed love to his son, and in some ways was cruel to him. During the author's first visit to his father, he had to provide for himself, and although the relationship improved during later visits in America and in Israel when Isaac Bashevis traveled there, he was self-centered and had a good opinion of himself.

In the end, he was a victim of Alzheimer's disease, and died pitifully in 1991. He had won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1978, and enjoyed the ceremonies in Stockholm, in which his son Israel Zamir participated. There had been a bond created between the two who were so greatly separated by distance, philosophy and religion.

Journey To My Father is a moving story of the master who wrote in Yiddish and gained the attention of the world through translations and movie adaptations of his stories. Imagine YENTL in Japanese!



And They Shall Be My People: An American Rabbi and His Congregation

by Paul Wilkes
Ballantine Publishing
Group 351 pp.
\$12.00

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, though not famous or especially distinguished is an extraordinary individual--a spiritual leader committed to his congregation in Worcester, Massachusetts; a Jewish scholar steeped in ancient tradition; an American man all too familiar with the temptations of an affluent, secular society. Religious leaders of every denomination know how hard it is to keep faith alive in the face of America's overwhelmingly secular and materialistic mainstream culture. For Rabbi Rosenbaum, this problem is even more serious. As more and more members of his congregation turn away from religious observance and intermarry with non-Jews, Rabbi Rosenbaum fears that Conservative Judaism, the largest branch in

America, is in danger of becoming extinct.

Rabbi Rosenbaum is the focus of award-winning writer Paul Wilkes' book, *And they Shall Be My People*. Wilkes, a Catholic, brought an outsider's unbiased eye to Congregation Beth Israel, a fairly typical upper-middle-class synagogue with 530 member families. For more than a year, he followed Rabbi Rosenbaum on his daily rounds, leading services, preparing sermons, counseling couples, teaching children, performing weddings and funerals, struggling with synagogue finances and leading a trip to Israel.

Wilkes also conducted extensive interviews with the rabbi and his wife and a wide range of congregants, some of whom feel the rabbi has enriched their lives spiritually, but many of whom are offended by his persistent efforts to make them more obser-

vant Jews.

And They Shall Be My People is a painstakingly observed, warts and all picture of American Judaism at the crossroads. It strikes a chord with believers of every faith who, like Rabbi Rosenbaum and his congregants, are struggling with what it means to be religious in the modern world.

Paul Wilkes has examined religious belief in the modern world in books, articles for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine* and the *Atlantic* and television documentaries. Among his many books are *Trying Out The Dream: A Year In The Life of an American Family* and *In Mysterious Ways: The Death and Life of a Parish Priest*, which was awarded the Christopher medal. He lives in Wilmington NC with his family.

Exploring Exodus: The Origins of Biblical Israel

by Nahum M. Sarna
Pantheon Books 277 pp.
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Reviewed by Estelle
Hoffman

As in Nahum Sarna's previous book, *Understanding Genesis*, he clarifies his aim at the beginning: *Exploring Exodus* is also a work concerned mainly with theology, religion, not history. Notwithstanding that emphasis, the author's knowledge of ancient history of Middle Eastern civilizations is profound and impressive.

All evidence points to the time of the biblical Exodus as the 13th century B.C.E. The biblical writers assumed the people knew earlier history of Joseph and how the Jews came to be in Egypt.

While acknowledging many similarities between the religions and customs of surrounding nations and tribes, compared to those of the Hebrews, Sarna aims to stress the differences. Much superstition of the people in the area was superseded by new meaning and ritual which set the Hebrews apart from the others.

The Book of Exodus records the events which shaped the formation of biblical Israel; that is, the deliverance from slavery, the leadership of Moses, the giving of the Law at Sinai. The climax of the last is explained in its uniqueness. Morality was not an original concept of the Decalogue, but whereas rules of conduct were elsewhere prescribed by a human ruler, albeit possibly advised by his god, Moses received the 10 Commandments directly from God on Mount Sinai.

It is interesting to learn that the form of the 10 Commandments was the same as that of the standard contract of the time, used in treaties between groups in the area. However, these laws applied not to states, but to interpersonal relations within the state, and unlike other treaties which would prove to be temporary as rulers changed, these were forever.

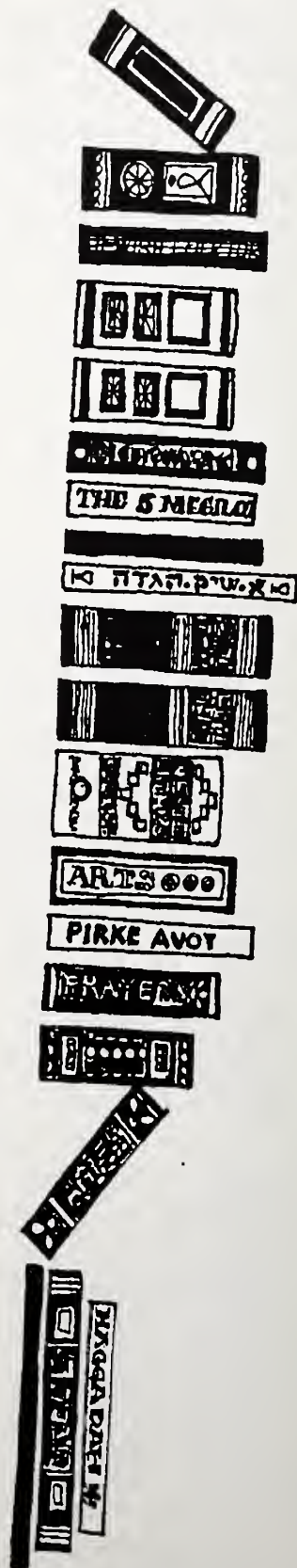
It is certain that the Hebrews' religion was changed in the outlawing of paganism, the observance of the Sabbath and the reference to the one God who would thereafter be referred to by the tetragrammaton YHVH.

The 10 Commandments were followed by the Torah, understood to have been prescribed at the same time. The Torah, of course, combines history with rules of behavior, which are matters of private conscience authored by divine command. Such rules are found nowhere else in records of biblical times. The laws and the narrative are inseparable. Israel is to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Other nations' laws were imposed by kings; those of Israel were a contract between God and the people, who freely accepted them.

In his account of the Exodus from Egypt and the events which followed until the establishment of the nation of Israel, the author's exploration of history of the region which is known to date, having been discovered by archaeologists and historians, is indeed fascinating. The reader is led from one subject to the next, and it is difficult to find a place to pause.

Nahum M. Sarna is Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies at Brandeis University. He is translator of the Jewish Publication Society's Bible. The reader's time is well rewarded by reading *Exploring Exodus*.



Salome of the Tenements

by Anzia Yeziarska
*University of Illinois
 Press 160 pp. paper
 \$14.95
 Reviewed by Pearl Rohde*

"The Radical Novel Reconsidered"--Part of a series of mid-20th century U.S. left wing fiction with biographical and critical introductions by contemporary scholars.

This is Anzia Yeziarska's first novel, published in 1923, which set out to challenge the prevailing theories of education and philanthropy subjects that have affected public policy to the present day.

In brief, SOT is a love story about a working class Salome and her high born John the Baptist.

The book radically critiques the settlement education projects that aimed at Americanization through the melting pot theory (a sociological premise that all immigrants could be molded into Americans along the lines of the dominant cultures). Such a movement toward inclusion often hid an attempt to efface differences by "Anglo-Saxoning" the immigrant--in this case the Eastern European Jew.

Salome of the Tenements still powerfully resonant, addresses as well the problems of other inter-ethnic, inter-class marriages.

Moreover, the novel exposes the hypocrisy of the good works of the privileged class, dedicated to helping the poor.

In addition, there is a presentation of the rise and of the settlement houses at the turn of the century and the famed romance of an immigrant woman and her millionaire.

These events are portrayed in *Salome of the Tenements*. The main character is a larger than life female protagonist, who refutes the fairy tale of America's promised land.

The novel is based on a well publicized historical event, the romance of Yeziarska's friend, the writer and labor activist Rose Pastor with her millionaire philanthropist Graham Phelps Stokes, which she saw as a bridge over the cultural gulf between Jew and Gentile. However, "SOT" also tells Y's own story--that of her short but impassioned relationship with the

educator John Dewey.

The author came to America as a child of 8 years from a village in the Pale, a Jewish ghetto in Russia and Poland during the 1890's and 90' with anti-Semitism rampant in the country she left and in the country she entered as well.

She knew the poverty and oppression faced by Jewish immigrants to the United States, and was able to describe the painful conflicts in a Jewish community struggling for identity in a new land, and the tenuous relationships those immigrants had with the native born, Anglo-Saxon Christian majority, as well as the awful working conditions for the lower class immigrants as they struggled to make themselves over in order to achieve success within the rigid class-bound structure of America.

For Yeziarska, the struggle was personal and political; in her own life she was never able to reconcile her admiration and repugnance for the "higher ups" as she called them.

As part of the "underclass" she grew up in a household of women who worked in ghetto factories to support a Hebrew scholar father. Her rise out of poverty

and oppression reflected the economic rise of many Jews, but like many other authors of her time, she was never able to separate herself from those who were unable to break out of the ghetto. She was simultaneously attracted to and repelled by the dominant culture and the "higher ups" as she called them.

The settlement workers were portrayed as a class of affluent "do gooders" whose goal was to uplift the downtrodden slum dwellers." Many settlement houses such as University Settlement in New York and Hull House in Chicago were founded in those years.

An important influence in her life and work was the educator John Dewey, who encouraged her to write, presenting her with the tools--a typewriter and contact with a publisher. Her work began appearing in the "New Republic." Editors rejected her stories because they were written in dialect and also portrayed a world far from their understanding. John Dewey encouraged her, believed that her writing was genuine. Though of considerable influence, her relationship with John Dewey did not materialize further for multiple reasons.

She completed her education through Night School,

To Make My Bread

by Grace Lumpkin
University of Illinois Press 424 pp. paper
 \$14.95
Originally published in 1932
Reviewed by Pearl Rohde

Grace Lumpkin is an outstanding example of the radical novelist, yet she remains a contradiction. As a novelist she wrote vividly of her experiences in growing up during the economic and social crises of the depression. In 1935 some people believed she would be a candidate for the Pulitzer Prize in literature.

Her style of literacy embraced social realism -- a technique she believed would best portray the problems America faces. However her literature like other radical writers was run over by the times. Descriptions of radical social changes were eclipsed by the political and economic climate. These writings were regarded as radical and dangerous notions.

The depression years were followed by World War II and post war search for Communists, and writers of the depression were frightened of the impact of the loss of a livelihood and the loss of political

freedom. These writers remain forgotten.

In Grace Lumpkin's case, she had been affected by the cultural radicalism of the times and had been part of the extreme political left.

Why did she, in 1953 before the Senate's Subcommittee, give out her former associates' names, proclaiming that "that this country needs to have communists cleaned out once and for all!" The question arises "Why did she give up communism and turn instead to religion?" Some of the answer is in her writings and background.

She was born in 1892 in Milledgeville, GA, the 9th of 11 children. The family moved from Georgia to Columbia SC around 1900. The family was well known--her father was a Civil War Veteran--and Episcopalian. She attended Columbia University, attended every class in Journalism and Creative Writing. She attended political demonstrations, walked picket lines and supported socialist and radical causes.

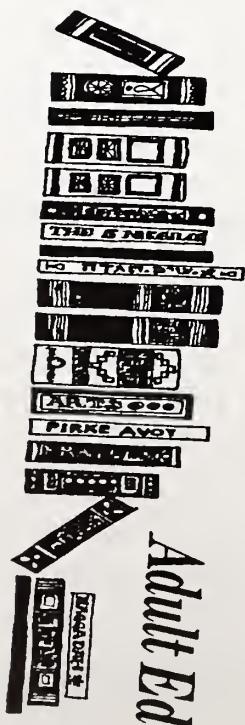
She also worked on a

Quaker publication, *The World Tomorrow*. On staff were social reformers, black intellectuals, immigrant and ethnic workers and labor activists. They were concerned about race. *The World Tomorrow* staff described her as a student of social problems in the North and the South.

Grace Lumpkin understood the struggles of the poor whites in the South. She had experienced racism and had an understanding of radical strategies for social change. She understood the need for alliance by blacks and white workers. She was a precursor of the Cultural Historians who hadn't yet examined the work of the previous generation of women radicals.

In 1971 Grace Lumpkin established a collection of her papers in the South Carolina Library at the University of SC in Columbia. Among those papers is a typescript of *To Make My Bread* and Whittaker Chambers' *Witness And Cold Friday*. Some of her file is in the Southern Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Katherine Lumpkin, her sister, was a sociologist at U.N.C. There is also an F.B.I. file on a background check of Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers. Her brother Joseph Lumpkin was a

later Columbia Teachers College. She married and divorced in 1912, had one child, Louise, who later became her biographer. She became a writer in her 30's. In all her books she describes the difficulties the poor Jewish immigrants had in being accepted as equal citizens on their own terms. Like her heroines, she became very successful. She began writing for major magazines and newspapers. Her first collection "Hungry Hearts" was made into a movie. She was productive and popular between 1923 and 1932, was a pauper again in 1936, working for the Federal Writers Project. She died in California in 1970, was writing book reviews and short stories to the end of her life.



U.S. Senator from South Carolina.

To Make My Bread is a novel of the people of the mountains and the daily struggle to survive the daily search for food for the body and mind to survive the vicissitudes of weather with minimal resources.

The mountain people had no livelihood, except for occasional deliveries of bootleg liquor. The family patriarch, Grandpa Kirkland, has no information about the motives of the lumber company--that in selling his land, he will have no place to live. He believes the millowners who promise a lifetime job for him and his family--a real kitchen with electricity.

The principal characters are McClure twins, Bonnie and John McLure. Bonnie represents the plight of the working class woman (Like other characters described by women writers who wrote of the vicissitudes of labor in the mills in Gastonia.)

These women suffered from a lack of education, overwork, continual pregnancy, child rearing and the double burden of work outside and inside the home. Bonnie sees the need for working class resistance and for unity, and the alliance of black and white women work-

ers. Bonnie is an early organizer.

John gradually confronts the moral issues of sexuality, religion and manhood, gradually attaining the position of a supervisor of other workers at the mill.

This novel is significant for anyone interested in cultural and feminists impact in addressing the difficult connections of class and race.

READ

Grandmother and the Runaway Shadow

by Liz Rosenberg
Harcourt Brace Children's Books 32 pp. \$15.00

This once-upon-a-time story tells about a young woman like countless of our grandmothers or mothers who fled persecution in Eastern Europe. Today by Liz Rosenberg in a sympathetic tone, the tale is that of her own family's journey to America, and it resembles what many Americans of assorted origins have heard about their families.

I am reminded of the old children's poem, "I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me. . .," for this Grandmother came as

a very young woman accompanied by the shadow who remained with her as a friend.

The story is told poignantly, with few words, but the illustrations on the double 9x12" pages are beautiful, as much a part of the story as the tale itself. The illustrator, Beth Peck, is a popular artist of children's books. The author, Liz Rosenberg, has written several books for children and is an award-winning poet.

Grandmother and the Runaway Shadow is recommended for children five to eight years old.

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Chai-lights

June 1996

A Mitzvah Day at BJH

They were easy to recognize as more than regular Sunday visitors when they arrived at BJH on May 5th. The white and blue t-shirts which they wore emblazoned with the Temple Emanuel Mitzvah Corp logo were a sign that these visitors were at BJH for something special. The Temple in Greensboro was sponsoring a "Mitzvah Day" on Sunday May 5th. This was a day in which members choose to put tzedakah into practice through social action activities at various non-profit agencies in Greensboro. BJH was asked to be included in the project by listing areas of need in which volunteers could participate on this day.

Blumenthal Jewish Home was happy to welcome ten volunteers who choose BJH as the place to spend their mitzvah day. They all arrived with enthusiasm, energy and the spirit of doing for others. The Pinsker and Thompson families performed mitzvot on the move. Parents and children walked the halls of the Home transporting residents from each of the wings to the Commons auditorium to listen to a concert performed by classical guitar students from the North Carolina School of the Arts. After the concert the volunteers served refreshments, chatted with residents and escorted them back to their rooms. Parents and children sharing this act of giving on an equal footing brought a smile to the residents who were the recipients on this special mitzvah day.

Laura Steinberg and Julie Goldfarb not only performed their mitzvah at BJH they also performed a miracle. These



Laura Steinberg and Julie Goldfarb organized the BJH clothes closet as their mitzvah project when Greensboro's Temple Emanuel held their Mitzvah Day.

mitzvah makers spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon in a windowless storeroom. They sorted through endless boxes and bags of donated clothing which they turned into a neatly organized clothes closet, now a usable resource for residents needing clothing items. The sun may not have shown on Julie and Laura that day but the miracle they produced will bring brightness to others for days to come.

Outside the sun was shining brightly on volunteers Justin and Christy Evans who had chosen the gardening project as their mitzvah. Led by veteran BJH volunteer Tony Schwertfeger

Justin and Christy dug right in planting flowers and weeding in the courtyard garden. Inspired by their efforts these volunteers plan to keep their mitzvah going and hope to keep BJH blooming for all to enjoy in months to come.

When we pause from our busy schedules to stop and smell the roses as these volunteers did or to lend a hand or be a friend to someone in need we are performing mitzvot and surely making a difference for someone today and tomorrow.



Christy Evans, above, and Justin Evans, right, spend Mitzvah Day working in the BJH gardens.



Herman and Rose Nove receive transportation aid on Mitzvah Day from Jerry and Danny Pinsker and Ben Thompson.



Anna Thompson offers assistance to Eva Kaplan.



Anna with her parents Amy and Joe Thompson perform mitzvot together as they serve refreshments to the residents.



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BJH Briefs

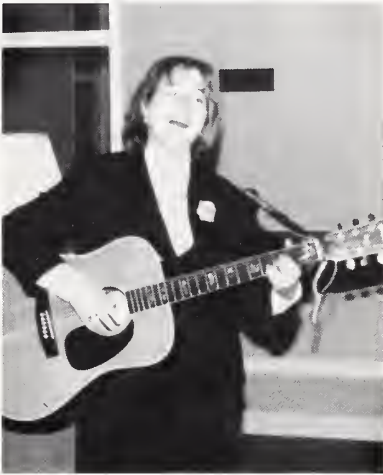
Rabbi's Hour programs bring spiritual nourishment to BJH residents. Recent visits from Rabbis and Cantors have offered intellectual stimulation to touch the mind, music to touch the soul and spirit to reach the heart. Rabbi Marla Subeck, from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem visits BJH residents and brings discussion and music to her Rabbis Hour programs each month. Residents have also enjoyed recent visits by both Rabbi James Bennett and Cantor Lynda Sheppard from Temple Beth El in Charlotte and Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte. Residents look forward to the visits from our traveling Rabbis and Cantors and to the enrichment their programs provide.



Rabbi Marla Subeck adds a touch of music to her program.

Rabbi Murray Ezring offers Passover comments during Rabbi's Hour in the BJH Synagogue.

In Tune Spiritually



Cantor Lynda Sheppard and Rabbi James Bennett bring the sounds of beautiful music to their Rabbi's Hour programs.

Rabbi Fred Guttman of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro presents his monthly program to the residents at their visits to Starmount Country Club in Greensboro. Rabbi Guttman joins the residents and volunteers for lunch each month and offers both a rabbinic message and music for the dessert. Members of the Greensboro Friendship Circle joined BJH residents for a special luncheon in March. Old friends were reunited and new friends met. Everyone enjoyed the Starmount luncheon and especially Rabbi Guttman's inspirational pre-passover message in preparation for the holiday.



Bill Bronstein speaks on the history of the state of Israel.



Israel Independence Day received recognition at a special celebration held at BJH. Bill Bronstein, Education Director at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and a well known visitor to the Home, presented an informative review of the history of the modern state of Israel. Residents enjoyed both Bill's stimulating food for thought as well as the tasty reception which followed.

Sue's News

WELCOME

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

Carrie Barrow
Kernersville, NC

Mary Grassy
Clemmons, NC

Harriett Hildebrand
Winston-Salem, NC

Doris Ingram
Winston-Salem

Emma Ivester
Winston-Salem

Julia O'Connor
Tarrytown, NY

Vesta Puckett
Winston-Salem

Annie Welborn
Winston-Salem

Anchor Club Wins United Way Award

April 26th was an award winning day for BJH and the Anchor Club of West Forsyth High School. The students in the club received the Youth Volunteer Award from the United Way of Forsyth County for their volunteer service at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The Club received the award at the annual United Way Volunteer Recognition Ceremonies held in Winston-Salem.

BJH residents and staff are proud of the Anchor Club students and congratulate them on receiving this well deserved recognition. This is the 8th year members of the club have volunteered at BJH as one of their service projects. Each year the members have passed on their legacy of concern for the elderly to their new leadership. With new members joining each year the students spend approximately three years volunteering at BJH.

Monthly volunteer activities have fostered positive relationships between the two generations. The residents not only enjoy the programs presented by the students but also the attention of the young people and the opportunity to share stories and ideas. The students learn about a growing segment of our population, the frail elderly, while they socialize and interact with the residents.

We are grateful to the students for their continued dedication and commitment to this project and to Becky Cook, their teacher and adviser for her continued inspiration and encouragement. We salute you, West Forsyth High School Anchor Club!

BJH resident Vivian Ammon enjoys chatting with Becky Cook, Advisor to the Anchor Club, following the club's Annual Fashion Show for the residents.



Anchor Club students accept the United Way Volunteer Award for their service to BJH; seen from the left are Debra Lowder, Rachael Richards, Sonja Fisher and Sara Shouse with a United Way executive at the Awards ceremony.



Millie's Musings

One guaranteed method to bring a smile and a caring expression to a resident's face is to place an infant in his or her arms. BABIES AND BUBIES, another new intergenerational program for infants and residents, brought sunshine into the BJH on a stormy, windy day. Children from six months to toddler age came with their mothers and they were held, rocked and strolled. The babies sat on the residents' laps while mothers and residents shared their feelings and memories and enjoyed refreshments together. Judging by the enthusiasm of all the participants, the success of the Babies and Bubies program, along with the recently held Children's Hour program, is assured.

"Bebes & Babies Begins at BJH"



Bebes and Babies enjoying this new BJH activity are pictured clockwise from the top: Fay Simon and Ben Breakstone, Helen Gordon with Ben, Lottie Maienthau with Sally Boonen, Hannah Ackerman and Ashley Roach and Hannah Hockfield and Fay Simon with Scott Wolpert.



BJH MAILBOX

To the Administrator:

My father (Robert G. Swartz), a resident in Blumenthal Nursing Home asked me to write expressing his deeply felt gratitude/ thankfulness for the excellence of the care extended to him from each and every employee he has come in contact with daily.

The enclosure in this letter came from the legal pad my father uses to communicate (via notes) with his family. I believe it " says it all" both eloquently and well.

At this time too, you should additionally know of his wife and son's keen appreciation for each of the acts of caring and kindness offered by an extremely conscientious staff who not only exemplify but magnify the words dedication, concern, compassion, professionalism and speak volumes about "being the best".

It is at moments such as this that I don't feel there are ever enough adequate words in the english language to convey to each member of the "crew" our family's enormous respect and heartfelt thanks in what is a particularly difficult passage for each of us as we continue on with our journey through life.

Again many thanks (along with a pat on the back) for the outstanding help that you've each given to every member of the Swartz household-each one helping in their own uniquely wonderful matchless way.

Please post a copy of this letter so that everyone may share in this praise of the myriad of fine accomplishments you are achieving each and every day.

Respectfully,

Robert W. Swartz

A note from resident Robert G. Swartz to his son:

Do you think you can write a letter about how every employee has helped me? You don't know how demanding are their jobs and how physical exhausting at the end of their shift.

Dear Greensboro Volunteers,

My sincere thanks to each of you for making possible the lovely trip to Greensboro and the most delicious luncheon!

Your gracious hospitality made us so welcome and even further endeared each of you to us.

You do so much for us on a routine basis and this trip and luncheon was just extra special!

Thank you so very much, this was a delightful experience and fellowship.

With love and gratitude,


Hazel Grubbs, B1-103
February 19, 1996 (BJH resident)



Hazel Grubbs is seen with Greensboro volunteer Marilyn Belenky at the Starmount Country Club Luncheon.



Residents and Anchor Club students take the opportunity to socialize after the students modeled the latest fashions during their fashion show for the residents.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

Louise Brown
Hazel Grubbs
Freda Hurwitz
Lena Krieger
Helen Labell
Dorothy Myers
Rose Nove
Elaine Simons
Marjorie West

Employee of the First Quarter



Dawn Carter
Laundry and Housekeeping

When Dawn Carter joined BJH's Housekeeping and Laundry department in February 1995 she brought a positive and caring attitude to work with her. According to Dawn her job doesn't stop with providing laundry and housekeeping services to the residents. She believes it is the little things one does to help a resident, from picking out a book to just stopping to listen for a moment, that makes her job fulfilling. "The residents are here for a reason and we are here to help them" says Dawn "When I leave work I feel I have done something to help people who can not help themselves and I feel rewarded."

Dawn began working in health care facilities about six years ago. After taking care of her mother who had been ill, Dawn realized she might be able to work for a living by helping others in a similar way. She said she received her positive work ethic and

cheerful attitude from her mother who was always volunteering to help older people.

Dawn Carter grew up in Winston-Salem and Clemmons and graduated from Parkland High School. She has two children, Katie age six and Daniel age seventeen. Dawn works fulltime on B-wing rotating weekends and willingly substituting for staff whenever needed. In her free time Dawn says she spends time with her children and doing errands and chores for friends and family who are ill or elderly and need assistance. Both at BJH and at home Dawn brings her philosophy to her work; "you have to work hard at what you want to make it work" states Dawn. Her cheerful smile tells you she also is enjoying the work that she does. BJH is pleased to congratulate Dawn Carter, a most deserving recipient of this award.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

9 Years

Lydia Sparrow, Administration
Donnelle Vaughn, Administration

7 Years

Arlene van de Rijn, Administration
Linda Smith, LPN, Fair Oaks

3 Years

Kathy Walker, CNA, Awing

2 Years

Tammy Black, Director of Pharmacy
Lisa Erkus, Housekeeping

1 Year

Linda Dowell, CNA, Awing
Jani Hill, CNA, B-1
Margaret "Bootsie" Koonts, Pharmacy
Marilyn Lennox, Dietary
Pam Williams, CNA, B-2

IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of:

**Geneva Neal
Jacob Williams**

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

Calendar Highlights

June

1996

- 2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 4 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 7 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Music at Sunset, Tanglewood Park, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Resident Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Marla Subeck, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Starmount Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Music at Sunset, Tanglewood Park, 6:00 p.m.
- 25 News and Views with Leonard Clein, Friendship Room, 10:45 a.m.



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Welcome to our newest members: Mr. & Mrs. Marc Gordon, Mr. & Mrs. Renato Meiohas, Ms. Robin Berkelhammer, Mr. & Mrs. George Aufseeser, Mr. Joshua Mass, and Ms. Jill Froehlich.

**Temple Israel
Charlotte NC
by Estelle Hoffman**

**Temple Israel Welcomes
Rabbi Robert Kasman**

Temple Israel is pleased to announce Rabbi Robert Kasman as Education Director of our Religious School and as Associate Rabbi of our synagogue. Rabbi Kasman will officially join our synagogue family August 1, 1996, along with his wife Sharon and two children, Emily and Jason.

Rabbi Kasman comes to us from Temple Beth El in Dalton GA as its Spiritual Leader, where he did it all; Rabbi, Cantor, Torah Reader, Educator and much more. We feel fortunate to have Rabbi Kasman on board and are looking forward to wonderful things from him and his family.

July at Temple Israel

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: Rachel Lynn Vaughan, daughter of Emily and Jeff Vaughan of Charlotte, born May 14. Grandparents are Ethel and Jim Montag, and Janice and Tom Vaughan, all of Charlotte. Joseph Michael Berman, son of Vickie and Richard Berman of Charlotte, born June 2. Grandparents are Linda and Larry Berman of High Point, NC and Shirley and Earle Elliott of Akron OH. Great Grandmothers are Estelle Hirsch and Ida Marie Berman of Charlotte.

Temple Israel's membership numbers approximately 675 families, and is affiliated with the United Synagogue of America.

The Religious School's curriculum includes grades Pre-K through seven. There is also a High School of Jewish Studies and Post Confirmation class.

The Temple also sponsors, with Temple Beth El, an accredited Nursery School and Extended Day Care program at Shalom Park.

There are youth activities for children and teen-agers throughout the year. Information is available by phone: 704-362-2796.

Worship services conducted by Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvarg have been attended with enthusiasm by increasingly large numbers who enjoy the services and social hour that follows. During the summer, there will be an innovation Friday evenings at 6:15, with T.I.S.S.K., Temple Israel Summer Shabbat Kodesh. Outdoor services will be held behind the sanctuary, with a Shabbat welcome that will include song and dance for entire families. This will continue through August 9.

Newly installed president of Temple Israel is Sam Bernstein. He encourages suggestions by members for continued improvement in programming.

The Blyudaya family from the Ukraine arrived recently and has been

welcomed and assisted in getting settled. A Russian-Hebrew Siddur helps them to appreciate the religious services. The congregation is encouraged to help the three members to fulfill their goals of becoming acclimated to our community. Volunteers Gloria and Rick Peper and Jenny and Rich Rosenthal headed the volunteer effort to set up the apartment, arrange interviews for employment and help them with our language.

Saturday, February 8, 1997, is announced for Temple Israel's Journal Dinner. Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Temple Beth Shalom

**Hickory NC
by Leslie Archer**

Thank you to March couples: Mary Lee & Aaron Tosky, Connie & Bud Tosky, Sonia & David Peltzer and Susie & Richard Frost; and April couples: Elaine & Marvin Zerden, Jill Shepherd, Priscilla & Greg Rosenfeld, Gertrude & Bill Klein and Lore Cohn for hosting our Rabbi Weekends and to Cantor Sperling for leading services.

Becky Hoffheimer did a great job of planning and organizing our Purim Carnival. All of our teens' efforts ensured an enjoyable event for the children. Our thanks to all of you!

Our Passover Seder went extremely well this year, I would like to thank my Seder Committee partners, Barbara Kallman and Jane Mandle. It was great to be a part of an event that was the product of the cooperation and efforts of so many people! I thank Aaron Tosky for leading the service and helping to make this a most enjoyable evening. The food was

great and there was plenty of it for our 100+ crowd. Thank you, thank you to everyone who planned, advised, cooked, baked (the desserts were tremendous!), Setup, put-away and cleaned.

Professor Emmanuel Gitlin's weekly Torah study class has been drawing an enthusiastic group since March. We thank him for sharing his insights and knowledge with us.

Welcome new members Susan and Henry Igdal.

**Temple
Beth haTephila**
Asheville, NC
by Marjorie Schachter

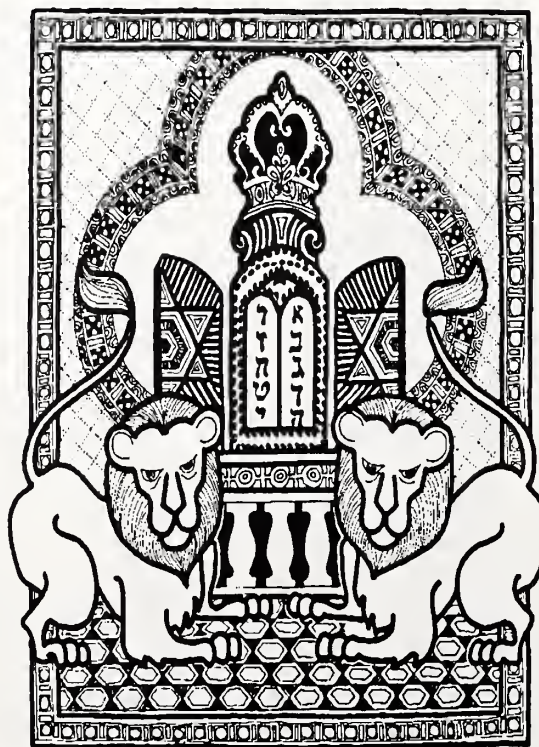
THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE met at 10 on April 6 at the Karpens'. Robert Hruska led a discussion on the topic "Can a Jew be a Conscientious Objector?" It was brought out that the thread of civil disobedience in defense of Jewish integrity is woven through Jewish history; although nowhere is it written that there is a Jewish imperative in that direction, the Jewish religion not only supports but insists upon the concept of conscientious objection to war.

Rose Rose and Jean Karpen provided the refreshments.

SISTERHOOD and RiverLink joined forces Monday, April 22, when a bus trip took Sisterhood members along the route of development of the eastern bank of the French Broad River. RiverLink is the Asheville

organization devoted to redeveloping and promoting the riverfront. Everyone who took the trip agreed that it was something not to be missed; the event was more proof of Niki Benetan's talent for creative programming.

THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE AND PROGRAM on April 15 were hosted by Temple Beth haTephila. More than 200 people attended, and heard Dr. Sheva Zucker



of Duke University perform readings from Holocaust literature and Father Frank Cancro of St. Eugene's Catholic Church speak on "Hate Language." Bob Deutch arranged for the madrigal singers of Asheville High School to be part of the program, and Asheville Mayor Russ Martin proclaimed this Holocaust Week. Rabbi Birnham of Congregation Beth Israel also participated. Chairs of this solemn event were Randee Goodstadt and Diane Moan; their committee

members were Frank Gilreath and Dick Braun. Rabbi Ratner said he was particularly proud of all four of them.

SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, under the leadership of Lillian Bieber, took place on March 24, 25 and 26 in Unger Hall and set a record for financial success. Lillian attributed this to the higher-than-usual quality of the merchandise.

THE PASSOVER SEDER Thursday, April 4, was assembled under the direction of Niki Benetan, with the invaluable assistance of Lonnie Gentile and Edward Wiley. Tisa Finnessy and Sandra Stone also lent a hand. Much to nobody's surprise, the event was a great success. The excellent food was supplied by Kimberly Lindelle of Nancy Forrester, except the Bob Janowitz' Famous Floating Matzoh Balls, which are in a class of their own. Vicki Levy created the handsome fresh-fruit centerpieces.

THE RABBI LOST HIS VOICE, so Friday, April 12, two of his children, Joshua and Shana, conducted services. Joshua spoke eloquently about his reactions to their visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, and his feeling of being trapped, as the victims were, in the sense that once you embark on the visit, there is no way of cutting it short, and no way of escaping the full experience until it's over.

THE RABBI WAS STILL SPEECHLESS, more or less, Friday, April 19, so the Temple organist-music director-Sunday School

principal-choir master David Cohen, who was in fine voice, took over with his usual competence and verve. A testimonial, hand-lettered by Sam Shermis, was presented to Morris Karpen in recognition of his responsibility for the recent important physical improvements to the Temple.

MONTHLY SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES devotees attended them on April 20, when the focus was on the mission statement of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Ad Hoc Committee on Human Sexuality.

AN ISRAEL TRIP SLIDE SHOW was presented on April 5 in gratitude to Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for their support of Spencer Gilreath's, Andrea Berkey's and Shana Ratner's trip to Israel with Young Judea last summer. The show was highly approved by the audience.

THE BOOK DISCOVERY PROGRAM is going strong, under the leadership of Hilda Pozner. The program supplies books to preschool children who might otherwise have none.

AN EVELYN WILEY TRIBUTE from the Buncombe County Parks & Recreation Department was extended to Edward Wylie, her recently widowed husband; he was invited, with his family, to play an important part in the opening ceremonies of this year's Buncombe County Special Olympics program, which Mrs. Wylie loved.

IN THE NEWS on the morning of the Holocaust service was Rabbi Ratner, being interviewed on WLOS-TV. On the front page of the "Neighbors" section of the April 21 Asheville Citizen-Times was a color-

picture of Marty Lee, Miki Cohn Kaplan, Jonathan Pozner and Marissa Lee looking spiffy during preparations for the Hadassah fashion show at the Jewish Community Center. Julie Lee, Laura Livingstain, Hilda Pozner and Ruth Chicarel were among the committee members. Among the Letters to the Editor in the April 17 Citizen-Times was one from Jo Ann Edwinn about the importance of the Janirve Foundation.. On April 28 an article, complete with color pictures, on the front page of the Homes section, focused on Sonja Shulimson's wonderful home decor.

WARM GREETINGS to new members Peter and Rita Reiser, Marvin and Eugenie Newmark, and Alice Spinelli Culbreath.

MAZEL TOV to Tori and Robert May on the birth of Jonathan David, and to proud grandparents Les and Shirley Cohen, and to Julie Lee and her family on her Bat Mitzvah on April 27.

**Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville NC
by Lillian R. Wellisch**

TRIP TO ISRAEL WITH DR. WALTER ZIFFER

A group of congregants from Beth Israel and some from Beth haTephila recently accompanied Dr. Walter Ziffer on a trip to Israel, sponsored by the UNCA College of Seniors. Besides the Jewish participants, there were quite a few non-Jews, many of whom have shown an ongoing interest in learning about Judaism and strengthening the bonds of friendship forged during this trip. Beth Israel, Walter, and the rest of the members who were on that trip have invited

them to come during a special Shabbat service on April 13, with Kiddush following.

GREAT SCHOLAR! GREAT WEEKEND!

The Shul was honored to host Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, Professor of Rabbinics and members of the Talmud Faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the weekend of March 8-10. The report from those who attended is that this was probably the best Scholar-in-Residence Weekend ever at Beth Israel! Dr. Diamond proved to be a wonderfully learned Rabbi who has the gift of teaching Torah in a way that is clear, relevant, and engaging.

Special thanks go from the Adult Education chair, Frank Goldsmith, to Caren Kessler, for taking charge of the food planning for the weekend, and Susan Hedgepeth. Thanks to Rabbi and Sara Birnham for housing Rabbi Diamond. Thank you also to the following folks who helped with food preparation and setup: Alan Silverman, Adele Rose, Laurie Reiz, Jessica Hedgepeth, Sherrill Knight, Jackie Denio, Brenda Abrams, and Richard Nielsen, and also others who came into the kitchen to help. We are also very grateful to the following bakers, whose goods were truly a delight to the tastebuds: Toby Cohen and the Membership Committee, Gail Rosenthal, Mildred Jaffe, Ruth Gaynes, Beatrice Gullotta, Barbara Michalove, Alice Green, Richard Nielsen, Robin Landsman, Arlene Cotler, Debi Miles, Marlene Breger, Joyce, Sylvia Epstein, Barbara Kramer, Ileana Grams, Michele Heller, Laurie Chess, and Lillian Wellisch. A truly heartfelt thanks to Dr. Norman Sollod, without whose generosity the event would not have been possible.

MAZEL TOVS

A big Mazel Tov to Eddie and Michele Schapira on the birth of a daughter, Brianne Danielle, in December. We remember little Eddie growing up and it is hard to believe he is a daddy, and we wish him the best.

We are also proud to announce that Rabbi Birnham is now listed as an official assistant Chaplain at Hospice in Asheville.

SHUL SEDER

A delightful time was had by all at the Second Night of Passover Seder. Warm company, excellent food, everybody participating. Thanks to Beatrice Gullotta and Deborah Neimkin for volunteering to chair the Shul Seder!! And a big thank you to Barbara Laibson, who has done it for many years past and has organized it down to the proverbial Matzo crumb. Thanks to Gary and Natalie Kramer at Enviro Depot and Kits and Kaboodles, for generously donating Afikomen gifts for our Shul Seder.

PASSOVER PICNIC

The Annual Passover Picnic and Hike took place on April 7 (Spring supposedly?), Brrr!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JUDAISM AND BUDDHISM PROGRAM

The Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA sponsored a two-day lecture series entitled, "Where Judaism and Buddhism Cross Paths," on April 13 and 14. Saturday evening, the program began at 6:15 p.m. with a Seudat Shlisheet meal, followed at 7:30 p.m. with the program. The speaker for the evening was Rodger Kamemetz, who spoke on the topic, "The Jew in the Lotus." This is the Phyllis Freed Sollod Memorial

Lecture. Sunday, there were two programs: (1) a panel of Jewish Buddhists at 1:30 p.m., and (2) a discussion by Rabbi Robert Ratner and Dr. Ileana Grams at 3:00 p.m. All these events took place at the Owen Conference Center at UNCA.

ANNUAL HADASSAH "TEA AND FASHION SHOW"

Hadassah's annual fashion show starring Mommy, Daddy, and Me-- Bubbe and Zayde, too, was held Sunday, April 28, 1996 at the Jewish Community Center. Arlene Doloboff was chair of the occasion. The proceeds went to benefit the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

ROSH CHODESH

A pot luck Rosh Chodesh program was held Friday, April 19, with Debi Miles leading the program, following the six o'clock service.

We all gathered for pot luck and then a short ceremony honoring the women and men in our lives who have gone on. As usual, Debi's leadership and participation was an integral part of the program.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Friday night, April 26, at the Shabbat Service, Rabbi Birnham spoke on the topic, "The True Story of the Jews and American Slavery."

ENVIRONMENT

We are very fortunate to be privy to Jessica Hedgepeth's thoughts and excellent research on the environment each month. It is a pleasure to read her thoughts and to read about what she has been checking up on.

Beth El Synagogue

Durham NC
by Eileen Freed

The Beth El Synagogue community prides itself on excellent educational programming. The inaugural semester of our School for Continuing Jewish Education, open to the entire Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish community, was a tremendous success. Sixty-seven students participated in four semester-long classes in Torah commentary, the Shabbat prayer service, and Hebrew (both modern and prayer-book). The Spring semester course offerings include study of the beginning of Genesis, an introduction to Yiddish literature, Hebrew, and a study of the Book of Jonah. Two other Spring adult education events are planned. During the weekend of March 22-24, Rabbi Mitch Cheffitz will lead a retreat on Jewish spirituality and meditation. Our Evans Scholar-in-Residence weekend (April 19-21) features Dr. Rachel Adler, one of the most original and insightful voices regarding Judaism and gender.

This commitment to education extends to our young people's programs. Our religious school, directed by Michele Pas, offers many innovative activities. Children are introduced to praying as a congregation in our Jr. Congregation (3rd - 6th grade), Jr. Jr. Congregation (K-2nd grade), and Tot (preschool) Services. Family education is encouraged through our Home/School study program in which thematic portfolios (e.g., Shabbat, Succoth, Jewish Heroes) are sent home for parents and children to learn together. "Make-it and Take-it" days provide younger chil-



dren (K-2nd) with an opportunity to learn about a topic through hands-on activities. This year, the students will be learning about and celebrating Jerusalem 3000.

This winter, we have had several programs designed to provide a combination of spiritual and social fulfillment. At our annual Shabbaton (held this year at the beach), we prayed, studied Torah, and relaxed together away from the hustle and bustle of our daily surroundings. Members of the congregation lit Hanukkah candles and celebrated together at our annual Hanukkah Happening at Camp New Hope. In an effort to facilitate the formation of new Chavurot (groups who get together for study, prayer, holiday celebration, and/or social interaction), Rabbi Sager and Dr. Pat Fischer conducted a Chavurah workshop. Our joint Shabbat services with Judea Reform Congregation (an annual event) featured guest speaker Dr. David Goldenberg who discussed the question "Is anti-black racism in the Talmud?"

Lest you think Beth El congregants never have pure fun, unconnected to any educational or spiritual activity. . . Three upcoming events will provide plenty of opportunity for dancing and shmoozing. On February 10, the Sisterhood is holding a "Dance the Night Away" to raise money for renovation of the kitchen. March 2 is the date of our Purim Masquerade Party with Judea Reform Congregation. We hope to make this an annual joint congregational event. Our second annual Razzle Dazzle CasinoNight and Auction will be held on April 27.

For information about any of our events or programs, please contact Eileen Freed at (919) 682-1238.



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Personals

Speizman-Mullen

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephen Speizman of Charlotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Louise Speizman, of Atlanta, Georgia, to Mr. P. Donald Mullen, also of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Mullen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mullen of Brunswick, Georgia.

Miss Speizman is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Kantor of Charlotte and the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Speizman of Charlotte. She is an accountant with Torrey Homes in Atlanta, Georgia. The bride-elect attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Mr. Mullen is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ezell of Valley, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duncan of Merritt Island, Florida. He is key account manager for Time Distribution Services. He attended Georgia Southern University.

A Spring 1997 wedding in Charlotte is planned.

Commencement Exercises MUSC Charleston SC

Nathaniel W. Rosenfeld, LL.D.

In the Yiddish language, a mensch is a person who fulfills all the expectations of their family, society and religion. In other words, a mensch is a person who can be counted on, a "stand-up guy." You, Nathaniel Rosenfeld, are a mensch. You have achieved this distinction by providing many of our state's citizens with one of our most basic desires--the goal of owning a home. A native of Florence and a developer by profession, you were the first person in

South Carolina, and among the first in the nation, to build and finance houses so that low-and moderate-income families could afford them. In 1981, you were appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the State Housing Finance and Development Authority. Since then, you have served three successive terms, and are now Vice Chairman Emeritus of that body. Last year, you received a well-deserved honor from the National Council of Housing Agencies in Washington DC for your work in support of state and national housing issues. Furthermore, you co-founded Habitat for Humanity in Florence and donated much property so those less fortunate could achieve their dream of a home. A graduate of Temple University and Temple Law School, you worked with the youth of Philadelphia as a scoutmaster. When you returned to Florence, you continued your work with young people, and served as the first tennis coach at Francis Marion University. Beyond that, you have donated property and money to the University's foundation to enhance the tennis program and to benefit all FMU students. Now, in keeping with your generous spirit, you have announced your intention to provide support for research work at the Medical University on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Francis Marion has conferred upon you an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree, the City of Florence has bestowed its highest award upon you, and the State of South Carolina has awarded you the Order of the Palmetto, its highest tribute to a citizen. Today, it is our opportunity to recognize your benevolence. Therefore, the Medical University of South Carolina is proud to bestow upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Human Letters on this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-six.

Hillel

Hillel Activities at Clemson University

Clemson SC

by Dr. Richard Klein
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1996 semester with a Sunday Bagel Brunch on January 14, held at the home of Richard and Joyce Klein. The special speaker at this brunch was Dr. Peter Cohen, a Visiting Professor of Religion at Clemson University. Dr. Cohen led an animated discussion on "How to answer your non-Jewish friends' questions about Judaism." Sixteen students attended this function and enjoyed the food and fellowship as well as the ensuing question and answer period.

For the remainder of the semester, Dr. Cohen held discussion groups pertaining to Judaism every other Sunday evening in his apartment. About eight to 10 students attended each of these sessions that lasted about two to three hours each. Topics addressed included Inter-dating and Inter-marriage, the Kabbala and Jewish Mysti-



Hillel Students at the Second Seder Night April 4, 1996

cism, the similarities and differences between the different branches of Judaism (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox), and Apocalyptic Literature.

Members of the Clemson Hillel participated in the CROP WALK, which is a walk against world hunger. The walk is sponsored by the Clemson Campus Ministers Association, of which I am currently Treasurer.

The Clemson Hillel, along with other organizations represented in the Clemson Campus Ministers Association, held a Community Seder at the University Lutheran Church in Clemson. For two evenings prior to the Seder, Joyce Klein along with the leader of the Catholic Student Organization, made the Charoseth, hard-boiled eggs, and Passover cookies for 100 people or so who were to attend the Seder. The Methodist Minister and the leader of the Presbyterian Student Association cooked delicious baked chicken, honey carrots, and potatoes and prepared jello. The Reformed Presbyterian Minister was in charge of publicity, the Lutheran Minister prepared the table place settings, and the Minister for the Baptist Student Organization managed the cleaning up after the event. We had a total of 84 people who attended the Seder, of which 15 were Jewish students. Dr. Peter Cohen did an excellent job of conducting the Seder, and the President of Hillel, Adam Schwartzman, found the Afrikomen.

On the second night the Jewish students held their own special Seder at the apartment of Alissa Gayle, Hillel Vice President. This Seder was organized, prepared, and conducted by the students. Twenty one students attended this event, and everyone there had a wonderful time. According to the stu-

dents, the Passover Seder was very "traditional."

On April 16, we held our final event for the 1995-1996 academic year, our "Annual Post-Passover Pizza Party," at a local pizza parlor. Fifteen students attended this event and enjoyed the vegetarian pizza along with fellowship and fun. We presented Hillel Certificates to graduating Seniors and wished them well in their forthcoming careers.

At the Pizza Party, we held elections for the Hillel officers for the 1996-1997 academic year. New officers are as follows: President - Adam Schwartzman (Augusta GA); Vice

President for Technical Operations - Scott Savett (Philadelphia PA); Vice President for Social Programming - Alissa Gayle (Coca FL); Vice President for Religious & Holiday Programs - Phyllis Morris (Ocean Township NY); and Vice President for Membership - Ari Mutchnik (North Miami FL).

The location of the World Wide Web site for the Clemson Hillel has been changed by the University to the following address: <http://hubcap.clemson.edu/hillel/> The Hillel Webmaster is Scott Savett. "Y'all come visit us, y'hear." The Hillel students are looking forward to a successful 1996-1997 academic year.

NC Hillel

At NC Hillel we believe in our work and see positive results every day. Whether it is a smile and thank you from a student, a successful program, a creative spark that lends itself to a new idea, or a call from a prospective student at any of North Carolina's campuses, NC Hillel is doing it!

Sometimes, in the chaotic nature of Hillel, little achievements go unnoticed. Now, at the end of a wonderful and successful school year, it is time to look back, and realize all the great things that have happened at NC Hillel.

- NC Hillel students have received over \$3,000 from their student government for programs next year, the 1st time ever!

- Students from across North Carolina, UNCCCH, UNCG, Greensboro, Guilfords, ECU, UCSU, and even ODU came together for an exciting and successful fall retreat.

- On all the NC campuses, Hillel students are making a difference in the community, through canned food drives, volunteering at local shelters, and visiting sick children at the hospital.

- A program professional has been hired to serve specifically the Raleigh College area campuses.

- A Student at UNCCCH has applied for a National Student Initiative grant for next school year. This is a grant given by National Hillel to support student program ideas on campuses across North America.

- NC Hillel was host to a Schusterman leadership weekend. Schusterman is a National leadership seminar sponsored by the group Lights and Action.

- Students from UNC traveled to Greensboro for a special Shabbat service and dinner. Students throughout the year have been going to each others' schools to celebrate Shabbat as an NC Hillel community.

Wilmington North Carolina BBYO Plans and Conducts a Human Relations Seder with an African-American Youth Group



BBYO Human relations seder steering committee standing: Jessica Taube, Aaron Mintzes, Dan Kapner seated: Catrina Merritt, Sean Wilson, Monique Simpson

In an historic evening on Sunday, March 24, forty youth and adults attended a Human Relations Seder at Bnai Israel Synagogue in Wilmington, North Carolina. Two youth groups, Black and Jewish, the Wilmington, NC chapter of the Bnai Brith Youth Organization and the teen chapter of Wilmington's Community Boys and Girls Club, joined together to celebrate a freedom that is part of both cultures.

Members of both groups met each week for a month at the Community Boys and Girls Club, an after-school recreational center for inner-city Wilmington, to plan the seder and to write a special Hagaddah filled with Jewish prayers and African-American literature in celebration of freedom and unity. The BBYO chapter members prepared the Passover meal with money that the chapter raised from Passover candy sales. The Bnai Israel Bar and Bat Mitzvah class were on hand to serve the meal. The food that remained at the end

of the evening was donated to Wilmington's soup kitchen.

BBYO Chapter President Dan Kapner, chapter Vice President Aaron Mintzes, and BBYO senior member Jessica Taube led the seder along with fellow steering committee members from the Community Boys and Girls Club, Catrina Merritt, Monique Simpson and Sean Wilson. The youth enjoyed the unique opportunity of leading a Passover seder. They conducted the seder, led the singing of songs, and explained the customs to a new and curious audience. While B'nai Israel Rabbi Robert Waxman and BBYO advisors Jay and Lee Kapner were on hand to help,

the event was planned and conducted almost entirely by youth.

During the seder's early planning stages, the African-American youth group showed a great deal of curiosity and interest in Judaism. Much of the meetings were devoted to asking and responding to questions of all types about Judaism. The dialogue created not only a new and rare opportunity for the BBYO's guests to learn, it also gave to the BBYO group a chance to talk about their Jewish beliefs and to feel a greater sense of Jewish pride and identity.

The Black youth group commented that they learned a great deal about Judaism and about the Jewish people. They expressed their hope that they would be in-



Human relations seder participants, BBYO, Community Boys & Girls Club, Wilmington, NC, March 24, 1996

vited next year and predicted that more youth would attend in future years. Each group gained experience in working with the other and learned about each other's culture. This was an important first step in paving the way for better understanding and mutual respect.

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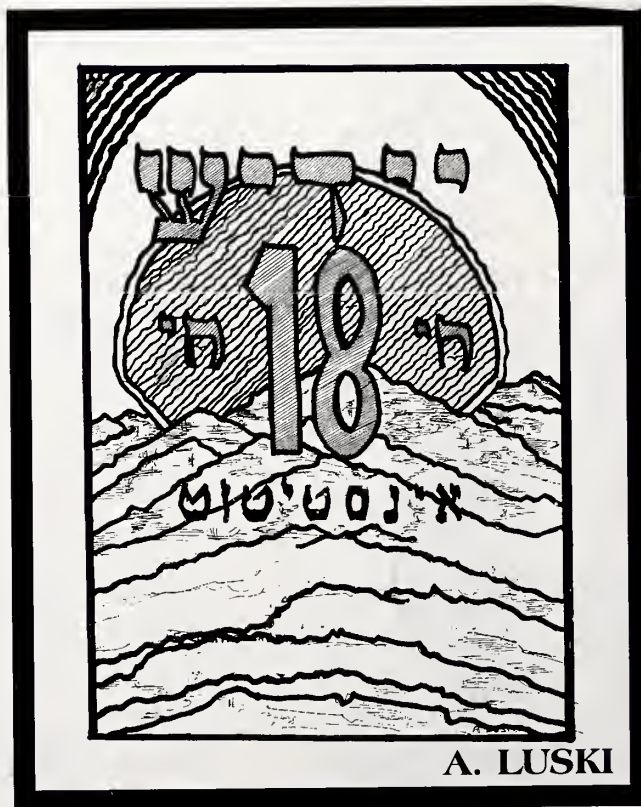
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Editorial

Business in the Netanyahu Era

by Elmer L. Winter

American corporate executives are asking: "Is this the time to move ahead with business investment in Israel or place such plans on the back burner until we have a better understanding of the future of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians?"

I would respond as follows: In his speech to the Likud on June 2, and in his prior statements, Prime Minister Netanyahu set these goals, which should encourage American CEO's interested in setting up shop in Israel:

- To advance the peace and the negotiating process with all of Israel's neighbors.
- To strengthen the peaceful relations already established with the Jordanian kingdom and with Egypt, and to try to advance the negotiations with other Arab states. There has been concern that the Netanyahu government might discontinue peace talks with the Palestinians. The Prime Minister has openly declared that the process will continue, although possibly at a slower pace.
- Israel can become one of the most advanced economies, among the world's top 15. It can double the per capita's gross national product in less than a decade and double the population through immigration and increased natural birth rate over the next 15 years. It could have an economy of a quarter-trillion dollars,

including the most powerful resource of all: a gifted people with a technological base, able to compete in the world marketplace of tomorrow.

- To finally implement a free market economy that is not controlled by large bodies or bureaucrats, an economy that won't hold the country back.
- To privatize 50 more Israeli corporations.
- To sell off land to private investors
- To expand technological development within Israel.

It can be anticipated that Netanyahu, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will increase training facilities and expand R & D capability.

Zev Holtzman, chairman and CEO of Giza, the Israeli affiliate of the U.S. investment bank Alex Brown & Sons, reported that he does not expect the political situation to affect foreigner's plans to invest in local high-tech industries, even in the short run, explaining that the majority of high-tech firms' activities are in the international market. But he did predict that the election results would lead to a temporary standstill in foreign investors' plans to purchase state-owned assets.

"In general, foreign investors aren't that concerned with the election

Elmer L. Winter is chairman of the Milwaukee-based Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, which is observing its 20th anniversary this year. He was a founder and long-time president of Manpower, Inc., the world's largest temporary help agency.

results," Holtzman said. "They realize that change in rule is part of democracy and expect the new government to implement a right-learning but liberal policy."

I believe that our U.S. corporations will open facilities in Israel as long as they can expect a high return on their investment. Israel offers many incentives: high quality engineers and managers, free trade agreements, and engineering capability. I see no reason for U.S. companies to turn away from Israel--unless they are seriously concerned about terrorism.

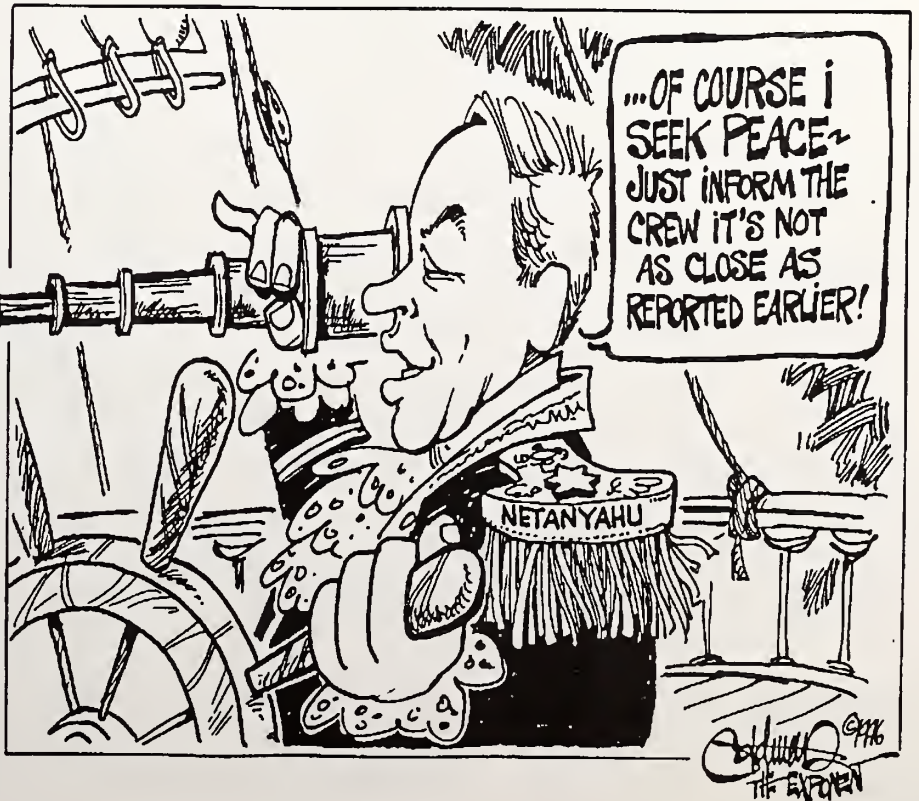
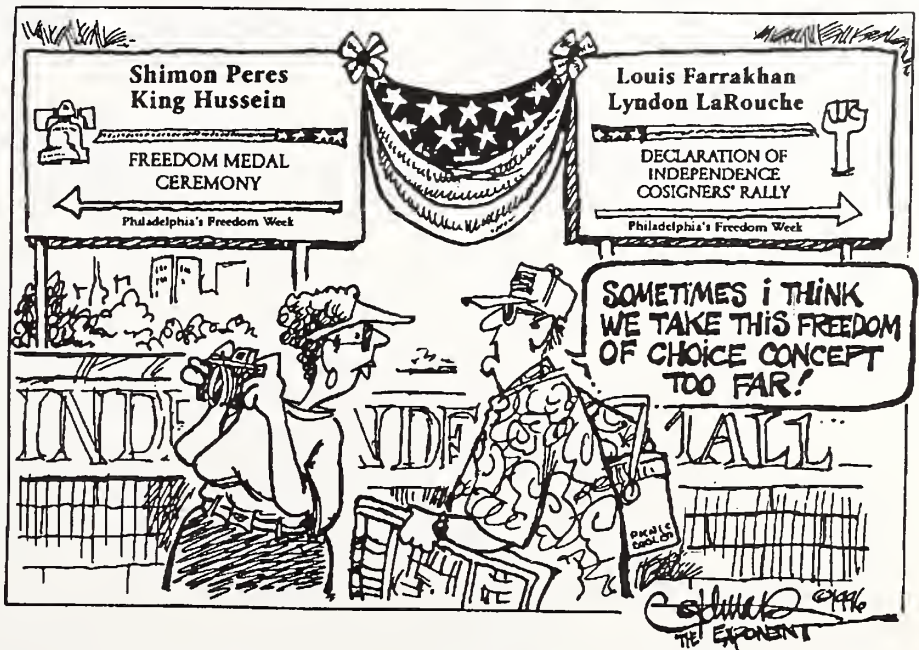
U.S. companies have planned to manufacture products for the 200 million-strong Arab market. If the peace process continues, there will be substantial opportunities for U.S. companies to sell products manufactured in Israel to buyers in the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, etc., and the future will hold the possibility of joint manufacturing ventures involving American, Israeli and Palestinian corporations.

U.S. companies will provide orders for products, technology and marketing capability. Israeli companies will supply an R & D component and free market access to the U.S. and Europe. The Palestinian companies will provide the manufacturing components, utilizing low labor costs.

If the peace process falls by the wayside and the Palestinians resort to serious acts of terrorism, some U.S. companies will put investments in Israel on the back burner. We must recognize that American companies will only want to do business in a secure climate.

There are many peace-related projects in the offing. Some U.S. companies have been impressed by the potential of 218 projects suggested by Israel's government (at a cost of \$25 billion) to construct new businesses in the region. The major proposals call for 28 water development projects (\$9 billion); 18

energy development projects (\$6 billion); eight industrial parks (\$1 billion); 25 agricultural projects (\$875 million), and 36 tourism projects (\$2.5 billion). All require cooperation between Israel and its neighbors. These projects would present substantial opportunities for U.S. companies.



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*Organizations
Collaborate on the
Israel/North
Carolina
Cultural
Exchange*

Arts organizations throughout the state are collaborating in the Israel/North Carolina Cultural Exchange, an unprecedented examination of Israeli and Palestinian art and culture that includes exhibitions, film festivals, artist residencies, concerts, and related public programs, all developed to explore the rich culture of Israel. Initiated by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, the exchange is the arts component of a larger initiative by the state to strengthen business, education, and cultural ties between North Carolina and Israel. The event begins with "Light on the Ashes," an installation at Winston-Salem's Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, now through Oct. 2.

There are 13 exhibitions of visual art, a film festival and performances residencies a schools and festivals. Charlotte will be home to a festival of recent Israeli and Palestinian films, starting Sept. 29 at the Mint Museum of Art. The Light Factory will host two show: "A Delicate Balance," featuring six Israeli photographers, kopens Nov. 2, and the "North Carolina to Isarel Photographic Project" begins Jan. 11.

The Triad organizations that are either a part of the Cultural Exchange or participating with complementary exhibitions are: Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), Diggs

Israel North Carolina

Gallery at Winston-Salem State University and Creative Heart Gallery.

SECCA participates in the Cultural Exchange by presenting a major site-specific exhibition entitled *Light on Common Clay*, by Joshua Neustein. A recurring theme in Neustein's work is the idea of the refugee, the displaced individual with no place to claim home. This theme reflects Neustein's own experiences of living in Poland, United States and Israel. Neustein will juxtapose a high social emblem within mainstream culture, such as a chandelier, with text and an emblem of importance for local residents, a bead of red clay. Through this juxtaposition, Neustein will explore the individual elements that create the area's collective identity. The exhibitions dates are August 10-October 2.

Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University will present *Beta-Israel: The Jews of Ethiopia* (September 20-December 7). The origins of Ethiopian Jews, known collectively as Beta Israel, extend back

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more than 2,000 years. The Beta Israel preserved their religious integrity in remote mountain villages where, forbidden to own land, they survived by developing handicrafts reflecting a composite of Jewish and African themes, and executed with the most primitive technology. The exhibition focuses on a re-creation of an Ethiopian hut (tukul). Inside are textiles, pottery, tools, and baskets. Photographs are also on view to depict Ethiopian Jewish village life, the Israeli absorption process, and the aspirations of the Beta Israel to preserve their religious tradition. The opening reception will take place on Friday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Creative Heart Gallery will present a complementary exhibition, *Malcah Zeldis: A Jewish Life*, September 6-October 26. Malcah Zeldis is the first living artist to have been featured in a major retrospective at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York, NY. Her works are included in the Museum's permanent collection as well as the Smithsonian Institution, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Collection, and at least 15 other museums in the United States and abroad. Zeldis was born in New York City in 1931 and emigrated to Israel in 1949, where she married and lived on a kibbutz for 9 years before returning to New York. Zeldis will be here for a reception and book signing on Friday, September 6, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Major funding for the Israel & North Carolina Cultural Exchange has been provided by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the State of Israel.

Schedule of Israeli Shows

Now through Oct. 2—"Light on the Ashes," a site-specific installation by Joshua Neustein. He deals with the theme of refugees seeking homes and shows how an area's collective identity is created. Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, 750 Marguerite Drive, Winston-Salem; (910) 725-1904.

Now through Aug. 24—"Flickers, Black and White," photographs and a video installation by Morel Derfler, who uses magical symbols and artifacts to sum up Israeli culture. Artspace, 201 E. Davie St., Raleigh; (919) 821-2787.

Aug. 22-Oct. 10—"Ceramics: Innovation and Tradition," 180 objects by 31 artists, native Israelis and immigrants. Work varies from ancient to avant-garde and includes many Middle Eastern traditions. Visual Arts Center, N.C. State University, Cates Avenue, Raleigh; (919) 515-3503.

Aug. 22-Nov. 9—"Long Memory/Short Memory," works by nine modern artists who explore memory and death. Media range from paint to ceramics to drawings to wax ropes. City Gallery of Contemporary Art, 220 S. Blount St., Raleigh; (919) 839-2077.

Aug. 25-Oct. 20—"Figure, Form and Formula." Paintings, sculptures and theoretical writings trace the career of modernist Pinchas Cohen Gan. Weatherspoon Art Gallery, UNC Greensboro, Spring Garden and Tate streets, Greensboro; (910) 334-5770.

Sept. 8-Dec. 29—"Ketav: Flesh and Word in Israeli Art," a show of 55 paintings, drawings and sculptures that use ketav—Hebrew text—within the images as a pictorial device. Ackland Art Museum, UNC Chapel Hill, Columbia at Franklin streets, Chapel Hill; (919) 966-5736.

Schedule of Israeli Shows

Sept. 8-Oct. 27—“**The Re’eh Series**,” collages by Irwin Kremen, now a Duke University psychology professor, created as a monument to Holocaust victims. Green Hill Center for N.C. Art, 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro; (910) 333-7460.

Sept. 20-Dec. 7—“**Beta-Israel: The Jews of Ethiopia**,” an exhibit devoted to East African Jews. It re-creates a tukul, an Ethiopian hut with textiles, pottery, tools and baskets inside. Diggs Gallery, Winston-Salem State University, 601 Martin Luther King Drive, Winston-Salem; (910) 750-2458.

Sept. 26-Dec. 29—“**Jerusalem and the Holy Land Rediscovered**,” a complete set of tinted lithographs by David Roberts. These 1842 prints are said to be the first by a Western artist touring the Holy Land. Duke University Museum of Art, East Campus, Trinity Avenue, Durham; (919) 684-5135.

Sept. 29-Oct. 20 (with breaks between)— “**Conflict and Peace**,” an 11-film series of features and shorts (fictional and documentary) exploring the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Mint Museum of Art, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte; 337-2000. The festival will go to Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Boone, Wilmington, Charleston and Asheville.

Oct. 6-26—**Israeli conductor Luis Gorelik** will be in residence at UNC Greensboro. His Oct. 17 concert with the UNCG orchestra will include the U.S. premiere of “The Triumph of Jerusalem,” a piece for piano and orchestra by Israel’s Haim Zukewar. (910) 334-5789.

Oct. 24-Dec. 20—“**Textiles: Innovation and Tradition**” surveys Bedouin and Palestinian textiles and contemporary Israeli fiber art. Visual Arts Center, N.C. State University, Cates Avenue, Raleigh; (919) 515-3503.

Nov. 2-Dec. 2—“**A Delicate Balance**,” an exhibit of six Israeli photographers whose experimental and personal reflections give a glimpse of their society. War, economic development and the Holocaust are highlighted. The Light Factory, 809 W. Hill St., Charlotte; 333-9755. This show travels to Asheville and Greenville, N.C.

Nov. 16-Jan. 5—**Paintings by 11 autistic Israeli artists** will hang in the Education Wing of the N.C. Museum of Art. Lea Rabin, an autism activist and the widow of murdered Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, is expected to visit N.C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh; (919) 839-6262.

Nov. 17-July 6—“**Sepphoris in Galilee**,” showing sculptures, mosaics, jewelry, coins, vessels and ritual objects from the archaeological dig on the site of a long-vanished city that flourished during the time of Christ. N.C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh; (919) 839-6262.

Jan. 11-March 9—“**North Carolina to Israel Photographic Project**,” in which four N.C. shooters—Ralph Burns, Linda Kroff, Roger Manley and Susan H. Page—went to Israel. The Light Factory, 809 W. Hill St., Charlotte; 333-9755. This show travels to Valdese, Asheville, Wilmington and Greenville, N.C.

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Moments in Jewish Life

Paintings by Malcah Zeldis

Exhibition and Book Signing

Moments in Jewish Life: Paintings by Malcah Zeldis.

September 6-October 26. Meet the artist reception and book signing: Friday, September 6, 5-8 pm. Creative Heart Gallery, 207 W. Sixth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. 910-722-2345.

Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10:00-5:30 and by appointment.

The exhibition will feature paintings from Malcah Zeldis's new book: *Moments in Jewish Life*, published by Michael Friedman, New York. The

book is scheduled for distribution in August. Paintings from other books by Zeldis, including *Eve and Her Sisters: Women of the Old Testament*, will also be presented. Zeldis's paintings celebrate Jewish culture from Matisse like depictions of the Holidays and religious ceremonies to poignant portrayals of historical events such as the Holocaust, emigration to America and incomparably imaginative illustrations of the Old Testament.

Malcah Zeldis is the first living artist to have been featured in a major retrospective at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City. Her

works are included in the Museum's permanent collection, as well as that of the Smithsonian Institution, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Collection and over fifteen other museums in America and abroad. One of her works was published in the 1995 Smithsonian "Women Artist" Calendar, placing her in the company of O'Keeffe, Frankenthaler and Cassatt. Malcah Zeldis was born in New York City in 1931. She emigrated to Israel in 1949, where she married and lived on a kibbutz for 9 years before returning to the States. She currently resides in New York City.

Artists From 40 States To Exhibit in National Teapot Show in the Triangle

From serenely simple to outlandish and bordering on kitsch—over 150 handmade teapots in wood, clay, glass and metal will be on exhibit at the Cedar Creek Gallery National Teapot Show III in Creedmoor.

The National Teapot Show III opened July 26 at 6 pm with a reception continuing until 9 pm. The show is open seven days a week 10 am to 6 pm from July 27 through September 15.

This is the largest and most comprehensive teapot show to be held in the United States. Nationally and internationally recognized artists from 40 states were selected to participate including: Val Cushing, Paul Soldner, Don Reitz, Byron Temple, and Michael Simon.

North Carolina artists chosen to participate include: *Jen Bireline, Raleigh; Cynthia Bringle, Penland, Leonora Coleman, Durham; Don Davis, Asheville; Doug Dotson, Chapel Hill; Richard Eckerd, Asheville; Jon Ellenbogen and Rebecca Plummer, Penland; Mark Ferri, Asheville; George Handy, Asheville; Leslie Betz Malone, Matthews; David Nelson, Swannanoa; Ben Owen III, Seagrove; Marsha Owen, Raleigh; Pam Owens, Seagrove; Marilyn Palsha, Zebulon; Sally Bowen Prange, Chapel Hill; Phil Pratt and Lawrence Favorite, Greensboro; Ann Riggs, Greenville, Will Ruggles and Douglass Rankin, Bakersville; Ken Sedberry, Bakersville; Michael Sherrill, Asheville; Gay Smith, Bakersville; Kathy Triplett, Weaverville; Tim Turner, Banner Elk; Conrad Weiser, Durham.*



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The recently opened ILANA GOOR Museum in ancient Jaffa is the home of one of Israel's most extraordinary collections of art, sculpture, jewelry, furniture and tapestries - much of it designed by the artist for whom the museum is named. The museum is housed in a magnificently refurbished 250 year-old travelers inn.

WHEN YOU GO

The ILANA GOOR MUSEUM is open daily--as is its terrace restaurant, where visitors can gaze at Jaffa's minarets, parapets, cupolas, waves and fishing boats, and snack on exquisite-looking (and exquisite-tasting) tarts, focaccias, salads, pies, drinks and coffees. The museum shop sells Ilana Goor's jewelry, tableware, fabrics and clothing. Museum hours are: Sun/Mon/Wed/Sat 10AM-10PM, Tue/Thu 10AM-2PM, Fri 10AM-4PM. The museum is located at 4 Mazal Dagim Street (which translates, charmingly, as "Luck of the Fish" Street) in pedestrianized in Old Jaffa (tel: 011-972-3-683-76-76, fax: 011-972-3-683-6699).



Museum



Tel Aviv, Israel: One of Israel's - no, the world's - most extraordinary museums recently opened in Israel's ancient port of Jaffa. The ILANA GOOR MUSEUM - named for its artist-owner - is both a gallery displaying Ilana Goor's own art, sculpture, jewelry and design, as well as a repository for the vast collection of splendid and unusual art Goor has amassed from the remotest corners of the world. But that's only half the story. Because this array of striking and curious artworks has been breathtakingly displayed within the beige stone walls of a spacious 18th century pilgrim's hostel--a building painstakingly restored and refurbished, complete with arches, porches, vaulted halls, cloisters, staircases, skylights, picture windows and terraces overlooking the Mediterranean and the 4,000 year-old port.

The ancient hostel--dating from mid-1700's, and the first inn providing shelter to Jewish Pilgrims en route to Jerusalem--is also the home Goor shares with her husband. And this is another part of the museum's charm--for visitors are free to wander through the Goor's living room, guest bedroom, the guest bathroom with its stone sink and hand-crafted bronze fittings, and the magnificently equipped stone and steel kitchen. Everything is Goor-designed, from the tables to the chairs to the towel racks--to the coat-hooks, created artfully to startle or entertain.

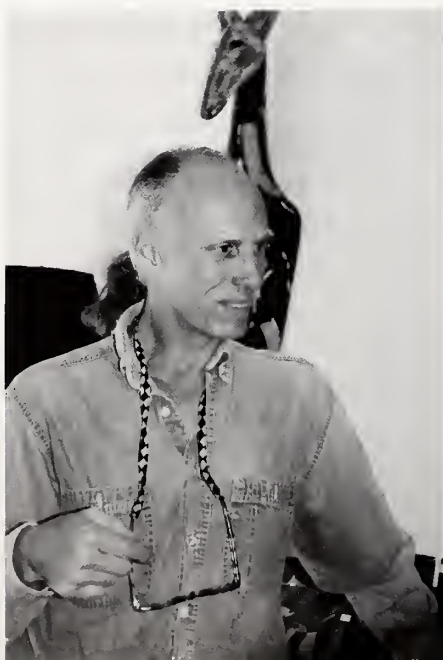
Goor's work is monumental. It exudes the most extravagant, even brazen sense of style. Her sculptures--fashioned from wood, glass, bronze, iron tapestry--can be vast and daunting, or tiny and poignant. Jewelry is startlingly bold--requiring the wearer to have both a dramatic sense of style, and a good amount of *chutzpah*. Furniture is ingenious, designed to amuse, impress or shock. And yet it is created with such imagination and taste, that somehow none of it--even for the tiniest moment--is over the top. All in all, the ILANA GOOR MUSEUM is one of the most unusual tributes to art, architecture, style and sheer pizazz that a traveler is likely to find anywhere in the world.

Artists in Western

Ken Sedberry's functional ware is very limited production and one-of-a-kind stoneware. It is made primarily to be held and used. Each piece is made with the woodfire in mind, for it ultimately finishes- sometimes boldly, flashy and vigorous; sometimes gently, with subtle soft ash deposits and crystals. Woodfiring takes approximately fourteen hours and reaches about 2400 degrees. This work is

Glory, NC. His work is represented in private collections and exhibited in galleries throughout the country.

Ken says "My work is cyclical, seasonal, and intertwined with my



microwave and dishwasher safe.

Sedberry received his MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1977. Following that he was a Resident and Instructor at the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana. He taught at the Catholic University of

America in Washington, D.C., before establishing his home and studio in the small mountain community of Loafers

other loves - family, house and garden, running and my '58 Chevy! Most often, process, materials and function are the focus of my work as I enjoy throwing coarse clay and firing with wood. Every winter, however, I spend time on ideas that have been simmering. Most recently I have been working on a series of "guardians" created in remembrance of Arrow, a Russian Wolfhound. Working with images and feelings from a memory is a very different, and difficult process, but it is also very fulfilling and exciting when the imagery emerges intact. Earthenware clay and a sculptural focus provide a new path but I still return to the woodfire to complete my winter work."

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North Carolina

Nick Joerling entered the world of pottery by working in a ceramics manufacturing plant running a pug mill, a machine that mixes and extrudes clay.

After preparing many tons of clay with no idea what anyone was doing with it, he finally saw someone throwing a pot on a potter's wheel.



The plant, located in Los

Angles, had a throwing wheel that was used occasionally to test new clay recipes. Nick began staying after work, teaching himself how to use it. Eventually he moved to another ceramics company in northern California, and there he met Jon Ellenbogen and Becky Plummer who had been hired to set up an on-site pottery studio for field-testing clays and equipment.

Jon and Becky settled in Penland, and Nick came to work for them. After three years, Nick was making

plans for a studio of his own when he decided to go back to school at Louisiana State University in the M.F.A. program. Nick was able to experiment in other media and

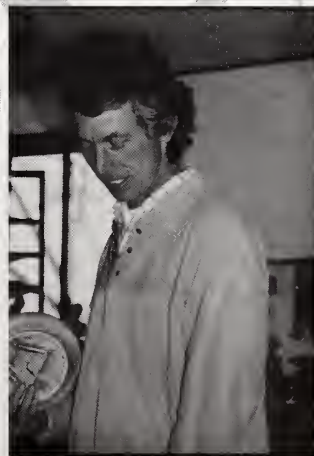
began testing his interest in clay.

It was then that he discovered that he had a genuine love for the process of making functional pottery. After completing his degree in 1986, Nick began to look around for a place to settle and build a studio.

His search finally brought him back to North Carolina. "I really love this area, as much for the folks who are here as for the geography and the climate, which I also love."

"I love to make functional pots, and that's always a challenge for me. I'm still trying to figure out how to

Nicholas Joerling
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William Bernstein creative consciousness are rich and continuous. The self portrait is pervasive in the art he creates. Of Russian and Rumanian descent, the artist was born in



Newark, New Jersey in 1945. As a student at Newark's Arts High School, he steeped himself in influences which are apparent in his work today: Picasso, Van Gogh, Matisse, Chagall, and

the German Expressionists.

He majored in the dimensional design program at the Philadelphia College of Art and studied ceramics with William Daley and Roland Jahn. Completing his BFA degree in 1968, he married a graduate of the sculpture program at the college: and shortly thereafter, he and Katie arrived in North Carolina as artist in residence at Penland School.

With both the ceramics and glass facilities of Penland at his disposal Bernstein found himself irresistibly drawn to glass. This was well before

the emergence of the glass community in the Penland area, and almost three years before the initial meeting of the Glass Art Society at the school.

Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation in the mid-seventies offered significant opportunities for Bernstein.

By 1976 he had begun to embellish his pieces with hot cane in cobalt blue or in a raised line of crystal. Executed on more contemporary forms, these self framed line drawings were sketched on paper, not only as working drawings, but for their own sake. Bernstein began to evolve his self portrait.

Although Bernstein has counted himself among those artists who "love to work in glass and who discover their work through their joy in blowing glass," he now conceive of his work as painting, regardless of whether it be in hot glass, acrylics or enamels.

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Beverly Plummer is a full time studio artist working in handmade paper for the over twenty years.

Her vivid wall pieces and sculptural works are fanciful and free, displaying the artist's unity within her life and work. "My art," Plummer explains, "comes from a conviction that all things in life are connected." John Muir, the American naturalist, said "when we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it is hitched to everything else in the universe. Handmade paper is certainly about connection, for paper is a tangle of microscopic fibers, each on connected to all the others around it. The tangle forms a web that creates a surface on which an image is built. But at the same time, the paper itself is the image."

Beverly Plummer's colorful images appear in and on heavily textured handmade paper that has been formed from cotton fibers and lightfast pigments.

Beverly Plummer

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Lady in Blue Hat



Jean Horton Battey has been working in handmade paper for over 7 years. Jean attended Columbus College of Art and Design and was artist in residence at the Broward Art Guild in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

In the fall of 1994 she established Laughing Fish Studio, a fully-equipped



papermaking facility near Bakersville, NC.

At the Laughing Fish Studio papers are made of archival quality. They are buffered with calcium carbonate during the berating process to maintain a neutral PH, and contain an internal sizing to resist bleeding and help protect against humidity..

Natural fibers such as tobacco, corn, hay and radish used for making pulp are soaked, cleaned, cooked and beaten in a hollander beater for 30 minutes to four hours. The concentrated pulp then goes into a vat of water where it is dipped out onto a screen called a mold. The newly formed sheet is then transferred from the mold ("couched") onto a felt. Once a stack of sheets (called a post) has been formed, the post is put into a 20-ton hydraulic press to remove excess water and help strengthen the bonding of the fibers.

Once removed from the press the sheets are lifted off the damp felts, place on dry felts and stacked in an air drying box under heavy weight where they are left to dry for 12 to 14 hours. When dry, an additional moistening and drying on blotters under heat and pressure is then done when necessary for smoothness.



Ian and Jo Lydia Craven have worked together since 1972 and for most of that time lived in Southern Spain on the Costa del Sol in a small mountain village overlooking the Mediterranean. There they developed their distinctive style and colors, much influenced by the light and atmosphere of their surroundings.

Working exclusively in porcelain Jo Lydia hand builds exquisite pieces, many of which she impresses with antique lace, some 200-300 years old, collected during her many years in Europe.

Ian then glazes and fires the finished forms in their gas kiln with a glaze on glaze technique which gives a depth and complexity to the color in total harmony with Jo Lydia's creation.

After leaving Spain the spent three years in France in the Loire Valley where the gentleness of the countryside further influenced their work, muting the colors and softening the forms.

They now live in the tranquillity of Western North Carolina with a magnificent panorama of forested mountains to inspire them.

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make a really good mug. But lately I have felt myself drawn toward a more animated pot," he explains. Inspired by his sketches and doodles, he is constantly working on new design ideas. "I've done a lot of sketching, and I kept noticing that I was more attracted to the sketches than to the pots. The pots had a kind of seriousness that I did not necessarily like. I think that slowly, overtime, I've finally reached the point where I can translate what's in the sketchbook."

The result of his sketches seem to give his clay pots a whimsical and almost cartoon-like characteristic, a personality of their own. Nick enjoys the reaction he sees and hears from his audience when they mimic the gesture of the piece. "Its almost as though the teapots are about them, like the pieces are taking on characters."

DARING NEW POLITICAL SATIRE HAS ISRAELIS IN STITCHES

by Cynthia Wroclawski

(WZPS) One Friday evening a few short months ago, Israelis found themselves treated to a political satire, the stars of whom were foam latex puppets bearing an uncanny resemblance to many of Israel's leading politicians.

Since the debut, *HaHartzufim* has had Israelis in stitches with its daring, racy slapstick humor, hysterical dialogue and infamous impersonations. Cynthia Wroclawski was at a recent taping of the show. She tells us more.



In typical election style, Shimon Peres literally switches hats while changing his rhetoric to match the political orientations of his audience. In the picture, Peres is wearing a kova tembel (traditional kibbutznik headgear) while talking to an audience of kibbutzniks.

WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan



(WZPS) To the delight of many Israelis, Israel has launched its own political satire modeled after the British "Spitting Image" with daring, racy slapstick humor that stings. The show, called *HaHartzufim*--a combination of two Hebrew words: *Partzuf*, meaning face or make a face, and *hutzpah*. (Well we all know what that means).

There is nothing polite about the show's trademark sarcastic humor that pokes fun at hypocrisies, absurdities and blunders in Israeli politics. Sketches are based on actual events occurring during the week before the show's taping and any newsworthy public personality or issue is fair game for the merciless wit of the show's writers.

The fact that the show's debut coincided with the elections is pure coincidence, according to Uzi Peled, director general of Telad (the franchise that owns and airs the program). Although the show has generated reproach from politicians, director Avi Cohen asserts that "criticism is healthy in a democratic society and controversy is also good for ratings."

Timing isn't the only factor contributing to the program's success. The foam latex puppets, created by special effects artist Ilana Yahav, strike an eerie, uncanny resemblance to the real life personalities they are modeled after. Add the hysterical dialog, infamous impersonations of master impersonator Tuvia Tsafir to the outstanding characterizations of talented puppeteers, whose gestures and lip-synch techniques infuse life into their subjects, and you get magic.

"The political scene in Israel is like a volcano ready to explode at any moment," maintains puppeteer Gilles Ben David. "We've created a show that is like a valve letting off the steam."

When the program first aired in February 1996, none of the politicians featured raised a single objection to the crude, hard core humor. After a few weeks on the air, however, Peled began receiving complaints.

President Ezer Weizman complained

that the show harmed the honorable institution of the presidency, and after the debut of the puppet of former chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, a Shas party representative claimed that it desecrated the name of a holy figure. Not all criticism was bad, however. During the primaries, one Labor MK offered to personally finance the \$3,000 needed to have a puppet created in his image.

"People are super sensitive in Israeli society," contends Tal Gilad, the program's token right wing writer. "I think the reason for this rests on the fact that political issues in this country are traditionally a matter of life and death. Israelis have been conditioned to pay reverence to political leaders. It's ironic, but when we did a sketch on God, we didn't get the kind of reaction we got on the Ovadia Yosef, Weizman, and Rabin pieces."

"I'm not phased by the criticism," asserts Peled, who pledged to continue using President Weizman's

doll in the event that he does say something newsworthy. "And with regard to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, although he is a religious leader, he also happens to be highly politically oriented."

As the election campaign gained momentum, so did the widely publicized debate of the *Hartzufim* sketches.

A little more than a week after the parties began their election telecasts, the Labor party used archival footage of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in one of their spots. That week *HaHartzufim* did a sketch using the puppet of Rabin, which Rabin's daughter, Dalia, charged was "the epitome of bad taste." In the sketch Rabin is in heaven decked out in a white robe and silver wings. He is talking with the angel Gabrielle.

Gabrielle: The Labor party down there is waiting for you.

Rabin: What do they want?

Gabrielle: They want you to help them win

the election. Rabin: Tell them they should try to make do just once without my help!

During the 21-day period before the election in which the Israel Election Law bans electoral candidates appearing on television, *HaHartzufim* did a sketch capturing the absurd nature of the law that many people claim is outdated.

The sketch, entitled "Politicians' Anonymous," simulates a support group in which media starved politicians recover from their addiction to television interviews. David Levy (Likud MK), Haim Ramon (Interior Minister), Ehud Barak (Foreign Minister) and Limor Livnat (Likud MK) sit around a conference table.

David Levy: (Stands up) My name is David Levy and I'm addicted to talk shows. I've been clean for ten days now.

The group (Cheering): Good for you David! Keep up the good work.

Ehud Barak: I too have been off television for 10 days!

Cheers from the rest.

Limor Livnat: My name is Limor Livnat and I have a confession to make. I sinned yesterday and gave an interview to CNN.

Everyone: What, we can talk to CNN?"

They all get up and run off to give interviews.

"Did you ever mimic your school teachers as a child?" asks Tsafir. "That's what it's like impersonating top political leaders--It's like pulling down their pants in public. I derive much satisfaction from that," he confesses.

Pulling down the pants of famous political leaders was the highlight of the sketch called the "Peres-Clinton love affair." Peres calls Clinton on the phone after seeing Clinton on CNN "holding some blond chick" (Hillary). Seething with jealousy, Peres demands an explanation for Clinton's public display of affection toward his wife.

Peres: I though we have a good thing going. .

.(playing with the phone cord like a jealous teenager) Sure, I had a good time at the picnic on the Potomac river. . .(giggling) Sure I remember what we did in the bushes. . .(hesitating and shy) Say, what are you wearing? What the pink ones? The ones I bought you? Oh Bill. . .Me? (He looks down toward his underwear) The yellow ones with the butterflies. . .I know you like them. . .Oh Bill. I love it when you talk dirty to me. . .Yeah. . .I love you too. . .Just a minute, just a minute Bill. . .I think I hear Sonia (changes his tone of voice) Oh, O.K. so I'm waiting to hear from you regarding the shipment of the laser missiles. . .

"As far as I'm concerned there are no sacred cows," asserts Peled. "This is satire, not documentary. My only guidelines for content is that it be in good taste and that each show has abalance between the left and right."



ARTS & MEDIA BOOKS MOVIES BOOKS

Farewell Espana: The World of the Sephardim Remembered

by Howard M. Sachar

Vintage Books 439 pp. \$15

paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Now available in paperback edition, this history of the dispersion of Jews after their expulsion from Spain in the memorable year 1492 contains a wealth of detailed information. Howard Sachar, noted historian and author of eleven previous books, in *Farewell Espana* has given a record of Jews' experiences in the many lands in which they sojourned.

Sachar depicts the intricate background of the centuries in Spain, during which Jews lived and mingled with an Islamic world of the Moors. When Christian monarchs, after long struggle, succeeded in wresting the Iberian peninsula from the Moors, the land was fertile for the imposition of the Inquisition. In no other place did it reign so fiercely as in Spain.

All Jews were forced to leave or convert to Christianity, to purify the population. It took longer to expel all of the Moslems, since there were so many more of them.

In leaving, the Jews took with them language, music and much of the culture that they had absorbed through centuries. Many went first to

the north of Africa, where they met with varying degrees of acceptance. Most noted there were Maimonides, physician, philosopher and scholar.

Others scattered about the rim of the Mediterranean, into Italy and beyond, into Greece, Turkey and eastern Europe. Finally, as conditions allowed, they settled in western Europe and Britain. In most cases, they were invited or allowed entry due to their skills in crafts and commerce. Their reputation spread, and heads of underdeveloped nations were willing to overlook their "peculiarities," to benefit from their accomplishments.

When Jewish talents resulted in prosperity, the native masses grew hostile from envy, and there would be renewed migrations. Usually, their property and assets were seized. That helped the ruling powers to decide to expel Jews.

In each land, the author tells the history and the nature of the society and brings us up to date. One reviewer said this book reads like a travelogue. We are given more than any guide could teach us. Descendants of the refugees of 1492 who found themselves in Europe had forgotten their Spanish roots, as those Spanish Jews had forgotten their middle eastern beginnings. Many, who had been persecuted in spite of

real or pretended conversion to Christianity, were lost in assimilation.

We are led through the exploits of the earliest explorers and the daring of Jews who came with them to the New World. Where they settled and how they survived in the western hemisphere are tales seldom told. The author is careful to include the history of the Jewish survival in each country, not omitting the Holocaust.

Finally, after the passing of Franco, the modern Spanish government has welcomed Jews back into Spain, although few have thus far responded by returning. Those who live there seem to be secure, with blessings from the restored monarchs.

Needless to say, although Howard Sachar does not neglect to write it, there was never a place where Jews fared so well as here in America. Never did we make so great an impact on the larger culture. The determinations of the founders to prevent the establishment of a state religion and the strict separation of church and state have guaranteed our liberty and our safety. A guarantee is good only as long as its warrantors survive, and it is our duty to perpetuate the survival of the system that is our insurance.

Reading *Farewell Espana* reminds us that governments are fragile; change is inevitable and security is a treasure not to be taken for granted. Knowledge of our history is an essential guide for posterity, and *Remembering The Sephardim* is an interesting experience.

Cultures in Conflict: Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Age of Discovery

by Bernard Lewis

Oxford University Press 100 pp.
paperback \$9.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Around the hub of the year 1492, Bernard Lewis has constructed this amazing little book with a range so wide, it is tempting to say he has put the world into a nutshell.

Cultures in Conflict is based on lectures during the 500th year celebration of Columbus's voyage to America, and from those lectures Bernard Lewis compiled the book, now published in paperback edition. Lewis is reputed to be the foremost living historian of the world of Islam. He is Cleveland E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies Emeritus at Princeton University.

With this book, he highlights important facts that decided the way our modern western world was formed. The scope of history covered is enormous in time and place. Against a background of ancient civilizations we see the beginning of Christianity and Islam and the clash between them. There is the dominance of Islam over Europe during many centuries, the reconquest by a reawakening

Christian Europe, and the effect the long struggle had on Jews.

Most interesting to me was the author's analysis of the reasons for the decline of Islam after its success in scholarship, commerce, and yes, in warfare. Turning to *Farewell Espana* by Howard M. Sachar, I was impressed by reading that by the 9th century, the library in Cordoba, Spain, possessed 400,000 volumes.

However, this brings us to one of the reasons Lewis gives for the failure of Islamic nations to progress as did the West. They refused to allow books to be printed in the Arabic language. Other reasons given for that failure were slavery, the position of women and the fact that their Arabic language was not vernacularized, as was Latin in Italy and Spain. In the 10th and 11th centuries, there had been a Renaissance in the Islamic world, but at the time of the Renaissance in Western Europe, there was none in the world of the Muslims. Perhaps like the song in the Musical, "Oklahoma," they felt they'd gone about as far as they could go.

It wasn't that there lacked understanding between the Christian and Muslim worlds. They understood each other very well; in fact, they shared similarities, but no desire to cooperate. Each believed it had the true faith.

The period of exploration, conquest and colonization that followed 1492,

along with the expulsion of the Jews from Spain (later from other parts of Western Europe) and then thereconquest of Spain by the Catholic monarchs created a whole new world. Lewis tells how all of the above led to the acquaintance of different peoples with each other, opened trade, slavery and its abolition. He calls the discovery of America the turning point in human history. That was, he says, the essential part of the transition to modernity.

The development that began in Europe spread throughout the world by Europe's discoverers, conquerors, missionaries, colonists and refugees. Thus were intellectual molds broken, freeing the human mind and spirit. So he says, acknowledging that they were seeking spices and Christians, but that they found much more.

They (the conquerors) did what others had always done, but they succeeded, and having succeeded, they later repented. This, he reminds us, is unique in all recorded history, confession of historic guilt.

With optimism that is refreshing, recognizing the ills we see in our present society, he appeals for greater understanding through learning. His faith in the worth of the Western World is steadfast, for we still cherish the ideals we fail to fulfill and constantly castigate ourselves for our evil behavior.



The Mauerbach Benefit Sale For Victims of the Holocaust and Their Families

A Sale Conducted by CHRISTIE'S on Behalf of The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities

RONALD LAUDER TO HEAD INTERNATIONAL HONORARY COMMITTEE

NEW YORK--In a historic move that marks a step toward restitution for artwork confiscated by the Nazis during World War II, Christie's, on behalf of The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, will auction an important collection of more than 1,000 paintings and works of art on October 29 and 30, in Vienna. Most of the art to be sold was seized from Jewish homes between 1938 and 1945. This unprecedented sale, to be conducted by Christie's on a non-profit-making basis, represents the closing of an important chapter in the history of the Holocaust. Proceeds from the two-day sale will be distributed throughout the world to benefit both Jewish and

non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and their families.

To mark the cultural and historical significance of the sale, The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities has established an international honorary committee headed by Ronald Lauder, former U.S. ambassador to Austria and chairperson of Estee Lauder International. The committee will oversee the worldwide distribution of funds from the sale.

For more than 40 years, the confiscated works of art have been stored in a 14th century monastery in Mauerbach, a town about 30 miles outside Vienna. The majority of the property was turned over to the Austrian government

by the American Allies with the proviso that every effort to be made to trace the owners.

The Austrian government's repeated attempts to reunite the original owners or surviving family members with their artwork resulted in the successful identification and return of more than 10,000 objects. In 1995, following a special act of Parliament, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance transferred ownership of all remaining works to The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities.

The Mauerbach benefit auction will offer approximately 1,000 artworks and is expected to realize more than \$3.5 million. Property will include 19th century paintings,

Old Master paintings and drawings, as well as carpets, tapestries, furniture, arms and armor, coins and literature. Highlights of the auction include important works by Rudolf von Alt, Ludwig Knaus, Augustin-Christian Ritt, Ferdinand Bellerman, Abraham Brueghel and Guglielmo Cortese, Alexander Archipenko and others.

The Mauerbach benefit auction will take place at Vienna's MAK Museum, the Austrian Museum of Applied Art. Objects to be offered will go on public view at the museum, October 22-28, 1996, coinciding with the museum's exhibitions celebrating Austria's millennium.

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Dr. Andrew Ettin in the Fair Oaks Synagogue.

Dr. Andrew Ettin Joins BJH as Religious Director

BJH is happy to announce that Dr. Andrew Ettin of Winston-Salem has now joined the Home as the Religious Director. Dr. Ettin has served the Home as a volunteer for many years; his face is familiar to residents as he has assisted Religious Director Sam Jacobson with Shabbat services and holiday observances and presented special programs on many occasions. As a volunteer, Andrew Ettin has always been ready to share his love of Judaism with the residents of the Home. In this new role, Andrew Ettin brings a special dimension to BJH. He brings his joy of learning and teaching, strengthened by a background of knowledge and experience and enriched by a genuine concern for both the individual and their congregation to this elderly community.

Dr. Ettin was raised in New Jersey, received a BA in English from

Rutgers University and his PHD in English Literature from Washington University in St. Louis. After teaching at Cornell University for seven years he came to Wake Forest University in 1977 where he is Professor of English with a specialty in 16th and 17th Century literature. Andrew has been proficient at blending his love of literature and teaching with his increasing interest in and knowledge of Judaism. He introduced an American Jewish Literature course into the English curriculum and has been teaching it for

the past seven years along with teaching a Modern Judaism course in the Wake Forest Religion Department.

Dr. Ettin's interest in language led to his desire to learn Hebrew and to be able to read the Torah. He studied with Rabbis Stephen Moch and Tom Liebschutz of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and often served the congregation as a lay leader in the Rabbi's absence. In 1990 Andrew completed the UAHC Rabbinic Aide Training Program and began serving as the religious leader for Temple Israel in Salisbury, NC, where he conducts monthly services. Soon after he also began to serve Congregation Emanuel in Statesville, NC with monthly services and adult education. In 1994-95 he acted as an interim Rabbi for Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem providing Shabbat and holiday services and all ceremonial observances. As the

interim Rabbi Andrew also served BJH by conducting a monthly Rabbi's Hour program for the residents as well as participating in special holiday observances.

Dr. Ettin brings to his new role as Religious Director knowledge, experience and the desire to best meet the needs of the residents and their families. With an understanding of the special population of the Home Andrew Ettin hopes to introduce ideas that will enhance the religious or spiritual experiences of the residents. He has already introduced a Torah service into the Saturday morning service, bringing the Torah out into the congregation and providing the residents with the opportunity to touch the scroll as well as see it during the reading. According to Andrew this more active service engages the resident on a different level and involves them in the service. In giving his Torah commentary Dr. Ettin says that he is mindful of the stage of life and the experiences of those attending and thus tries to frame the moral lessons of Torah in an appropriate way, dealing with such issues as relationships and living with others.

Andrew Ettin's sensitivity to people coupled with his enthusiasm for best serving the spiritual needs of his congregants have already inspired both short and long term goals. These range from the more concrete plans to choose a new prayer book of appropriate size and print with a more contemporary English translation to the more abstract exploration of ways to meet the religious needs of all the residents, both Jewish and non-Jewish

residents and those unable to attend services. In the near future Andrew hopes to institute a short memorial service following the death of a resident. He feels that as a religious institution it is important for the Home to have an institutional acknowledgement of the loss and to give residents, staff and family, if they wish, the opportunity to gather and to say goodbye. Andrew sees his role at BJH as more than just officiating at services; he plans to visit residents in the hospital and to be there for families if they need his assistance. *"I would like the families of residents to feel that they can turn to me as a contact for advice or conversation about concerns of a ritual or spiritual nature regarding their family member"* Having been responsible for religious life cycle events in his congregations and having counseled people at all stages of life, Andrew Ettin hopes to be able to serve the family members of residents when needed.

Scholar, teacher, advisor, counselor, Dr. Ettin fulfill these roles in two separate careers simultaneously, both in Academic and Religious life. Balancing the two in a seemingly serene synergy Andrew relates the distinct fields saying " ... the text based learning I do in the Jewish milieu is also what I do in the literary fieldand the sensitivity required for and learned from literary studies certainly relates to working with people. What I have learned through literature has helped me relate to people and what I learned working with congregations has helped me to respond to my students."

BJH welcomes Dr. Andrew Ettin as the new Religious Director. We invite residents, family and friends to attend services and holiday observances, to meet Andrew Ettin and join us in welcoming him to this Home.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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Sam Jacobson Retires as BJH Religious Director



Sam Jacobson, BJH Religious Director for almost thirty years, conducts services in the Fair Oaks Synagogue.

After almost 30 years Sam Jacobson is retiring as BJH Religious Director but he is not saying goodbye to residents, staff, family members and friends. Sam says that although it is time for him to step back from the responsibility and commitment of Religious Director, he is not giving up his relationship with the Home and the residents which he has nurtured for so many years.

Sam Jacobson served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1972. He first volunteered to conduct services for the Home as a temporary measure while the Board members were searching for a Rabbi. The search continued for many years and Sam kept volunteering during this time. In time the Board created the position of Religious Director and Sam agreed to assume the role.

In the early years of the Home, Sam wore many hats as a volunteer coordinator, program director and lay Rabbi. He spoke to groups in Winston-Salem and Greensboro recruiting volunteers, presented programs and held discussions for the residents, did hospital visitation and counseled with residents while

continuing to fulfill the role of spiritual advisor, teacher and

Rabbi. Sam Jacobson has been a friend to many residents over the years offering guidance and solace to those in need and a friendly smile and encouraging word to all whose lives he has touched.

Sam Jacobson's life is always filled with what he most loves to do "working with people". Although retiring as Religious Director Sam Jacobson will still be seen monthly at BJH conducting services in Andrew Ettin's absence and of course visiting all of his friends throughout the Home. Sam Jacobson's days will continue to be filled with volunteer work for the agencies and organizations which are dear to him: the Human Service Alliance where he works in the Health and Wellness Project, the community of Kernersville where he lives and was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Housing complex where he resides and served as Program Director for many years. We

wish Sam Jacobson many years of good health, continued fulfillment and enrichment in his semi-retirement. We look forward to continue to see him often greeting residents and staff at BJH.

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Sue's News

Volunteers Honored at Annual Appreciation Dinner



Rose Solomon, pictured above with Sue Clein, and Janie Douthit, seen below, were honored as Volunteers of the Year at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



"Howdy Pardner" was the greeting as the crowd of volunteers and guests rode up to the gate to celebrate on June 12th. It was the 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation event and the 115 acre Blumenthal Jewish "Home on the Range" was the perfect setting for our western ranch style celebration. This appreciation event is held each year to honor and to thank our volunteers who are certainly "partners" with BJH in providing outstanding care and service to our residents. During 1995-96 more than 105 individual volunteers gave over 4000 hours of time and caring to the Home and the residents. We welcomed 17 new individual volunteers as well as volunteers who provided service through organizations sponsoring activities or service for the Home. This year members of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem B'nai Brith Youth and the CAJWM provided volunteers for the Home. In addition school groups, religious school classes, Synagogue and Temple groups, Youth organizations, children and parents and entertainers brought special programs to the residents throughout the year. BJH's volunteer partners are as multi-faceted and as colorful as the bright bandannas worn by our "ranch hands" attending the festive barbecue. Our volunteers presence brightens the Home and the residents lives in many different ways each and every day.

In honor of the 10th Anniversary Celebration two special volunteers

were chosen to be honored as Volunteers of the Year. Janie Douthit and Rose Solomon were both recognized for the dedicated and outstanding volunteer service they have given to BJH for many years. Janie Douthit, a native of Clemmons has been a volunteer in Blumies Gift shop for the past seven years. She has also volunteered wherever else she was needed and has been seen playing the piano, addressing mail, and being a friendly visitor. Most residents, staff, family members and visitors know Janie for the gracious, smiling and friendly service she provides each Tuesday in Blumies. She is a dedicated volunteer and we are proud to honor her with this award.

Rose Solomon, a native of New Jersey, now living in Clemmons has volunteered at BJH since 1991. Rose spends two days each week at the Home calling bingo, delivering mail, assisting residents with menu choices and selling in the Gift Shop. Rose is a listening ear and a friend to residents always bringing a cheerful word and a smiling face. She has been a dedicated and willing volunteer always offering to help in any way she can; we are pleased to recognize Rose Solomon as a Volunteer of the Year for 1996.

My thanks to those who participated in the program and shared in thanking our volunteers at the appreciation dinner: thanks to Dr. Andrew Ettin, BJH Religious Director who gave the Invocation, Millie Slatkoff, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, who reported on new volunteers and programs and Seth Levy, Executive Director, who thanked all of our volunteers for their generous contributions of time, talent and loving care.

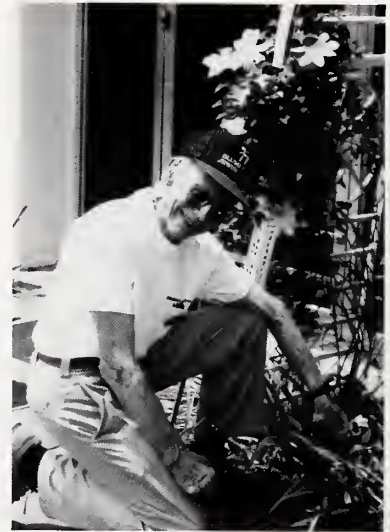
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Volunteers have a good time at the annual volunteer "western" dinner.



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Spring Scenes



Bill Bronstein tells a story to Temple Emanuel Pre school students and BJH residents at the Home's Mayfest.



Children and residents enjoy the intergenerational Mayfest celebration.



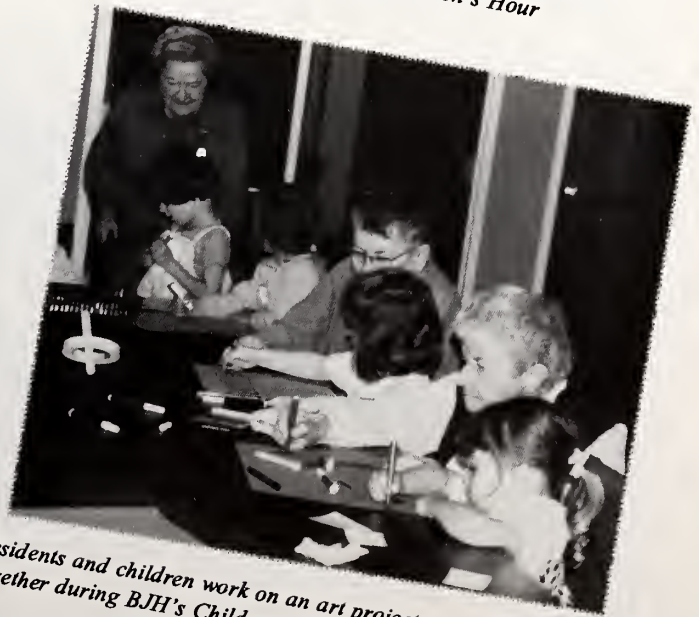
Children in Forsyth Country Day School's kindergarten classes entertain residents with a folk music performance.



Parents, children and residents listen to a story during BJH's Children's Hour program.

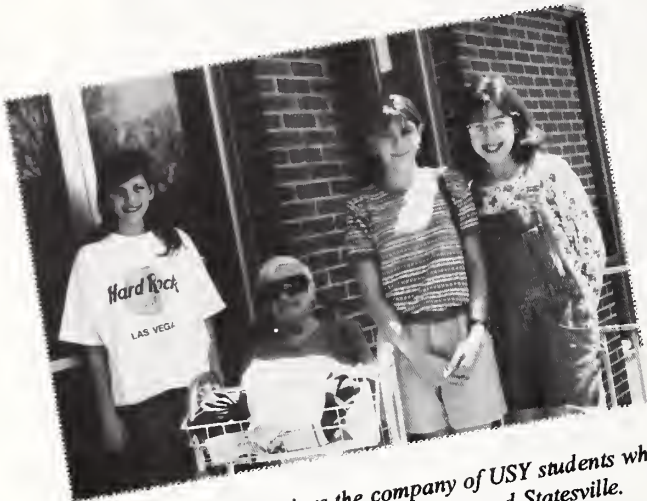


BJH resident Helen Labell visits with Bobby Lamy, his daughter Caroline and children during the Children's Hour.



Residents and children work on an art project together during BJH's Children's Hour.

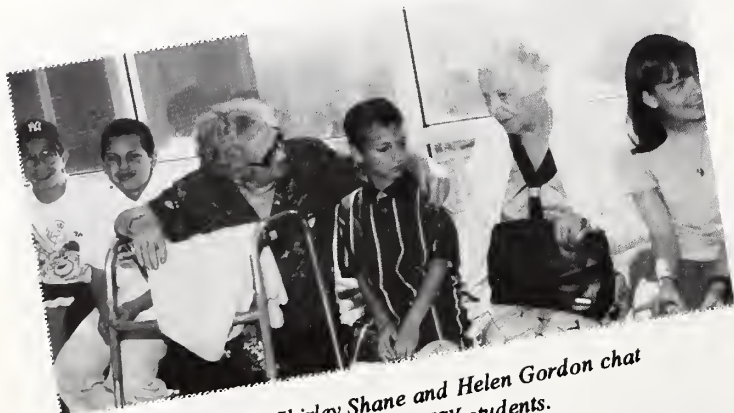
Around the Home



Dorothy Rodriguez enjoys the company of USY students who visited the Home in April from Charlotte and Statesville.



The USY students visited residents throughout the Home on a beautiful spring Sunday.



Fair Oaks residents Shirley Shane and Helen Gordon chat with some of the visiting USY students.



Greensboro volunteers lead the singing at the May birthday party; seen from the left: volunteer photographer Bill Swirin, behind the camera, with Rhoda Fleisher, Laura Milgrim, Ruth Jacobs and Polly Strasser.



Residents Flo Sag, left, and Lottie Mainenthau, right, assist with an art project during the Children's Hour.



Residents gather in the shade to enjoy a beautiful spring day in the BJH courtyard.

Millie's Musings

The sun is shining and flowers are blooming on the beautiful grounds of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The warmth and radiance permeate the entire complex, an atmosphere enhanced by the presence of our many new volunteers who honor our residents with the gift of their time and caring. I would like to introduce several more of them to you.

Lynn Eisenberg, a native of Winston-Salem and a participant in many diverse activities in the community and Laura Milgrim, a business woman from Greensboro lead a sing-along for the residents. The residents are wonderful singers and many are more than happy to sing a solo. I call this our hand-clappin, foot-stompn good ol' timers. Their accompanist is Jan Sawyer, a familiar face at BJH, who has been playing the piano for special programs for several years.

Our ball of fire, Marilyn Belenky, has joined the select group of Greensboro volunteers for their monthly birthday parties at BJH and the monthly luncheons at Starmount Country Club in Greensboro. She has also visited the Home on special occasions with

treats for the residents. Marilyn has an enthusiasm that is literally "catching".

Judy Segal, who recently moved to Winston-Salem from Columbia, Maryland, undertook the formidable task of helping to "clear the decks", i.e., clip articles, compile scrapbooks, etc. in the Public Relations office. Judy has also assisted with shopping on the Mall trips.

During the past year several new volunteers have joined the Critter Cuddling program. They are Linda Arnold, Pam Lowery and Amy and Jeff Trantham. Along with veteran volunteers Joanne Clarkson and Lib and Grant Queen, they are here every week with their pets, visiting the residents while the animals climb onto wheel chairs and offer wet kisses.

News of more new volunteers will follow in later months. In the meantime I am waiting for your call; call Millie Slatkoff at 910-766-6401 or 910-785-2331. You can help make a difference.



BJH resident Helen Labell, volunteers Laura Milgrim and Lynn Eisenberg and Fair Oaks resident Sally Waldman have a good time leading the singing at the Sing-along.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Carrie Barrow
 Florence Blumenstein
 Rose Golden
 Mary Grassy
 Mary Johnson
 Melvin Karesh
 Jennie Novey
 Sadie Parmet
 Mildred Samet
 Shirley Shane
 Edythe Shertzer
 Lilla Stallcup
 Rachel Sugerman

AUGUST

Hannah Ackerman
 Paul Davis
 Cecil Ettin
 Yvonne Gray
 Nora Ketson
 Korrie Lyons
 Robert Morrison
 Lee Sample
 Theresa Serxner
 Fannie Simon
 Myrtle Williard

WISH LIST

Item	Price
Postage Meter Equipment	\$7,500.00
Motorized Adaptive Wheelchair	\$4,000.00
Single Section Roll-In Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
Special Holiday Concerts, e.g. Chanukah Party, Sukkot Celebration and Mayfest	\$1,000.00
Laser Printer with Serial Connection for the Public Relations Office	\$ 800.00
Swing Band for the Residents' New Years Party	\$ 600.00
Augmentive Communication Device	\$ 500.00
	to \$1,000.00
Calculators	\$ 500.00
Large Print Books for Residents' Library	\$ 500.00
Poly-fill for Craft Shop items	\$ 300.00
Plants for the A-Wing/Fair Oaks Connecting Hallway	\$ 250.00
Telephone Adaptor for Hearing Impaired (TDD)	\$ 250.00
Set of Kitchen Chef Knives	\$ 200.00
Pan Rack ADE 1818/KDA	\$ 200.00
Plush Stuffed Animals	\$ 100.00
New or Used Videos: Travel, Musicals, Family Oriented, Animal Stories or Cartoons	

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.



Pictured from the top are: A new volunteer, Judy Segal, with Fair Oaks resident Goldie Sandler on the Mall shopping trip.



Fair Oaks resident Herb Peck on a trip to the Mall with veteran volunteer Howard Friedensen.



New Critter Cuddler volunteers Amy and Jeff Trantham visiting the Home.

IN MEMORY OF

We mourn the loss of

**Mary Livingston
Ida Temko
Faye Wexler**

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

1996

Calendar Highlights July

- 4 Independence Day Celebration, "Watermelon Party", 2:30 p.m., Individual Units
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 9 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 10 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Subeck, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 12 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 14 Brenner Concert, Music with Art Bloom, 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 16 Resident council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 17 Sing-A-Long with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 18 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 19 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 21 Card Club with Peter Thull, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 30 News and Views with Leonard Clein, 10:45 a.m., Friendship Room

Calendar Highlights August

1996

- 4 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Rabbi's Hour with Cantor Lynda Sheppard, 10:30 a.m.
- 6 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 9 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 11 Brenner Concert, Marc Osterer (Trumpet), 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 13 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 14 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Marla Subeck, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 15 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:00 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
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Temple news

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

POST BAR/BAT MITZVAH GROUP

Activities of the last few months include: In December, the group met with Dr. Walter Ziffer to discuss the fundamental differences between Judaism and Christianity and at a later meeting with Rabbis Birnham and Ratner and the comparably aged group from Beth Ha-Tephila, expanded on this discussion as they explored being members of a minority in a predominantly Christian school system.

Because of the harsh winter weather, the meetings for the winter months were canceled. These will be rescheduled for either the summer or later, and will be a hike and discussion on Ecology, which was to have been led by Elyse Israel and Rabbi Birnham, and a lock-in, in which they were going to view movies and talk about the Jewish Influence in the entertainment field. The spring brought in our medical experts. In March, the group met with Dr. Adrian Sandler and Rabbi Birnham to discuss adolescent development. Physical, emotional, and spiritual areas were explored with candor and humor. In April, Dr. Martha Salyers and our Rabbi challenged the group with biomedical ethics. The meeting quickly focused on the issue of abortion as the group articulately and thoughtfully explored the personal, medical, and Jewish perspectives on the topic.

Dr. Crit Harley also attended this meeting.

In May, the group attended the talk by Dr. Joshua Jacobson on Music in the Holocaust. In June, the group planned to go on a trip to celebrate the successful finish to their first year.

They extend heartfelt thanks to Walter Ziffer, Elyse Israel, Adrian Sandler, Martha Salyers, Rabbi Birnham, Bob Deutsch, and Caren Kessler for all their help during the year.

OUR RABBI IN THE COMMUNITY

Rabbi Birnham has been teaching large groups of students coming to Beth Israel to learn about Judaism and Jews. Most of the classes are coming as part of Debi Miles' wonderful Diversity Program based at the JCC. Rabbi Birnham spoke at Mars Hill College. His topic was "Holocaust Theology." He spoke as the final motivating speaker at the Opening Bridges Program: African American and White Related Issues, at UNCA, MAHEC, and the two hospitals. Though he will be stepping down as the co-chair of the Interfaith Alliance, Rabbi will still be on its Executive board.

BETH ISRAEL'S MITZVAH COMMITTEE

Our Bikur Cholim Committee will now be known as the Mitzvah Committee and visiting the sick, it will be broadening its purpose to include other projects within the Jewish Community. It will also be: forming a community-wide Adopt-A-Grandparent program that the Youth Group will be involved in; it would also like to Adopt-A-Nursing Home (the Summit) and have a monthly activity for the residents; and also, there will be a

fundraiser, such as an Around-the-World Potluck to help purchase small gifts and supplies. Natalie Kramer and Susan Hedgepeth are the chairpeople of the committee.

ABUSE IN OUR HOMES

Sue Greenberg and Barbara Kramer joined the Rabbi at a two-day program about Abuse in our Homes.

TWO HEBREW CLASSES

1. The Rabbi and Walter Ziffer will be beginning classes on Modern Hebrew.

2. Rabbi Birnham taught the Friday Night Service to a class on June 5, June 12, and June 19.

MAZEL TOVS

Barry Landsberg is now the Director of Security at Asheville Buncombe Community College and is teaching a class on Criminal Justice.

Lorraine Silverman, our very busy Sisterhood President, allowed time out to have a new baby boy, Elliot. Trooper that she is, she is back on the Sisterhood job going strong as ever.

A big Mazel Tov to Lorraine and Alan on the birth of their baby.

Also, a big Mazel Tov to Joe and Arlene Schandler, who are the new grandparents of a baby boy, born to their daughter, Loren. The proud Bubbe and Zayde held the baby fifteen minutes after his arrival.

NEW TOPIC THIS MONTH

Jessica Hedgepeth, on the SHOFAR editorial board, pursued yet a new area this month, "Technology-How Far Should We Go?"

HADASSAH

Hadassah held its closing luncheon

at the French Broad Country Club. Regional Vice-President, Nancy Shane, was the guest speaker. Natalie Nachman, discharged the former officers and installed the new officers.

BAT MITZVAH

Abby Miller was Bat Mitzvahed the weekend of June 14 and 15. She led services Friday night and read from the Torah in addition to leading services Saturday. A kiddush luncheon followed, sponsored by a proud Mom and Dad, Barbara and Steve Miller. All in all, it was a real family affair, with many friends and relatives in attendance.

ANNUAL MEETING AND "MEMBERS OF THE YEAR"

Held on June 20, at the Synagogue, when Dr. Ron Neimkin and Richard Laibson, Co-Presidents, handed over the reins of the Board of Directors and congregation to the incoming Co-Presidents, Caren Kessler and Alan Laibson. Committee reports for the year were given by the various chairpersons.

The Board of Directors for 1996-1998 are as follows: Co-Presidents-Caren Kessler and Alan Laibson, First Vice President-Frank Goldsmith, Second Vice President-Mark Nigrosh, Third Vice President-Art Green, Secretary-Richard Nielsen, Treasurer-Barbara Lewin, Immediate Past Presidents-Ron Neimkin and Richard Laibson, Adult Education-Laurie Reiz, Cemetery-Joseph Schandler, Endowment-William Lewin, Family Education - Barbara Miller and Debi Miles, Fund Raising-Gary Kramer, Ground-Arlene Schandler, House-Art Green, Membership/Social-Toby Cohen and Alan Levy, Ritual Committee-Walter Ziffer, Youth-Susan Hedgepeth, General Counsel-Bob Deutsch, Members-at-Large-Ileana Grams, Barbara Kramer, Adele Rose, Tom Rosenberg, and Sandy Slosman.

Geoff Brown, Elissa Brown, and Debi Miles were nominated as the special "Members of the Year" for the Synagogue. The congregation acknowledged the departure of Geoff and Elissa Brown, who will be leaving Asheville for Williamsburg, Virginia. They will be sorely missed!

Elissa Brown has been granted an assistantship for three years to the College of William and Mary and we are all very proud of her!

ELANA RACHEL WILLIAMS

The naming of Elana Rachel Williams, daughter of Jennifer and John Williams, took place on June 22, 1996, with a Kiddush luncheon following, sponsored by Aunt Natalie and Uncle Gary Kramer.

EIGHT O'CLOCK SERVICES

Special topics coming up are Dead Sea Scrolls by Dr. Frank Edwin-June 28th and Davening on the Green (on the Shul premises outside) on July 12.

Thanks to Dr. Ron Manheimer for his input on humor and old age and to Gary Kramer for the input of his Youth Group at another Friday night service.

The committee members arranging the special topics at the 8:00 o'clock services are: Dr. Eric Wellisch, Chairperson, Toby Cohen, Dr. Ron Manheimer, and Sandy Slosman.

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Classes coming in August include: Preparing for High Holy Day Worship, Bimah Etiquette, and a class on Weekday Minyan Leadership.

New niggun will be introduced every so often for Shabbat and a one-page explanatory sheet will be prepared for the Shabbat service to make

a more meaningful service for members and guests.

SISTERHOOD

The new Board is traveling full steam ahead. A leadership meeting will be held for the full Board on July 14. Marilyn Liberman, leadership trainer on the National Board of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, will be our speaker.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Yiddish classes with Walter Ziffer will be taking a break for the summer. Mazel Tov to Lillian Wellisch who has been nominated to serve on the Southern Branch Board of Directors of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism for the 1996-1998 term. Thank you to Dr. Joseph Schandler for talking with the Daled Bet Sefer Class about the Hevra Kadisha. Ending on a low, but very necessary note, a big thanks to the Daled Bet Sefer Class for cleaning out four buckets of garbage from the Shul's creek.

Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville, NC

by Marjorie Schachter

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE was visited Sunday, May 12, by Rabbi Michael Robinson. Following a covered dish supper at the Karpens', Dr. Robinson gave a vivid picture of his recent experiences in Cairo, Jordan, Gaza and Israel, including the West Bank settlement in Jerusalem. Quoting the Temple Bulletin, "Dr. Robinson is a native of Asheville who grew up at Congregation Beth HaTephila . . . He served as Rabbi of Temple Israel in Croton-on-Hudson, New York for 29 years, and since September has been Rabbi at Congregation Shomrei Torah in Santa Rosa, California. Rabbi Robinson is a peace and civil rights activists . . ." He is the brother of Leah Karpen.

THE SISTERHOOD at its meeting on May 13 presented its 1996-97 slate of officers and board members: Julie Lee and Shirley Rapoport, Co-Presidents; Lula Shermis, Vice President; Sylvia Meyer, Recording Secretary; Marjorie Schachter, Corresponding Secretary; Ruth Weber, Treasurer; Judy Haller, Financial Secretary. Elected board members are Rose Rose, Gift Shop; Lil Bieber, Fund-Raising; Chris Lewis, Outreach; Niki Benetan, Programming; Irene Braun, Uniongrams; Elizabeth Davis, Membership. Nominating Committee, Sandra Stone, chair, and Sonja Shulimson.

Sisterhood Shabbat, ably coordinated by Shirley Rapoport, was celebrated Friday, May 17. Participants in the event included Fran Aaron, Niki Benetan, Shirley Berdie, Irene Braun, Elizabeth Davis, Carol Cohen, Linda Gergel, Ellen Gilreath, Irma Goldman, Judy Haller, Leah Karpen, Jean Karpen, Vicky Levy. Also, Natalie Nachman, Susan Ratner, Ciel Resnick, Shirley Rapoport, Rose Rose, Marjorie Schachter, Lula Shermis, Sonja Shulimson, Sanda Stone, Ruth Weber, Rene Wolf, Smadar Yinhar, and Cynthia Zaslow. Most of the women both took part in the services and supplied elegant edibles for the following oneg.

THE BROTHERHOOD announced plans for its rescheduled Famous Brunch, originally planned for February but canceled because of bad weather.

The new date is June 23, and the speaker is, as Dick Braun said in the May Temple Bulletin, "well-known Asheville historian, raconteur, traveler and journalist Bob Terrell." Dick promised "hospitality, fellowship, entertainment, and fine food at the last Brotherhood Brunch of the current program year."

IN THE NEWS on May 13 was a letter to the editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times from Rachel Smith, president of Karpen Steel Products, pointing out that in spite of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce's stated "buy Local" policy, they elected to hold their recent annual retreat--and spend their money--in Georgia. In the Health section of the May 27 Asheville Citizen-Times was a picture of and interview with Natalie Nachman, who generously offered to share her knowledge of Sjogren's syndrome; dry-eye and dry mouth are symptoms, with which she suffers.

Late in May Liesel Sullivan's name was listed with those volunteers who had contributed 1000 hours to St. Joseph's Hospital, and on the 25 in a guest column the vigilant and forthright Rabbi Ratner took the newspaper to task for having printed a letter from a reader who denied the reality of the Holocaust.

THE ISAAC LICHTENFELS CLERGY INSTITUTE invited visiting scholar Rabbi Michael Robinson speak Monday evening, May 13. His topic was "Two Kinds of Faith: Two 19th Century Mystical Luminaries and their Different Understandings of God and Prayer." The event, to which the congregation and the public were invited, was sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

At the Tuesday morning session, which was attended by clergy of many faiths, Dr. Robinson spoke on "Non-Violence in the Jewish Tradition." A subsequent question-and-answer period was followed by a luncheon, arranged by Bob Janowitz. Chair of the event was Sam Schapiro.

SERVICES AT THE SUMMIT, a local retirement facility, were held by

Rabbi Ratner Friday, May 17. The Rabbi said, "This is always a very nice opportunity for members of the Congregation to join with our fellow congregants at the Summit." He invited the congregation to join him.

MAZEL TOV to Morris and Leah Karpen, both of whom received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at the commencement exercises at UNCA Saturday, May 11. The degrees were awarded in recognition of the Karpens' involvement with and contributions to the community. And to Alex Bernstein and his family on his graduation from UNCA on the 11 with a B.A. degree in psychology. He is the Schachter's grandson.

Beth El Synagogue

*Durham, NC
by Eileen Freed*

Summertime means living easy at Beth El Synagogue. The traditionally slow summer months provide an excellent opportunity for synagogue staff to complete old projects and begin preparing for the busy High Holiday season. It is also the time when our new Board of Directors is installed and begins working together. At our annual Installation Dessert in June, we thanked those members of our congregation who volunteered and were elected by the congregation to serve on the Board in the coming year. Additionally, we honored Jeff and Anne Derby and Bruce Guild who have, through their involvement over the years, made a significant impact on the synagogue and its members.

In July and August, Beth El is host to two important community-wide programs. In July, twenty high school students from Rehovot, Israel will arrive in Durham/Chapel Hill as

part of an Israel exchange program coordinated through Governor Hunt's office, and several Beth El families are host to the teenagers. Besides social and tourist activities, the boys will participate in a Duke University Basketball camp, and the girls will participate in American Dance Festival classes housed at Beth El.

For the second year, the Jewish Federation's JCC Day Camp will be housed at Beth El's Freedman Center for four weeks in July and August. This community-wide program gives children an opportunity to enjoy the last weeks of summer with Jewish fun, games, and learning.

Rabbi Sager is in Israel on Sabbatical, living in Jerusalem, participating in the Rabbinic Torah Study Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute, and exploring the country. Our Ritual Committee, Rabbi Frank Fischer, and other local Rabbis are working with our congregation this summer to ensure that the ritual and spiritual life of the synagogue continues in his absence.

There will be two new member events in late August. Our New Member Family Picnic will be held Sunday, August 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the annual New Member Dessert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 25.

For information about any of our events or programs, please contact Eileen Freed at (919) 682-1238.

Temple Emanuel

Greensboro NC

by Charlotte Hurwitz

The end of our 'program' year was a good time to look back and review our accomplishments with Rabbi Fred Guttman as our spiritual leader. It would be lengthy to list them all, but some highlights are:

- beautiful and inspirational High Holy Day services with many innovations that made it possible for families to share in very special ways, with all age groups participating.

- Sukkot, Simchat Torah, consecration, Chanukah family programs, Seder Cheder and many other special activities were coordinated under the able guidance of Dr. Cheryl Greenberg, Director of the Religious School, with the help of many parents and the capable teaching staff.

- Brotherhood does an important community outreach service with their work at Urban Ministry cooking and serving meals to the homeless, among other contributions to the Temple. . .

- Sisterhood, in addition to a contribution of support funds to the Temple also sponsored a Women's Seder using a special Women's Haggadah. Among the goals was a primary one of raising funds for the local shelter for women and for one in Israel. Through sponsorship contributions, we raised \$3,000.00 for two institutions. . .

- Mitzvah Day was a great success--another community outreach project in which 175 people including families and individuals of all ages accomplished much needed work in a variety of places, even as far as Blumenthal Home. . .

- Nineteen young people were called to the Torah for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah and each service was very special for the young adult, the families and the congregation. . .

- Eight of our students experienced the March of the Living with Rabbi Guttman. The reports of four of them at their beautiful Confirmation Service, were deeply moving. . .

- Other joyous life cycle events: five marriages took place; nine babies were born and given Hebrew names.

- We recorded with sorrow the deaths of twelve of our loved ones. . .

- Adult Education classes taught by Rabbi were very interesting and very well received. . .

- In addition to the many community projects there has been good cooperation from Temple, Beth David Synagogue and the Greensboro Federation to plan for a Joint Judaic High School for next year as well as for many other community endeavors. . .

- Rabbi Guttman was instrumental in developing a local Interfaith Alliance, working closely with several church leaders to insure separation of church and state and to see that religion and religious consciousness are not ceded to the radical religious right. . .

- Rabbi has also become involved in other social action areas of importance. . .

- Plans for the coming year include a Scholar-in-residence weekend, musical events, a variety of worship services with many opportunities for congregational involvement. . .

We anticipate another year of growth and accomplishment and pray for the strength to go forward with God's blessing and Shalom in our community and the world.

Temple Emanuel, Greensboro NC, a Reform Temple, is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We welcome newcomers to the area to Friday evening services. Please call 910-275-6316 to confirm time. 713 N. Greene Street is the address.



Temple Beth Shalom*Hickory NC**by Terri Sullivan*

Temple Beth Shalom celebrated with several families over the summer. Alex Guttler, son of Linda and Sandy Guttler and Kenneth Huitt, son of Susan and Kevin Huitt celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs along with their families and many friends. Whitney Cohn, daughter of Sue and Ron Cohn had her Bat Mitzvah this summer as well. Needless to say, our small community was thrilled to have so many reasons to be proud of our children in one short summer! Congratulations to all three for jobs well done.

Congratulations to Mara Bauman, daughter of Barbara and Mike Bauman on graduation from Indiana University. Mara will begin graduate school at UNC-CH this fall.

Our best wishes to Lottie and Leon Lerner on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mazel Tov to newlyweds Gabrielle and Ray Morrison and to Sue and Len Rappaport on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Jaclyn on May 23, 1996.

Also congratulations are in order for Alisa Berndt, daughter of Ronni and Ron Berndt, for being selected to participate in Leadership 2000, a new Hickory Public Schools leadership program. The eighth graders selected will work with public service, government and business leaders during the next three years.

Our new synagogue board members for the year 1996-97 include the following: Mike Bauman, President; Sandy Guttler, Vice President; Leslie Archer, Secretary and Sue Cole, Treasurer. Sisterhood officers will be; Barbara Kallman, President; Pam Jones, President Elect; Leslie Archer, Vice President; Bonnie Gold, Secretary and Sandy Shubin, Treasurer. On August 18, the Sisterhood will hold its Annual New Member Brunch. With so many able people in charge, the Hickory Community is looking forward to a full and interesting new year ahead. Good luck to all the incoming officers.

And finally, we would like to wish speedy good health to our following members; Harriet Sederholm, Sylvia Kaufman and Bill Klein. May you all feel better soon.

Temple Israel**Charlotte NC***by Estelle Hoffman***Temple Israel's Book Club**

On the fourth Monday of each month a group of avid readers from Charlotte's Jewish community gather together at Temple Israel to discuss meaningful books with Jewish themes. The exchange is lively, and conversation is stimulating, reaffirming or challenging the participants' Jewish identity.

The highlight of the 1995-96 "season" was the in-person appearance of Charlotte poet Judy Goldman at the May 20 meeting. Ms. Goldman read and discussed selections from her latest collection *Wanting to Know the End* as well as other writings. It was the largest attendance ever, and participants were truly enraptured of the poet's image provoking writings. "Poets are observers," Judy explained, and their challenge is to describe those observations in creative ways. Her readings included poignant and humorous selections, many with "universal truths," making for a delightful evening.

Temple Israel's Book Club Meetings are open to all members of the Jewish community. "Drop in's" are welcome. All books are available from the Public or Speizman Jewish Library at Shalom Park in Charlotte. Paperback copies are available at book stores for about ten dollars. Upcoming selections for the 1996-97 year include:

August 26 -

Beach Music by Pat Conroy

September 30 -

A Perfect Peace by Amos Oz

October 28 -

Her Face in the Mirror edited by Faye Moskowitz.

Book Club Meetings are held at Temple Israel at 7:45 p.m. Call Linda Levy (704/366-6362) or Micki Schifman (704/364-0041) if you have any questions or suggestions for future selections.



Organizations

Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT

Charlotte NC
by Brenda Lutz

NC Hillel

North Carolina Hillel Foundation has announced three new appointments to its professional staff. Rabbi Edward Elkin will lead Hillel in the position of Executive Director, Michael Scheinberg will work very closely with students in the position of Program Associate in Chapel Hill, and Ann Weingold will serve in the position of program coordinator at NCSU in Raleigh.

Rabbi Elkin comes to Chapel Hill from Montreal, where he has served for the last six years as a congregational rabbi and educator. In taking on this new challenge, he is fulfilling a long-held professional aspiration to lead a campus Jewish community. He looks forward to building on the past successes of North Carolina Hillel in creating a strong Jewish presence at the UNC campus in Chapel Hill, and at NCSU in Raleigh and at UNC campuses in Greensboro and Charlotte.

Michael Scheinberg brings strong campus experience to Chapel Hill. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Michael has worked at Princeton University Hillel for the past year. His responsibilities will include advising the Hillel Student Board on achieving an exciting and varied Hillel program on campus this year. He hopes to include as many students as possible in Hillel activities and looks forward to an active year at Hillel.

Where has this year gone? As we wrap up another wonderful year for the Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT, we welcomed our new officers at an installation held on June 3 1996, at Castaldi's Italian Bistrot, 311 East Boulevard, Charlotte. The installing officer, Mrs. Florence Sperling did a magnificent installation. Many accolades were given to Mrs. Ellen Wismuller, outgoing president for a superb job she has done the last two years. She is loved and respected by all who worked with her.

This was an occasion during which each officer pledged herself to the ideals and purposes of the National Association of Women's American ORT. Upon the officers rest the real and challenging responsibilities. The chapter looks to them for successful execution of ORT's purposes. The rainbow has always been a symbol of hope and a bright future. This is why our installation of officers was a symbolic candle-lighting ceremony. The new officers listed below were lighting a new rainbow for the days ahead.

Hillel

Ann Weingold comes to Raleigh from Binghamton, New York where she has had a wealth of experience in Jewish Federation and youth work. Her work with Jewish students in the Raleigh area will complement the work Ann is already doing with the Wake County Jewish Federation.

North Carolina Hillel Foundation is tremendously excited about the new

President: Brenda Lutz; Vice Presidents: Fundraising-Debra Goldstein, Claire Krusch; Membership-San Dee Smoke; Programming-Evelyn Hochstat; Treasurer-Tammy Golder; Financial Secretary-Jean Cabillis; Recording Secretary-Muri Corzin; Corresponding Secretary-Mae Goldman

A wonderful year has been planned by the membership at our planning conference held on May 21, 1996. Functions to be held are: Bingo, a Saturday evening bowling and pizza party, our well known Chanukah pot luck dinner, and our very successful Drop in the bucket auction, to mention just a few.

We are looking forward to having new members join our organization. For information please contact our membership vice president, San Dee Smoke at 341-9495.

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professional team that is in place this year. They join Irma Moss, Greensboro program coordinator, and Hila Libai, administrative assistant, who have served Hillel for several years. Together with the community board, parents, alumni and most especially the students, the new team will work hard to foster a vibrant Jewish life on North Carolina campuses.

Maccabiah Alum Named Head Swim Coach for 15th World Games in Israel

PHILADELPHIA--Seth Baron (Columbia, SC) has been appointed Head Swim Coach for the United States Maccabiah Team, Jeffrey Laikind, General Chairman of the U.S. Maccabiah Team announced.

"It is a great honor to not only represent the United States at the Games, but American Jewish athletes as well," said Baron, an Assistant Swim Coach at the University of South Carolina. "I am looking forward to assembling the best team possible to compete at the Games, but also want athletes who are interested in pursuing their Jewish heritage while in Israel."

The quadrennial World Maccabiah Games, sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee, brings Jewish athletes from around the world together for competition in 32 official sports. At the 14th World Maccabiah in 1993, the 650-member U.S. delegation joined 5,600 athletes from 56 countries for the two-week competition.

Baron, 32, is no stranger to the Maccabiah. As a member of the U.S. Maccabiah Swim Team that competed at the 12th Games in 1985, Baron earned six gold medals and one silver, tying the record Mark Spitz's

set at the 8th World Maccabiah in 1969. He also set two Maccabiah records, one in the 400 medley relay and one in 200 individual relay. Most recently, Baron served as Assistant Coach at the 14th World Maccabiah Games in 1993, where the U.S. Swim Team earned 45 medals and set 18 new Maccabiah records.

According to Baron, who describes his involvement with the Maccabiah as being an important aspect of his swimming career, "[the experience] opened my eyes to other Jewish athletes around me and gave me the opportunity to see how people from other countries celebrate the Jewish religion. . .the bottom line is that we are all sharing the experience together and there is unity among that athletes." He cites having the opportunity to meet Jewish athletes from the Eastern Bloc at the 1993 Games as one of the highlights of his Maccabiah experience.

Hillel

Clemson Student Group Receives Award For Web Site Design

CLEMSON--Clemson University's Hillel Jewish Student Organization received honorable mention honors for its home page design on the World Wide Web.

Designed by doctoral chemistry candidate Scott Savatt, the home page features a history of the student organization at Clemson, a list of club activities, links to other web sites and a letter from former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres.

Sponsored by the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the Clemson group received a cash award of \$250. The address of the Clemson Hillel web site is <http://hubcap.Clemson.Ed/hillel/>.

Other schools receiving awards are California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, Duke University, Princeton University, Columbia University and California State University at Northridge.

Baron first became involved with Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel in 1983 as a member of the Pan Am Maccabi Team that traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil. In his first Maccabi competition, Baron set records in the 100 fly, 100 free and 200 free on his way to a four gold, four silver and two bronze performance.

A Los Angeles, California native, Baron attended Auburn University (Auburn, AL) where he was a two-time All-American and earned a degree in Marketing and Advertising. He was a key member in his team's four consecutive top 15 appearances and served as Team Captain his senior year. Baron was a 1984 participant in the final trials at the XXIII Olympiad and a qualifier in the final trials at the XXIV Olympic Games. As Head Coach for the Charlottesville YMCA Aquatic Club,

The Atlanta Jewish Community Center Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Baron was nominated for the 1994 National YMCA Coach of the Year and the Virginia Swimming Senior Coach of the Year, after leading his team to a fourth-place finish at the 1994 YMCA National Championships.

"I am thrilled that Seth will serve as Head Swim Coach," Laikind said. "His commitment and love for the project make him an ideal choice."

The U.S. Maccabiah Team, sponsored by Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, will compete at the 15th World Maccabiah Games, scheduled for July 1997 in Israel, in four categories; juniors, open, masters and disabled. The US expects to bring a 600-member delegation to Israel in 1997 to compete in 28 sports.

Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel is a not-for profit organization based in Philadelphia. Best known for their sponsorship of the American Team to the World Maccabiah Games, the organization seeks to enrich the lives of Jewish youth through athletic, cultural and educational programs.

For more information, contact Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel at 1926 Arch Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or call 215/561-6900.

Grab your party hats and fond memories because the Atlanta Jewish Community Center (AJCC) invites you to its 50th Anniversary Gala celebration Sunday, October 13, 1996 at the Cobb Galleria Centre at 7:00 p.m.

If you grew-up in or near Atlanta, join old and new friends for a cocktail reception and Gala. Stroll down memory lane and remember the past 50 years of AJCC activities as you view the collection of pictures and memorabilia from BBYO, Daughters of Zion, Young Judea and scouting, Camps Barney Medintz and AJECOMCE, basketball and softball

leagues, the health clubs, the preschools, the Galas, the Jewish Festivals and the Book Festivals, Israel Expo '85, Capitol Avenue and Shirley Blumenthal Park.

If you've participated in any AJCC event, you don't want to miss the opportunity to mingle with friends from your past or to see treasured pictures of your friends or even yourself!

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Sam Eneman, a Charlotte-based video producer and a co-founder of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, produced and directed the program. Jerry Levin and Margi Goldstein were the executive producers for Temple Israel.

Thirty-three members were interviewed for the video, including four rabbis and cantors. 170 photos and historical documents were also used in the 40-minute program. "Viva Klezmer", a local klezmer band led by Temple Israel members Gene and Alice Kavadlo, and Cantor Elias Roochvarg performed the music for the soundtrack.

The Telly Awards are a national competition which recognizes significant creative achievements as judged by a panel of highly qualified production professionals. This year only 16% of almost 9,400 entries received the Bronze Telly statuette.



The Hickory community suffered a great loss this summer with the death of longtime member Martin Kallman. His contributions to The Hickory Jewish Center--Temple Beth Shalom were extensive and spanned years of love and dedication to our small community and its members. Included among his efforts were President of the congregation for three separate terms, a member of the Board of Directors for 18 years, instrumental on the Building Committee and designer of the Wall of Honor executed by local potter Julia Rush. Marty assisted on various Rabbi Search Committees over the years and helped on the Building Maintenance Committee. He was employed for 30 years with TSG, Inc. (Synthetics Finishing). Marty was born in Long Beach, New York and died on June 8, 1996 in Hickory. Rabbi Ted Gordon officiated at his funeral on June 10. Marty leaves his wife, Barbara of 22 years and two



Martin Kallman

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Rabbi Eliezer Havivi
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There is something frighteningly familiar about Black church burnings—over 30 so far; as I write these words, the latest in Charlotte. The burning resounds, ring a bell, deep in my Jewish consciousness. It could have been synagogues—a string of seemingly unrelated fires throughout the South, of synagogues and temples, fueled and touched off by hate, prejudice and fear of the different, of the ones who are not like everyone else.

To be sure, we Jews have seen it, lived it, often before—perhaps not in this form, perhaps not in this country, but we have certainly felt this hate and fear—from Amalek to the Crusades, through the blood libels and pogroms, through the Nazis and the Hebron massacres, to the Arab terrorism of today.

I called my friend Reverend Howard Chubbs, the pastor of Providence Baptist on Tuscaloosa Street, to offer support. I said to him—If it were synagogues, we Jews would be frightened and very angry. He said to me—if but one house of worship is not safe, then

none are safe. If one congregation is fearful, then we all ought to be fearful. I asked him to convey to his congregation the words of Joshua—Be strong and of good courage—*Chazak ve'ematz*.

It is a terrible thing to live in 1996 in the United States and have over 30 Southern Black churches burnt. The burnings, and the hate that causes them, need to be condemned by every person of morality, every religious person and religious institution. And certainly by every Jew.

Chazal, the rabbis of the Talmud said—*sh'tika k'hodaya damay*—silence is tacit agreement. In the face of this evil and hate, let us not give the mistaken impression of agreement. We need to actively voice our support and encouragement to the Black Church communities, and to forcefully denounce these burnings, and those who commit them.

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Home alone for the Holidays?

by Cynthia Wroclawski

(WZPS) The day began like any ordinary day, but you now realize that the holiday has crept up on you like the flu; you felt it coming on but refused to acknowledge its inevitability. Rosh Hashana starts tonight. The chaotic buzz of the office has simmered down to a pleasant hum. Colleagues bid you a happy Jewish New Year — *Shana Tova* — as they exit. The words sting — a reminder that you'll be spending yet another holiday alone.

You could have invited yourself to your distant Israeli cousins but you didn't want to be subjected to another interrogation ("Nu, so don't you have a special someone in your life?"). Although you subtly fished for invitations from single friends to spend the holidays with their families, none were forthcoming.

The High Holiday season is especially stressful for individuals who are single, divorced, widowed or elderly, according to psychologists and social workers. For new immigrants, feelings of loneliness are exacerbated by the fact that many left family and friends behind when they moved to Israel.

Social worker Gania Weinstock, a staff supervisor at the Or Akiva Welfare Department, says there is an increase in the number of suicide attempts at this time of year, especially among single women.

"Because Jewish holidays emphasize family, people who are alone feel they are lacking in some way. They miss their own family environment and wish the holidays would hurry up and end."

Religious individual generally have an easier time securing themselves a social context in which to spend the holidays. Inviting a single person for Shabbat and holidays is regarded as a *mitzvah* among the religious community.

Secular individuals have a tougher time establishing social networks for surrogate families, according to social worker Hagar Mermashtein from Kibbutz Hazor. This is confirmed by Rena, 61, a divorced mother living in Tel Aviv, formerly from the United Kingdom: "Holidays are hell for people who don't have social networks." After living here for several years, Rena is only now beginning to feel "plugged in" socially. "Israeli society is very closed because Israelis have their own network which they grew up in," she observes.

"It's complicated because you are creating an artificial family," adds Tali, 35, from Boston. After neglecting to make arrangements for several years, she made a conscious effort and began turning to distant relatives for holiday meals.

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"The convenient thing about family is that whether or not you like them, you'll always be welcome," she states candidly. "If you don't have traditions to bind yourself to a certain time and date you'll find yourself either alone or constantly trying to figure out who you want to spend that special time with."

Young immigrants who haven't yet established traditions, place their faith in the hospitality of others, or turn to organizations they are associated with to help match them up with families.

Eric, 22, however, who made aliya from England in early 1996, insists that he "wouldn't go to some organization like Habad because I'm not looking for some experiential thing." He is confident that his Israeli friends will invite him after he drops "subtle hints" that he has nowhere to go.

Katya, 23, from the US, who now lives in Jerusalem, gets particularly homesick during the holidays. She plans to seek a family which attends a conservative shul. "Last year I was on a kibbutz and it was the first time I hadn't been in my family shul," she recalls. "It was an Orthodox synagogue and I was stuck behind the *mehitza* (divider between men and women). I kept closing my eyes — imagining the sanctuary at home."

For Avi, 23, from the US, who came to Israel in April 1996 to study at a yeshiva, it is a relief not to spend the holidays with his family.

My family is not observant so being with them during the holidays is usually more stressful for me." Avi plans to sign up at the yeshiva in order to get matched up with a family for the holidays, even though he has secular relatives in the country he could go to.

Widows and widowers experience another dimension of loneliness on holidays. Since former Canadian Clara, 60, from Rehovot, lost her husband over a year and a half ago, "the holiday is not as special as it once was." when her husband was alive, she prepared holiday meals and entertained friends, but now she spends holidays with good friends, who, she claims, are "sometimes better than family."

Social workers and counselors suggest that individuals take the initiative and organize gatherings with others, or ask to be invited somewhere.

"If a person is integrated into the country, he can't expect friends to know that he has no place to go," says Dr. Judith Ronat, supervisor of the Psychotherapy Institute at the Tel Aviv University Medical School and Bar Ilan University and supervisor of the Israel Family Therapy Association.

Sylvia Shapiro, a family therapist from the Sharon area, who leads a support group for divorced individuals, observes that this population tends to socialize less because they feel inadequate in the company of other couples. At the same time, she says, they are uncomfortable with invitations which may be motivated by pity.

Pity, says social worker Gania Weinstock, shouldn't be regarded negatively. She suggests that divorced individuals try to perceive their situations as temporary.

"For now you may be having a difficult time," she offers. "But the tides may turn and your friends may need to rely on you in the future. Think of it as mutual help."

Anticipating how one is going to spend the holidays is one way to reduce stress, in Dr. Ronat's opinion. For individuals who are alone, she suggests starting a project like writing a diary or reading a new book. She also recommends that people think about their goals; try to analyze their achievements and consider new approaches to attaining goals in the future. Says Shari, a divorcee from New York. "I try not to grieve for the past but look forward instead."



Energizing the Jewish People

An Interview with Avraham Burg

by Eetta Prince-Gibson

The current period in Israel's history is often referred to as the post-Zionist period. What is the role of a Zionist movement in such times? And what is the specific role of the Jewish Agency?

I'll leave aside the issue of post-Zionism, because I'm not sure that I fully understand the term. It sounds very fashionable, a sort of Jewish Fokoyama — The End of History, the End of Zionism. But I do know one thing: as long as there are Jews who want or need to leave their countries, and as long as there are Jews who see Israel as the center of their public and private lives — then Zionism is not over.

Today, the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency have three roles. The first is immediate and urgent — to complete the sacred mission of

bringing in Jews from the former Soviet Union and from a few other pockets of distressed Jewry. This has always been the traditional role of the Jewish Agency. There are still hundreds of thousands of Jews in distress, so whoever says that we should shut down the Jewish Agency or stop our operations is either stupid, or ignorant, or blind. This mission will take another five or seven years, and it will be completed.

Our second role is to prepare the goals, the infrastructure, and the tools for the post-rescue era. This refers to Israel's

involvement in life of the Jews of the Diaspora, including a call for immigration to Israel

Our third role relates to mutual involvement in each other's life through Jewish education for the



Avraham Burg, Chairman of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency, at the opening of the Sixth International Conference of the Jewish Media, January 1996.

from the West, and the Diaspora's involvement in our life here in Israel, which I call *Binyan Ha'aretz* — building the land.

entire Jewish people. And whether the Agency shall fulfill this role, or some other institution — that is not relevant. The Jewish

Agency is a service, not a sacred entity.

But hasn't there been a drop in immigration from the Soviet Union recently? And is Israel attractive to Jews from the West, given the worsening economic situation and the growing intolerance to Jewish pluralism, especially after the recent elections?

I don't recall any period in our history when we didn't have problems.

The decrease in immigration from the Soviet Union is a natural one: as more Jews come, the pool simply gets smaller.

With regard to the economic situation here: I don't really think, basically or existentially, that people make aliya because of the economy. The economy, or materialism, are merely good excuses once you've made your decision. After all, the Israeli economy is still better than the Chechnyan economy, isn't it?

And yes, there are problems with religious pluralism here in Israel. And I say: coming here when everything is fine is not what really matters. Hey, guys, I tell them, come here now! I invite you to come and help to shape Israel, its values, its principles, the character of the country. Do you want beautiful remote control involvement? Remote control is boring. So I see the current conflicts as an open invitation: come to make Israel what you want it to be.

But Jews haven't been coming from the West, have they?

Only because no one has talked to these people. No one has seriously discussed Israel as a national home, a *bayit leumi*, for the entire Jewish people. So far, no one has really explained that the decisions taken here impact on the entire Jewish people, so we should include the rest of the Jewish people in the decision-making process.

What are the primary challenges facing Israel today?

We must seek challenges which go beyond the immediate. Yes, of course the peace process is important, and so is *shalom bayit* (making peace among ourselves). But we must reach for more.

I often wonder: the entire world is so interested in Israel. Israel is a constant source of interest and tension. Israel energizes the world in so many ways. How can we take this potential energy and energize the entire Jewish people?

To do this, we must develop our spirituality. We must move beyond the first and second generations of Israelis, who were so practically-oriented. They knew how to move mountains, and they build the State. They revived Hebrew—and it is very important to have a technician who can read a manual in Hebrew. But that is not spirituality.

Spirituality is something that touches people, which takes people to

fields of life that are beyond the immediate — to issues of morality, to involvement in world needs. For example, the fact that we were able to provide aid and medicine to the people of Rwanda and Burundi — for me, this is an expression of Jewish spirituality and Jewish ideology. As a people that was victimized and persecuted, more than any other people in history, we have a role in the world: to put an end to all victimization and violence.

Within Israel, there are many issues surrounding the conflict between democracy and the Jewish character of the state. In fact, the Jewish Agency has been co-named in a suit which will soon be presented to the Israeli High Court of Justice: an Arab family has requested to join a Jewish community and has been refused. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel, which is representing the family, claims that the activities of the Jewish Agency are

anti-democratic. How do we answer these charges?

It will be very interesting to see what will happen in the High Court of Justice. But I do not see any conflict. I think that it is legitimate to have a private body — not a governmental body, but a voluntary organization — which looks after Jews wherever they are, including within the State of Israel. I do not believe that Israel is the state of all of its citizens; I believe that it is the Jewish state — for the Jews of Israel and for the Jews of the world.

But within Israeli society, there is much we can and must do for the minorities who live here. When the Jewish Agency plans regional development, we do not develop only Jewish settlements. For example, in Rahat (a Bedouin settlement near Beersheba), we have established industrial incubators. Why? Because I believe that when you do regional development, you cannot leave black holes, because they will do damage to everyone.

You have proposed establishing an AIPAC-like lobby in Israel. Does this mean that Israeli institutions are unable to represent the needs of world Jewry? Moreover, the Israeli Knesset and government are sovereign institutions: what right does world Jewry have to influence their decisions?

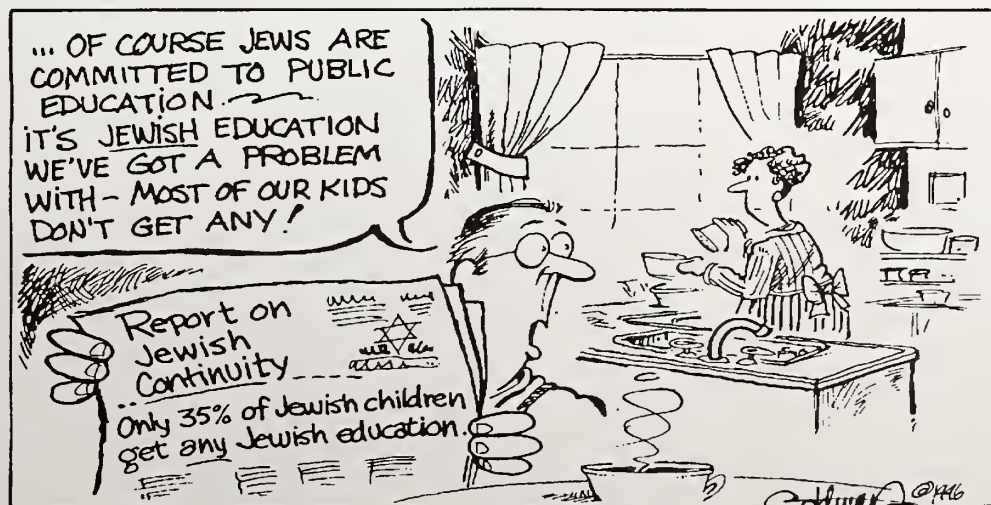
When the Jewish Agency, for example, negotiates with the Swiss banks for the restitution of Jewish assets, we have no other agenda, no other interest. But Israel as a state has at least one agenda — income tax. There are instances when the State, because it has additional interests, cannot act as the extended arm of the entire Jewish people. Secondly, when a local legislator

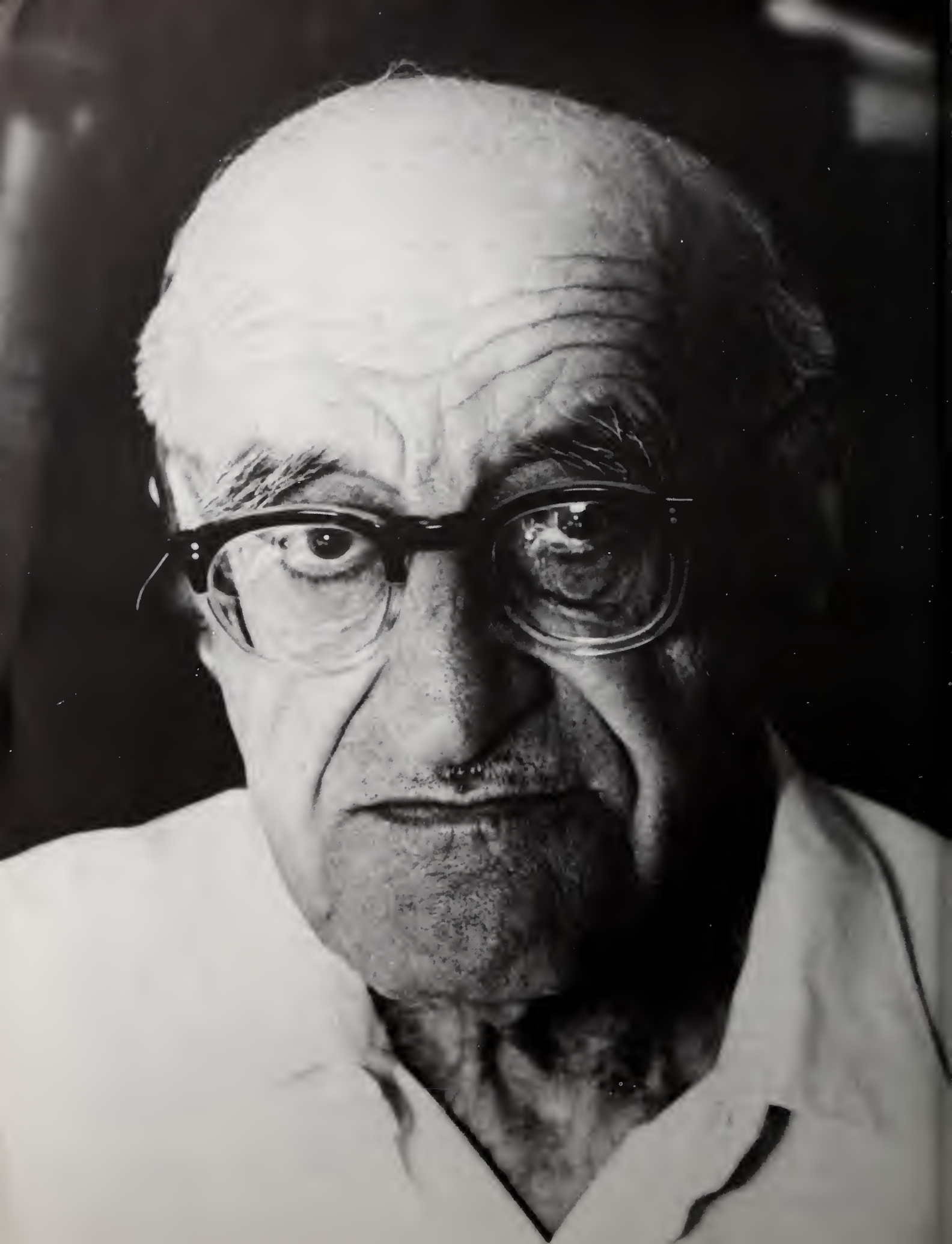
makes a decision, quite legitimately, he only considers his local constituency.

But I believe, and here I am considered a radical, that whatever we do in Israel affects the entire Jewish people. The State of Israel is like a house — all of its residents just haven't arrived yet. Therefore, there are decisions which should be made by all of us. Consider, for example, the peace process. What about Jerusalem? The Golan Heights? A Palestinian State? These issues are important to Jews everywhere. The decision will be made by those who vote, but I want world Jewry to be part of the decision-making process.

It has been just over one year since you were officially elected to your position as Chairman. What do you regard as your greatest achievements and your greatest disappointments to date?

My greatest achievement? That I survived! Seriously though, I am proud that every important decision we have taken has been based on consensus, without dissension. Cooperation is much stronger than division. My disappointments? Some things take 18 months which, if they were on my private agenda, would be decided in 18 seconds. Sometimes we process things to death. But I know that the process is important for the Jewish people.





Israel's National Philosopher

by Zev Golan

Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz

(WZPS) "The next world does not interest me in the least," said the old man with the big black *yarmulke* (skullcap) in one of Jerusalem's most prominent synagogues.

Yeshayahu Leibowitz was nothing if not provocative; he seemed to live for controversy. In the world-according-to-Leibowitz, Ben Gurion, Golda and Shamir, the political right and the left, the army and the Rabbinate were all pilloried. His lectures were performances and his audience were thrilled even as they were shocked.

What can you say about a 91-year-old professor who died? Two years ago, just before Rosh Hashana, the Israeli daily *Maariv* ran a front-page headline: "Death of the Giant of the Spirit and the Angry Prophet," and devoted pages 3 and 4 to the man.

Leibowitz was born in Riga. He and his sister, Bible scholar Nehama Leibowitz, today in her late eighties, were educated by private tutors. Leibowitz studied in Berlin and moved to Eretz Israel as an MD with his wife Greta in 1935. He never practiced medicine, but at the Hebrew University, Professor Leibowitz taught biochemistry, neurophysiology, history and philosophy. Outside academia, his religious *shiurim* (classes) on Maimonides regularly encompassed Kant, Wittgenstein, quantum mechanics and Islamic philosophy.

Leibowitz's method was Socratic. He raised more questions than he answered, and he forced the inquisitive to ask the right questions. "Why is suicide religiously forbidden?" a longtime student asked. "Why is mixing meat and milk forbidden?" Leibowitz "answered." "Before," muttered the student, "I had five tons on my shoulders. Now I have 50."

Leibowitz thundered imperiously at poor questions, and these legendary verbal lashings were surprisingly

effective: he forced his students to think, to scrutinize every concept and category, to pass their thoughts through the steel sieve of logic.

Leibowitz's message was yet more complex than this method. His religiously observant devotees, for the most part, shied from his further-than-far left politics. His minions on the left hand, on the other hand, almost no conception of the religious teachings that had led some to say that he knew more about the philosophy of Maimonides than Maimonides. Is there a Unified Leibowitz Theory?

Leibowitz's life was unified by its service to God. 365 days a year for almost 60 years, Jerusalemites saw their eventually stooped-over professor walking to morning prayers at the Jeshurun Synagogue. No, this isn't easy, he would say, pointing out that the first words of the *Shulkhan Arukh*, code of Jewish law, are not "Get up and worship" but "Overcome in order to worship." Nor did Leibowitz pray in order to inform God of his needs. He prayed, he said, in order to fulfill the commandment to pray.

Leibowitz spoke everywhere he was invited, met everyone who needed, answered telephoned questions late into the night. A chain-smoking young kibbutznik appeared at his home. Do you really think it possible, the soul-racked kibbutznik asked, to form a connection to God? Leibowitz looked at his interlocutor and considered, then said: "If you refrain from smoking on the Sabbath because God commanded it, you will have created that connection."

Riding to Leibowitz's funeral, one man confided that only Leibowitz gave him the strength to remain religious after the Holocaust. "I stopped believing in God after the Holocaust," one former Supreme Court Justice once complained, in an anecdote Leibowitz loved to tell. "Then you never believed in God," replied the Professor. Leibowitz adamantly refused to believe in "an old white-bearded man in Heaven who pulls strings" for man on earth. In Leibowitz's world, God does not exist to serve man, man exists to serve God.

The point of the Biblical story of Abraham's attempted sacrifice of Isaac is not to believe because God protects and rewards, but because He is God, even were He not to keep His promise.

"Acceptance of the Heavenly yoke is not knowledge I have about Heaven but a commitment" to Heaven, he said. The Torah "is not a book that imparts knowledge, it makes demands." Therefore the next world was of no importance to Leibowitz, for what mattered to him was observing commandments in this world.

He was once asked, if fulfilling the commandments becomes nothing more than habit? "Is it a small matter, then," he answered, "that a person decides to take upon himself this habit?"

Leibowitz, following Maimonides, refused to allow for any description of God, declaring that "true knowledge of God is knowing that we cannot know or describe Him." "Doesn't this empty God of meaning," he was asked, "leaving us serving God, but at the end, what did we serve?"

Leibowitz: "You didn't spend the years running after vanities, after idols." And anything other than God, any worldly thing, is idol-worship.

Throughout all 12 chapters of the Biblical book of Koheleth, Leibowitz noted, the author Ecclesiastes searches for the good. The book concludes: "After all is said and done, fear God and observe His commandments, for that is the sum of man." Note, Leibowitz insisted, Ecclesiastes does not say "for that is good," rather — that is the sum of man. "Because nothing in this world is good," Leibowitz sighed.

Leibowitz's great accomplishment is having defined a faith possible in an existential world where God sometimes seems absent, good altogether lacking, meaning lost. Belief, according to Leibowitz, does not say anything about God, good, reward or meaning. Belief describes the believer.



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Leibowitz served God when he analyzed the brain's chemistry, when he pushed for peace, when for the last three decades he could be found at midnight every Saturday night reading Plato or Aristotle or Judah Halevi with former students.

When asked by a young man "What's the meaning of life, if you die at the end?" Leibowitz answered quietly, "To have 60 or 70 or 80 years to serve God, what more can you ask for?"

*May you be inscribed
in the book of life
for a year of happiness.*

Painful Journey

by Elliot Welles

More than fifty years had gone by when my wife Ceil and I decided to take a trip into our past of horror and nightmares, a past of Nazi killings, hangings, shootings and beatings. We decided to take this trip for two reasons. Ceil wanted to find the grave of her father, who died in 1940 in Kowno (Kaunas), Lithuania and to see her childhood home and the house in the Ghetto where she lived from 1941 to 1943. I wanted to return to the place where I lost the most precious person to me on this earth—my mother. When our daughter Suzanne heard about our plans, she insisted that she and her husband accompany us on this trip into her roots and into this time of degradation and destruction of the Jewish people of Europe.

Until a few years ago my wife would have never reentered Russia because of her experience in 1947. As a nurse, she accompanied a transport of sick, displaced persons from Vienna to Salzburg. Upon her return to Vienna, the Russian border police at the demarcation line arrested her because her identity card, printed in four languages includes Russian, indicated Lithuania as her place of birth. At that time Lithuania was still considered part of Russia. She was forced to stand in a jail cell, in what was then the city of St. Poelten, where

the water was almost up to her knees. The interrogator from the Russian secret police told her, despite her insistence that she was married to me, an Austrian, she must return to Russia and marry a Russian citizen.

Through the wisdom and decency of an Austrian truck driver, she was able to get a little note to friends in Vienna. Eventually the American High Commissioner General Mark Clark, heard about our situation and intervened. The Russians released Ceil with apologies but under the condition that we both report to the Russian Embassy. Fearing their motivations, we did not meet this condition.

Since then, the sight of a Russian uniform shocks her. This is one reason we have never returned to visit Lithuania and Latvia. Now, however, with both countries free of Russia, the time had finally come for us to make the trip. For Ceil, to find her father's grave. For me, to see the ghetto in which I lived and say the Kaddish, a memorial prayer, for my mother who, in 1942, wound up in a mass grave in the Bikernik Forest outside Riga.

During our long transcontinental flight, I could not help but relive the anguish of those days. The Nazis deported my mother and me in January of 1942 from Vienna to the Riga Ghetto. My mother was forty and I was fourteen years old.

We were among about a thousand Jews who were driven out of their homes by the Nazis and deported to the Riga Ghetto. Upon our arrival at the railroad station we were told that the way to the Ghetto was difficult and that buses would be available to make it easier. Those who took the buses never saw the sun go down again. Their clothes were brought back into the Ghetto the next day.

On February 5, 1942, the selection by the SS took place, separating those who were considered able to

work from those who were not. It was the last time I saw my mother. Yet I see her there again every day in my mind's eye.

We arrived at our hotel in Kaunas and the rain poured down in the streets. Warm water was accessible only through the bath tub. In the lobby outside our door, like a scene from an old spy movie, a woman sat at a desk watching the floor. We were already back in time.

The day after our arrival we rented a station wagon and hired a guide to drive us out to the old Jewish cemetery to find the grave of Ceil's father. The prewar graves were in total disorder and there were no records to assist us. After hours of searching the grounds, we sadly gave up our endeavor.

We then drove out of the city to the infamous Ninth Fort that is now a museum. It was originally a defense fortification under the Czar and later a prison—a miserable, much feared prison from which escape was impossible. The German occupiers later used it as the greatest killing field in Lithuania. They buried more than 60,000 Lithuanian, German, Austrian and French Jews in the vicinity. Of the transports from Austria, Germany, France and Russia, the Lithuanian Jews were brought up from the Kaunas Ghetto first. All Jewish prisoners were forced to undress and wait, as they heard the shooting of their fellow Jews, until their time came.

Our Lithuanian guide, an employee of the museum, explained the circumstances of the Lithuanian Jews during those terrible days. She showed us where the transports were brought and where they were forced to undress. She then showed us the killing field and the location of the mass graves. The Russians built a tremendous memorial at that place, which is quite unusual as they never did such things at the site of German mass graves. One of our strangest and most disagreeable discoveries was that the Lithuanian government allowed the construction of one-family

houses a few hundred meters from such hallowed soil. It is absolutely shameful; the Jewish community and others had petitioned the government not to allow such building but their efforts were unsuccessful.

We began the search for my wife's house. We found the neighborhood and the street, yet, where her house had once stood, was only a bus parking lot. This shook my wife further as there were other houses in the neighborhood still standing.

Then we traveled to the place of the Ghetto, which the locals have repopulated. As we marched through the street in our search for familiar landmarks, we received some very unpleasant looks and shouts that, of course, we did not understand.

Saturday was the Shavuot holiday. My wife and daughter went to the local synagogue, a synagogue with no rabbi. Currently there are about six hundred Jews left in Kaunas. Before the war there were 250,000 in Lithuania of which 220,000 perished by the murderous hands of the Nazis.

We later traveled to Riga, Latvia. I met Rabbi Mordechai Glazman, about whom a friend in New York had told me. The rabbi gave us his car to go to the Riga Ghetto, which had once housed about 80,000 Latvian Jews and thousands of German, Austrian and Czech Jews. Most of the Latvian Jews were murdered in November and December 1941, leaving about 2,000 men and about 300 women.

I remember where the barbed wire was, and I remember the street on which I lived—it was called Maza Calnu Jela or Little Mountain Street. I showed my children and my wife where I lived. I told them again about the day my mother was selected and how I ran after her until the Ghetto police stopped me. I relive that tragic moment as if it were yesterday.

My son-in-law recorded our journey on video and the people on the street looked on, realizing, of course, that we were Jews who had come back into the darkness and bitterness of the days of the Ghetto.

We then went to the Rumbula Forest—a place found only with a guide. There are a few memorials, mostly for children who were killed there by the Nazis. And graves, nothing but graves.

From there we went to the Bikernick Forest where the Nazis killed the German and Austrian Jews. It was, it is, the place where my mother met her death. A horrible place. A small mountain from which the victims were shot and pushed down the hill. The birds were singing. The sun was shining and no one would think that there are thousands and thousands of victims buried there, victims who, in the winter of 1942, had to undress and stand naked in temperatures forty degrees below centigrade. My most horrible thought is a question that has tormented me all my life: Did my dear mother die right away or was she only wounded left to suffer terribly?

I chokingly said my prayers and all my thoughts were back in the year 1942, the freezing winter and the unspeakable events. When we came out of the woods onto the highway it was as if a stone had rolled off my chest. Still, never will I forget how the savage Latvian and German SS had tortured us.

That I had finally said the Kaddish for my mother at that place, leaving her rest in peace, was my only positive feeling. My daughter, most of all, somehow found her roots. It was time to come home.

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Holidays



Recipes from Harriet Roth's Jewish cooking

Roasted Chicken Italian Style (Italkin)

(Meat)

Serves: 8 (1 chicken breast half = 1 serving)

It's always convenient to have a "company dish," whether for holidays or other entertaining, that can be prepared ahead of time.

8 chicken breast halves (around 4 pounds), or 16 drumsticks (or half and half), skinned and defatted, washed in cold running water, and dried with paper towels

2 shallots, minced

6 large cloves garlic, smashed, peeled, and minced

2 large onions, peeled, halved, and sliced thin

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

4 bay leaves

12 fresh plum tomatoes, quartered, or 1 (28-ounce) can whole plum tomatoes, drained

4 fennel bulbs (greens removed, sliced thin)

1/4 cup chopped Italian flat-leaf parsley

1 cup sodium-reduced chicken broth, defatted

2 teaspoons Hungarian paprika

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Place the chicken parts in a large bowl or plastic bag. Combine the remaining ingredients and pour over the chicken. Cover or seal and marinate in the refrigerator overnight.

2. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

3. Arrange the chicken and vegetables in a single layer in a roasting pan or an attractive 3-quart casserole. Place in the upper third of the oven and bake uncovered for about 1 hour, or until the chicken and vegetables are tender and lightly browned.

To serve: Garnish with watercress and accompany with farfel ring filled with steamed young carrots and snow peas, and fresh rhubarb or applesauce.

Per Serving: 4.5 gm total fat, 1.03 gm saturated fat, 1.6 gm fiber, 216 calories, 73 mg cholesterol, 18.7% fat, 208 mg sodium, 41 calories from fat

Farfel Ring

(Meat)

Serves: 12

This dish can be made the day before, and it also freezes beautifully for future use.

4 cups sodium-reduced chicken broth, defatted (see Note)

2 (7-ounce) packages brown farfel (toasted egg barley) (or use regular farfel browned briefly under the broiler)

2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 large onion, peeled and minced
 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
 1/2 cup chopped Italian flat-leaf parsley
 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
 Salt to taste

1. Bring the chicken broth to a boil in a saucepan; add the farfel and simmer over medium heat until almost dry.
2. Heat the olive oil in a nonstick sauté pan over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté for 5 minutes, or until wilted. Add the mushrooms and sauté 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add the farfel to the mushroom-onion mixture. Blend. Add the parsley and pepper. Taste and add salt if needed. Heat the oven to 350 degrees.
4. Coat a 2-1/2 quart ring mold with olive oil cooking spray. Add the farfel mixture and cover the mold with foil.
5. Place the mold in a large baking pan. Fill the pan with 1 inch of hot water, transfer to the oven, and bake for 1 hour.
6. Remove the farfel from the water bath and let stand for 15 minutes. Remove foil, loosen the edges of the farfel with a spatula, and unmold.

To serve: Unmold the ring on a round platter and fill the center with any desired vegetables, such as peas and carrots in the center, surrounded with broccoli and cauliflower florets.

NOTE: One package of low-sodium soup mix with or without noodles, combined with 4-1/2 cups boiling water, may be substituted for the chicken broth.

Per serving: 3.4 gm total fat, .67 saturated fat, 1.3 gm fiber, 114 calories, 22 mg cholesterol, 27.4% fat, 58 mg sodium, 31 calories from fat

Spinach Kugel

(Pareve)

Serves: 10 to 12

2 cups chopped leek (white part only) or onion
 1 tablespoon olive oil or canola oil
 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach,

thawed and squeezed dry
 3/4 cup egg substitute
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or scallion
 2 cups matzo farfel
 2 cups defatted sodium-reduced chicken broth
 4 extra-large egg whites
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 Salt to taste
 Hungarian paprika

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Sauté the leek in the oil in a nonstick skillet. Cover for 3 minutes, remove the cover, and sauté until soft. Remove from the heat and add the spinach.
3. Place the egg substitute, dill, chives and the spinach mixture in the food processor and process briefly.
4. Mix the matzo farfel with the chicken broth; add the spinach mixture to the farfel and let stand 5 to 10 minutes.
5. Beat the egg whites until they are shiny and form soft peaks. Fold the whites into the spinach mixture along with the pepper and nutmeg. Taste and adjust seasonings.
6. Coat a 13 x 9 x 2-inch glass baking dish with olive oil cooking spray.
7. Pour the mixture into the dish, sprinkle with paprika, and bake for about 45 minutes or until firm.

To Serve: Cut into 10 to 12 portions and serve hot as an accompaniment to roast, veal, turkey, or chicken.

Per Serving: 2.62 gm total fat, .33 gm saturated fat, 3.5 gm fiber, 200 calories, 0 mg cholesterol, 7% fat, 160 mg sodium, 23 calories from fat

Honey Chiffon Cake

(Low-fat, No-cholesterol Lekach)

(Pareve)

Serves: 14 to 16

1-1/4 cups honey

1-1/4 cups hot, strong coffee
 3-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
 3/4 cup sugar
 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 1/4 cup canola oil
 1/2 cup egg substitute
 4 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature
 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 1/2 cup sliced almonds, for garnish (optional)
 Confectioner's sugar

1. Dissolve the honey in the hot coffee; cool. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Sift together the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, the baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, ginger, and nutmeg into a large mixing bowl.
3. Add the oil, egg substitute, and cooled coffee mixture; stir until smooth.
4. Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar until foamy; add the remaining sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff and glossy.
5. Pour one third of the batter over the beaten egg whites and fold gently until blended. Repeat 2 times with the remaining batter.
6. Pour and scrape into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Sprinkle with almonds.
7. Bake in the middle of a preheated oven for about 1 hour 15 minutes, or until the top springs back when lightly touched.
8. Invert the pan on a bottle or funnel and let cool completely.
9. Loosen the sides of the cake with a thin knife and remove from the pan. Dust with confectioners' sugar before serving.

VARIATION: Lightly coat bottoms of 2 loaf pans with vegetable oil spray and line with wax paper. Scrape the batter into the pans. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for about 50 minutes or until the cake starts to pull away from the sides of the pans. This cake freezes well.

Per Serving: 3.9 gm total fat, .35 gm saturated fat, .8 gm fiber, 271 calories, 0 mg cholesterol, 12.8% fat, 131 mg sodium, 36 calories from fat

Mechshe (Stuffed Zucchini)

Serves: 12

12 small zucchini (3 pounds), halved lengthwise
 1/4 cup uncooked short-grain rice
 1 pound ground turkey
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 2-1/2 cups water, or as needed
 18 dried apricots
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 2 tablespoons sugar

1. Hollow the zucchini with a grapefruit spoon.
2. Combine the rice, turkey, spices, and 1/2 cup water.
3. Fill the zucchini loosely with the rice mixture. Place side by side in an overproof 12-inch sauté pan. Top with apricots.
4. Place a plate over the zucchini to weight them down.
5. Mix the lemon juice and sugar with 2 cups water and pour into the pan. Then pour in enough additional water to come to the level of the plate.
6. Bring to a boil, cover, and cook over low heat for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 350 degrees.
7. Transfer to the oven and bake, covered, for about 1-1/2 hours.

To Serve: Remove carefully with a slotted spatula and arrange on a heated serving platter.

Per Serving: 3.3 gm total fat, .88 gm saturated fat, 1.2 gm fiber, 114 calories, 30 mg cholesterol, 25.1% fat, 136 mg sodium, 30 calories from fat



Hints: To make gefilte fish from jars taste more like homemade: Drain liquid from two 24-ounce jars gefilte fish into a saucepan and add 1 cup water. Add 3 carrots, 2 potatoes, and 1 rib celery with leaves, all sliced 1/2-inch thick, and 3 slices of onion. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes. Add fish balls and 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley or dill, and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool. Strain out solids and chill separately. Serve chilled fish topped with carrot and potato slices, a spoonful of jellied broth, and grated horseradish.

Atlanta Honey Cake (Lekach)

(Pareve)

Serves: 20

The Jewish New Year wouldn't be complete without a Rosh Hashanah honey cake to start the new year and finish the meal. Everybody has a favorite recipe, and the lineage of this one is really quite impressive. It comes out perfectly no matter what size pan you use. I have cut the fat and sugar and deleted the egg yolks without any sacrifice of taste.

4 extra-large egg whites
 1/2 cup egg substitute
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 cup honey
 1/3 cup canola oil
 1/2 cup very strong coffee
 3 tablespoons blackberry or grape jelly
 3 tablespoons strawberry preserves
 3 tablespoons orange marmalade
 3-1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 Grated zest of 1 orange
 1/2 cup sliced almonds or chopped pecans

1. Coat a 15 x 10 x 2-inch pan with vegetable oil cooking spray. Line the bottom with wax paper and coat the paper as well. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

2. Beat the egg whites in the large bowl of an electric mixer until light and soft peaks form. Add the egg substitute while beating.
3. Gradually add the sugar, honey, oil, coffee, and preserves, while beating.
4. Sift the dry ingredients together and add the orange zest.
5. Add the flour mixture to the egg mixture and beat until blended.
6. Pour and scrape the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle with sliced almonds or chopped pecans and bake on the middle rack of the oven for about 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Do not overbake. Cool in the pan.

To Serve: Cut into squares or diamond shapes.

Variation: This cake may be made in a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan and baked for about 1 hour. I'm told it can be frozen for up to 1 year. It never stays around our house that long!

Per Serving: 6.3 gm total fat, .55 gm saturated fat, 1 gm fiber, 237 calories, 0 mg cholesterol, 23.3% fat, 118 mg sodium, 57 calories from fat

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BOOK REVIEWS

Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict

by Charles D. Smith
St. Martin's Press 358 pp.
 Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Although history varies with the account of its historian, this work is meant to be objective and unbiased. It is encyclopedic in scope, beginning with the year 1300 B.C.E. The first chapter quickly moves to the year 1882, however, so do not be dismayed. The chapter covers 15 pages. Warning: the print is small.

Charles D. Smith, the author, is professor of history and head of the department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona. His publications included *Islam and The Search for Order in Modern Egypt* and articles on aspects of Middle East history.

There is a two-page Historical Chronology of the entire period until 1995, at the end of the book, which is an excellent outline for reference.

In contrast with Bernard Lewis's *Cultures in Conflict*, also reviewed in *The Times Outlook*, which covers a vast period as well as this work, Smith has omitted little. So many names and dates are included, one tends to make no attempt to memorize them. Still, the background provided by this

author of the role played by Britain and France in their imperialistic years gives an understanding of the situation that evolved.

Well known are the facts of failed attempts at Arab unity, which might have made a difference. Nevertheless, from a period of dominance in the region, the Arabs declined into a position of utter weakness, despite the surge of importance of their oil holdings.

Adding to the difficulties, the region became a struggle for influence during the years of the Cold War.

The rise of Zionism is well covered, with the ensuing developments in Palestine during the two world wars. It is interesting to note the population numbers of Jews and Arabs at various times. One can hardly envy the position of the British during their Mandate to administer the territory of Palestine, with conflicting policies of the parliament and Military.

Be that as it may, it is not easy for this Western mind to comprehend the intrigue and sensitivities which color the lives and actions that play out this history. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and the themes of conflict between nationalisms make for exciting reading.

The Arab uprising, the Intifada, the governments of Israel and the Arab nations are reported in seemingly unbiased manner. Finally, what is known in the recent past as "The Peace Process" is discussed. It is obvious that Israel now deals from a position of strength with support of the United States, for reasons of national interest and conscience.

This is truly a work of history, to be used as a text and source for reference. It needs to be read slowly with patience. This is its third edition, the first having been published in 1988. In the original edition as in this, the author has consulted more with Israeli scholars than with those in the Arab world. His stated aim is to stress the period before 1948 during which Zionism claimed Palestine and Palestinian resistance began. The final chapter is entitled, "A Promise of Peace?" but note that it ends with a question mark.

Memoirs

by Elie Wiesel
Knopf Pub. 417 pp.
 Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

When I heard Elie Wiesel speak in Charlotte, I said that everyone in America should hear him. Reading his *Memoirs* is the next best thing.

His writing is fine literature, translated from the original French into English by his wife. Of several languages in which he is fluent, he prefers French for his writing.

Memoirs begins with his childhood in Hungary, through the few good years he spent with his family, and as an adolescent, sharing their disbelief that civilized, cultured Germans would inflict suffering upon innocent people. He and his family could have escaped in time. Even at the time of the Nazi invasion of their village, they could have fled to the mountain cabin of their devoted servant, who repeatedly urged them to do so and who assured them they would be safe in the remote woods. Elie Wiesel writes that it was a mistake to refuse his offer.

He was one of five children. He and two sisters survived after horrors of concentration camps and the suffering,

less often reported, in years at the end of World War II. Through necessity and his capacity to learn, he achieved skills of journalistic writing and knowledge of languages in Europe.

He was used to study and learning since childhood, and he followed various masters, attracted by Jewish mystics, Chassidim and religious scholars. He pays tribute to the great masters from whom he learned. Of Dr. Saul Lieberman he wrote, "What, of all my knowledge, I valued most, he made me aware that to be a Jew is to place the greatest store in knowledge and loyalty—that it is because he recognized Divine justice, that he speaks out against human injustice. That it is because a Jew remains attached to his God, that he is permitted to question Him. It is because the prophets loved the people of Israel that they admonished them and reprimanded their kings.

Everything depends on where you stand, my master used to say. Without God, anything can be said. Without God, nothing is heard. Without God, what is said is not said."

Elie Wiesel was totally observant for many years of his life. Later, he dropped some observances, but retained his faith, in spite of inability to explain the lack of God's interference in the Holocaust.

He made the acquaintance of many noted people in many countries, and in *Memoirs* he relates experiences with them which give the reader insights into their lives and characters.

With his great talent of writing, mostly he wants to defend the dead, to plead that they be remembered. He believes it is his duty to be a witness to all of Jewish history from its beginning, "not to judge but to testify." In this, I am convinced he is sincere.

The Rosenzweig Museum of Judea Reform Congregation THE 1996 UCKO MEMORIAL EXHIBITIONS

"What We Brought With Us: Mementoes of the Flight from Europe 1933 to 1950."

**by Lenora Ucko
Curator, Rosenzweig Museum**

An unusual Holocaust exhibit will be featured at the Duke University Perkins Library Exhibit Hall in Durham NC, from October 1 to November 15, 1996. Sponsored by the Rosenzweig Museum, the Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish Federation and Duke University, this exhibit pays tribute to the spirit, courage, and hopes of those who fled from persecution to safety and from danger to freedom.

Families and individuals in the Triangle are have generously shared

treasured possessions that accompanied their flight from Europe.

The triumph of the human spirit shines through these objects. Each tells its own story of adversity and celebration.

The exhibit is held in memory of recently deceased longtime Durham resident, Henry Zvi Ucko, one of the last Jews to leave Germany in 1939. Henry Ucko lost all the mementoes he brought with him when his boat was torpedoed in the English Channel. He arrived in the New World with only

his memories and the clothes the British Navy gave him to continue his journey.

The exhibit is open to the public between October 1 and November 15, 1996 daily from 8 AM to 8 PM, Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM. A reception will be held on Sunday, October 13, 1996 at 3 PM at Duke University Perkins Library Exhibit Hall - all are invited.

*For further information please call
919-403-2577.*

L'Chaim Productions Jewish Theatre Company Announces 1996-97 Season: "A Time To Laugh, A Time To Cry"

GREENSBORO—L'Chaim Productions Jewish Theatre Company's second season opens in October with "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," October 26 (7:30 p.m.), October 27 (2 and 7:30 p.m.), November 2 (7:30 p.m.) and November 3 (7:30 p.m.), with all performances in the Temple Emanuel Sanctuary, 713 N. Greene St. here.

This touching drama by playwright Celeste Raspanti portrays the lives of 15,000 Jewish children at the "model" Terezin Ghetto, who clung to the symbol of a butterfly during their confinement, making it possible for them to live and play as normally as possible while they waited to be transported. The children's poems and art work were collected and hidden from the Nazis, later to be discovered as a powerful witness of their lives at Terezin.

"Waiting for Redemption," by L'Chaim's Artistic Director and Playwright-in-Residence, Karen Dresser, premieres in January. This new play reveals the struggles of a man trying to deal with his wife's death after five years. His teenage daughter and a rabbi come to his aid but only when he "talks" with his departed wife is he truly able to let go. You'll laugh and cry together with the characters of this heartwarming drama, to be performed January 18 (8 p.m.), January 19 (2 and 8 p.m.), January 25 (8 p.m.) and January 26 (2 p.m.) in the Temple Emanuel Social Hall.

"Crossing Delancey," set for March, is playwright Susan Sandler's

touching and highly acclaimed play that was also a hit movie. Isabel, a book shop clerk, has her eye on a handsome author, but her "Bubbe," who lives in the old neighborhood, Manhattan's Lower East Side, wants Isabel to marry a nice Jewish boy. Enter the Matchmaker, with the "perfect catch," Sam, the pickle vendor! "Crossing Delancey" will be performed March 8 (8 p.m.), March 9 (2 and 8 p.m.), March 15 (8 p.m.) and March 16 (2 p.m.) in the Temple Emanuel Social Hall.

L'Chaim's annual Teen Issues Show, performed by the teen Chai Ensemble, will be presented April 26 (7 p.m.) and April 27 (2 and 7 p.m.), with area youth groups and religious organizations invited to attend.

The last show of the season, "A Match Consumed: The Story of Hannah Senesh," is dramatized by Dresser from the "Hannah Senesh Diary and Letters," Hannah Senesh was a young Hungarian who, after moving to Palestine in 1940, joined the British Armed Forces during World War II to parachute into Hungary to rescue Jews. Elie Wiesel says about Senesh: "Her life is an offering, her words a poem, her story an inspiration." Show dates are June 14 (8 p.m.) and June 15 (2 and 8 p.m.) in the Temple Emanuel Sanctuary.

L'Chaim will be selling season tickets this year, as well as selling tickets by reservation and at the door. Selected shows are also available for touring. For more information, call Dresser in Greensboro at 910-852-3578.



Leah Rabin, widow of former Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are among the confirmed guests at the first-ever United Jewish Appeal National Women's Campaign International Lion of Judah Conference in Jerusalem.

October 13-17, 1996, some 600 women leaders from established Jewish communities in North America, Western Europe, South Africa and Australia will join 100 women struggling to create an accountable Jewish society in their own developing countries. Hundreds of women from the US and Canada, representing 59 communities, and Jewish activists from Morocco, the Czech Republic, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Romania, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece, India and Hungary have already confirmed their participation.

"Women are taking important strategic roles in Jewish communities around the world," said Betty Kane of Southern New Jersey, National Chairman of the UJA Women's Campaign. "This first-ever International Lion of Judah Conference is of critical importance. For many of these women, it's first step into the world Jewish community. For me, the Conference is filled with promise and possibilities."

Other Conference guests include: CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon; Academy Award-winning Gerda Klein, author of *One Survivor Remembers*; Ida Nudel, the undisputed conscience of the Refusenik movement; Alice Shalvi, Founder, Israel Women's Network; South African Parliament Member Helen Suzman, an outspoken critic of Apartheid; and French legal scholar Simone Viel. Jewish Agency Chairman of the Executive Avrum Burg; Jerusalem Report's Hirsh Goodman; Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert; and Yoram Gaon, one of Israel's most popular performers, will also be on hand.

"The Conference is weeks away, and it has already become one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life," said Carole Solomon of New York, International Lion of Judah Conference Chairman. "The mix of Jewish women from emerging communities and established ones is so engaging. There are so many opportunities to learn from each other; to respond to each other."

"Our experiences are so diverse, yet we share one goal," agreed Conference Vice Chairman Susan Stern, also of New York. "A stronger, safer global Jewish community. I'm confident the Conference will be inspirational from start to finish."

The UJA Lion of Judah program represents 7,000 women around the world—each of whom gives at least \$5,000 to the annual campaign. In the 1995 campaign, women contributed more than \$138 million; and have endowed more than \$89 million.

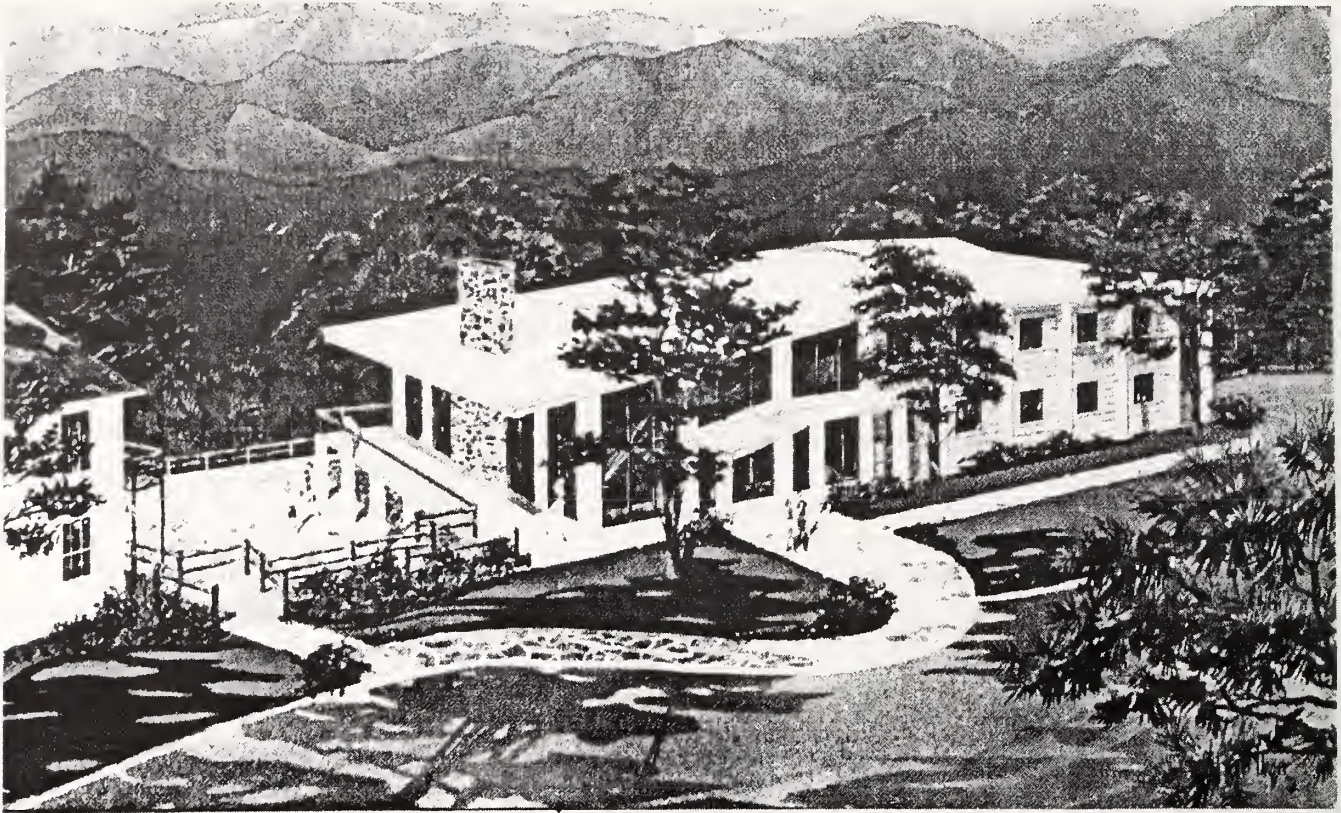
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Wildacres Interfaith Institute

This year's Interfaith Institute at Wildacres was attended to capacity. It was held from July 28 to August 1st. Its theme was Judaism & Christianity: First Two Centuries of the Common Era.

Principle speakers were Dr. James Charlesworth of Princeton University Divinity School, and Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Both are foremost scholars in the Intertestamentary period, among this country's authorities on the subject. Individual lectures considered the separation of the two faiths, the relationship between Scripture and tradition in each faith, the method of forming the Canons,

and the link between Jesus and the Judaism of his day. These speakers stressed the fact that Jesus, born a Jew, lived as a Jew and died a Jew. He did not found a new religion. Christianity was based on his teachings.

The overview was given by Dr. William Weiler on the first evening. Later, there was a lively concert by VIVA KLEZMER of Charlotte. Members are Eugene and Alice Kavadlo, Mike Mosley and Alan Kaufman. The evening afforded a stimulating opening of the seminar.

Discussion groups were held on two afternoons.

On the final morning, reports were presented by a spokesman for each of the four groups, followed by a short talk by a representative of each of the denominations participating.

The Institute enjoyed the concert on the final evening by the Wildacres Tritt Camerata, named for Bill Tritt in his memory. Members are Anita Bultmann Tritt, piano; Andrew Emmett, violin; Charles Medlin, violoncello, with Jeanne Rees, soprano, as vocalist. Numbers included "Kol Nidre" by Max Bruch on violoncello, performed by Charles Medlin and "Nigun," from Baal Shem by Ernest Bloch.

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GCAR Summer Kallah



The annual summer meeting of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis was held at Wildacres August 1 to 7, with an increased attendance which included members and families who attended for the first time. Many old-timers came from near and far.

The scholar in residence was Dr. Ora Horn Prouser. She was extremely expert and fluent in the delivery of five lectures. All of them were based on pairs of people in Genesis, husband and wife, brothers, sisters, etc. Dr. Prouser invited participation by members of the Kallah, so that there was a wide diversity of interpretation and speculation. Dr. Prouser asserted that it is her conviction that portions of the Bible should be read and thought given before reading the commentaries of rabbis throughout the ages. In this way, since there is so much we do not know in each text, there is allowance for many possible interpretations.

The sessions were fascinating and engendered much enthusiasm.

An additional lecture was given by Rabbi Joseph Prouser on Organ Transplants as viewed by Jewish tradition and a session on Healing, led by Phil Pohl.

Traditional worship services were held daily, and most meals were followed by Divrei Torah. There was

entertainment on two nights, one was a teller of tales; Tim Lowry; the other a physician-comedian, Dr. Neil Shulman. Rabbi Ed Friedman and his wife Janice are great planners, as we learned during a winter Kallah of GCAR rabbis which was held in their city, Charleston SC.

There were a dozen children who came with their parents and provision was made to occupy them during times of scheduled meetings. Susan Sapinsley (Rabbi Bert Sapinsley's accomplished wife and P/R member of GCAR) has been in charge of The Art Room ten times at these Wildacres sessions. She has taught art for 20 years and religious school for 19 years. On the final night, at The Big Show, M.C.'d by Peter Grumbacher and Gary Walters, all of the participants paid tribute to Susan in advance of her approaching special birthday.

This group of rabbis has been holding summer meetings at Wildacres since almost the beginning of its existence, and they are to be applauded for sustaining and improving their activities as time goes on.

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Jeanne Ress of Temple Israel, Charlotte, sang two Christian numbers and "L'dor Vador" by Meir Finkelstein and a moving finale, "Jeremiah Symphony, Lamentation," by Leonard Bernstein.

Evaluations submitted by participants of the Interfaith Institute were enthusiastic about the high plane of scholarship and the increasing ease among members in communicating with each other over the years.

Director of the GCAR Interfaith Institute is Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, Charlotte NC. The planning committee's members are Herman Blumenthal, Charlotte, Dr. Irving Edelman, Charlotte, Dr. Carl Evans, Columbia SC, Rabbi Israel Gerber, Charlotte, Rev. Harwood Smith, Boone NC, Rev. William Angell, Winston-Salem NC, Cantor George Ackerman, Ft. Mill SC, Dr. Robert Spinks, Wake Forest/Belmont Abbey, Rev. Harold Bales, Charlotte, Rabbi Edward Friedman, Charleston SC and Dr. William Weiler, Columbia SC.



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September Issue

New Year's Message From The President, Audrey Madans



During the past year at the Blumenthal Jewish Home we have continued to encourage our residents to feel and to know that this is and will continue to be their home. Just as our residents are unique and special, bringing to the Home a world of experiences and knowledge and a variety of talents, so too are our staff, who are compassionate and caring members of our family. They take a genuine interest in developing each resident's individual plan for care and in meeting the residents specific medical and social needs. In addition to the contributions of our direct care givers, the residents are also fortunate to have an administrative support system available to them to provide other needed assistance.

Now a New Year is upon us. It is the time to evaluate, question and formulate our thoughts and plans for the coming year. While other Jewish holidays are connected to Jewish History and the life of the Jewish People, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are tied to the individual. These days of Atonement, Judgement and Remembrance provide us with a time to scrutinize our activities of the past year and to alter our direction.

We are commanded to honor our fathers and mothers. The traditions and mission upon which this home was founded have allowed us to follow that commandment and have established the Blumenthal Jewish home as a premium Long-term Care facility. Our entire staff and the Board of Trustees is proud to acknowledge their commitment to keeping the "tradition" alive by continuously striving to improve services and the level of resident satisfaction.

The sounding of the shofar and the holiday readings all repeat the same message that we are responsible for one another. Therefore it is incumbent upon each of us to make a commitment to accept our responsibility to provide our mothers and fathers with a significant quality of life in their later years. As the New Year approaches I pledge to continue working with the staff and the Board of Trustees toward that goal. Will you join me in that commitment?

May the blessings of peace, health and happiness embrace us and all that we hold dear. L'Shonah Tova.

Audrey Madans, President



Volunteer Josie Swirin serves cake to the residents at the monthly birthday party sponsored by the Greensboro volunteers.

BJH resident Eva Weinberg visits with her friend Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson at the Starmount Luncheon.



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New Year's Message From The Executive Vice President, Seth D. Levy

The celebration of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is a time to reflect on the past and to set our sights on the future. It is an interesting coincidence that this is also the time when the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged begins its new operating and fiscal year and elects new leadership for the corporation at its annual meeting.

The coming Jewish New Year 5757 will bring many challenges and unknowns to the leadership of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Health care in the United States is going through a metamorphosis, with significant changes taking place every day. North Carolina has not yet been substantially affected by health care reform, but change is definite and beginning to move quickly throughout the State. New policies and practices that impact the Home are certain to occur in the next few years and how we will cope with those changes is still somewhat of an unknown.

Many hospitals are becoming Critical Care Centers (specialized intensive care units) and patients are being asked to use alternative vehicles for

non-emergency medical treatment, such as primary care physicians and outpatient surgical care centers.

Long-term care is still a major headline in and for the media. Federal and State agencies continue to exert tremendous amounts of pressure on nursing facilities through their regulatory and inspection processes. Homes like the Blumenthal Jewish Home are continually placed in a position where they must provide an ever increasing aged population with a continually increasing level of care, while operating in an environment where the amount of funds available to provide this care for our residents is steadily decreasing.

Managed Care (or as I call it, Managed Cost) is here to stay. The increasing number of health care organizations entering into partnerships, buying up medical practices and creating Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) in the marketplace is growing. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is looking at ways to develop relationships with these HMOs and their larger conglomerates in an effort to better serve older Jewish adults needing long-term care.

Medicare and Medicaid reform by the Federal Government is continually being discussed in Congress, and it is almost a certainty that the Federal Government will turn the existing Medicaid program over to the States through block grants. Again, with over 54% of the Jewish residents at the Home unable to pay for their own care, the Home will be asked to continue to provide a high level of care while receiving reimbursement that only covers a little better than two thirds of the Home's actual costs.

Quality of care and providing a loving, warm, homelike, Jewish environment is what the Blumenthal Jewish Home is and will always be about. Responsibilities toward the aged and specifically to caring for the aged need to be a major priority and responsibility of every Jew and Jewish community throughout the Carolinas. We must act as committed Jews and fulfill the commandment and mitzvah of caring and honoring our mothers and fathers.

I encourage all of you to make "active involvement in the Blumenthal Jewish Home" one of your New Year's resolutions. Remember that involvement can come in many shapes and sizes.

On behalf of the residents, staff and Board of Trustees of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, I would like to extend to all of you our hope that you and your families have a happy and healthy New Year.

Sue's News

What's New for the New Year?

When I began to think about this September issue and the Jewish New Year approaching, I wondered what I could possibly say in Sue's News that is new. After all September is my 10th anniversary as the Director of Volunteer Services and this article may very well be close to my 100th edition of Sue's News. Our volunteer program has grown more than ten fold during these years and I have had the good fortune to get to know literally hundreds of individuals who have volunteered for BJH. We have veteran volunteers who have been dedicated to the Home for many years while others join us as time and circumstances allow for varying lengths of service. Each year new volunteers become a part of our caring family and help to provide the extraordinary service our residents receive. Each year I have had the opportunity to meet new people and to make new friends. I have been blessed to watch volunteers both grow in their work with us and at times move on toward professional careers, to see youth and teenagers who develop competence and compassion working with the elderly and to continually see volunteers find fulfillment as they graciously give of themselves to help others. Most rewarding has been the opportunity to work with individuals of all ages and of diverse backgrounds, talents and interests.

What is new to me this 10th New Year at BJH is that I am continually

touched and encouraged by the extraordinary spirit of those who volunteer. I am inspired by the volunteers who after years of hosting parties are still resourceful and looking for interesting ways to bring pleasure to our residents. "How about a trip to the zoo; let's see if we can work it out" they say with hopeful enthusiasm. I am delighted by the summer teen volunteers who fill our halls with youthful energy and after just a few weeks on the job plan special birthday celebrations for their new older friends. I am touched by the volunteers who thank me for letting them do their job saying "believe me, working here means so much more to me than it could possibly mean to you". I see volunteers every day giving of themselves to bring joy to others and

I am renewed and reminded of this by the enthusiasm the volunteers exhibit and the pleasure and satisfaction they discover in their endeavors.

The Jewish New Year is a time to reflect on our blessings and our behaviors, on what life has given to us and on what we have yet to give. I want to thank all our volunteers who have given so much to our residents, to this Home, and to me during these past years. I wish all our volunteers a happy and healthy New Year, a year filled with the satisfaction of giving to others. I wish a Happy New Year to our readers and I welcome new volunteers to discover themselves through volunteering at BJH in the coming year.



Volunteers Jesse and Jim Brock assist Rose and Herman Nove on the monthly shopping trip to Hanes Mall.

Volunteers Are Music to Our Ears!

The sounds of laughter, always music to our ears, rang out in the Commons during the May birthday party. Lannie Miller master magician, comedian and balloon artist from Greensboro performed his magic again for the residents at BJH. Lannie's good humor and sparkling personality added to his magical charm as he brought a smile to every face and made troubles vanish in thin air.

Mitchell Summers' music filled the air with his own special magic during the June birthday party. Mitchell, Director of the Greensboro Community theater, entertained a packed house at BJH with his beautiful renditions of heart stopping show tunes and popular melodies. A true professional, Mitchell Summers transported his audience to places where dreams are born from Broadway to the South Pacific and back.

Art Bloom, Austin Bloom and Melissa Glock are a trio of performers who tripled our pleasure when they presented a Sunday afternoon concert in July. These three talented performers sang their way into the residents hearts with a varied program of beautiful music including Yiddish, Hebrew , show tunes, popular songs and original pieces. Young Austin Bloom, already a talented trooper at age six, almost stole the show from her father Art and friend Melissa Glock whose beautiful voices were truly a treat for our ears.

Lisa and Julia Meschan brought the sweet sounds of the piano and saxophone to the Home when they visited for the July birthday party. These two talented musicians from Greensboro, delighted residents with their sparkling music as well as with their friendly and charming personalities. Veteran visitors and volunteers at BJH, Lisa and Julia are always a welcome addition to the Home's musical score.



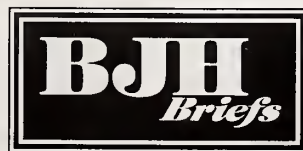
Lisa and Julia Meschan entertain at the July birthday party.



Melissa Glock and Austin Bloom, above, and Art Bloom and Melissa, below, perform a special Sunday concert of beautiful music for the residents in July.



Vivian Ammon captures the attention of singer Mitchell Summers during his performance at the June birthday party.



Teen volunteers
 Jess(left) and
 Loriann Porcari
 assist residents Fay
 Simon and Eva
 Kaplan in the BJH
 Craft shop.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

SEPTEMBER

17 Years

Judy Petty, Dietary

10 Years

Sue Clein, Director Public Relations/
 Volunteer Services

9 Years

Evelyn Jones, CNA, Fair Oaks

8 Years

Cindy Brewer, Laundry

3 Years

Jo King, CNA, B2

Melba Peoples, Laundry

2 Years

Debra Baley, Medical Records

1 Year

Katherine Carter, CNA, B1

Angela Davis, Dietary

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Clara Housch, CNA, Awing

Hazel Phillips, RN, B1

Sherri Tomlin, RN, B2

Welcome New Volunteers 1995-1996

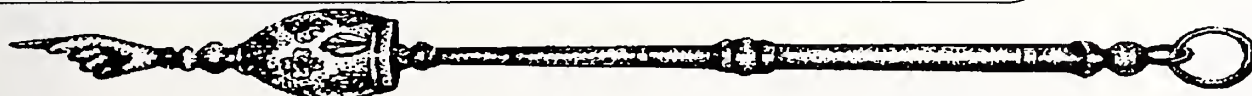
• Nancy Allen	Mall shopping/Friendly visiting
• Michael Appel	Library inventory/Lending cart
• Sandi Appel	Library inventory/Lending cart
• Art Bloom	Concert
• Lynn Eisenberg	Sing-a-Long
• Jeffrey Gartner	Shabbat services
• Rabbi Fred Guttman	Rabbi's hour
• Brandee Howell	Teenager/Bingo
• Lindsay Kasper	Teenager/Transportation/Friendly visiting
• Bobby Lamy	Card club
• Judith Levy	Mall shopping
• Pam Lowery	Critter cuddling
• Bobby May	Friendship circle
• Laura Milgrim	Sing-a-Long
• Irma Moss	Friendly visiting
• Joe Moss	Friendly visiting
• Jess Porcari	Teenager/Transportation/Mall shopping/Visiting
• Loriann Porcari	Teenager/Transportation/Mall shopping/Visiting
• Cantor Elias Roachvarg	Rabbi's Hour
• Judy Segal	Clerical/Mall shopping
• Cantor Linda Sheppard	Rabbi's Hour
• Paula Shropshire	Friendly visiting/Correspondence
• Adria Smith	Teenager/Transportation/Mall shopping
• Catherine Smith	Mall shopping
• Rabbi Marla Subeck	Rabbi's hour
• Peter Thull	Card club
• Amy Trantham	Critter cuddling
• Jeff Trantham	Critter cuddling
• Justin Vaughn	Teenager/Visiting

Volunteer opportunities are available in a variety of activities and areas
 of BJH. Call Millie Slatkoff 910-766-6401, if you are interested.

Calendar Highlights September

1996

- 3 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 6 Catholic Mass with Holy Family , 10:00a.m., Friendship room
- 6 General Store, 10:00a.m., Mansion Library
- 8 Sunday Sweets with Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 10 Leave for VFW Hall, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining room
- 18 Sing-along with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Upper commons
- 19 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Hanes Mall Shopping trip, Winston-Salem, 10:30 a.m.,
- 24 News and Views with Leonard Clein, 10:30 a.m., Friendship room



High Holy Day Service Schedule September

- 13 Friday, Eve of Rosh Hashanah, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 14 Saturday, 1st day of Rosh Hashanah, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 15 Sunday, 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 22 Sunday, Kol Nidre, Eve of Yom Kippur, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 23 Monday, Yom Kippur, Yizkor 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue
Yom Kippur, 2:00 p.m., Services in Synagogue
Break The Fast, 4:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 27 Friday, Eve of Sukkot, 6:15 p.m., Services in Synagogue
- 28 Saturday, 1st day of Sukkot, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 29 Sunday, 2nd day of Sukkot, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue

October

- 3 Thursday, Sukkot Celebration, 2:30 p.m., Grand Sukkah
- 5 Saturday, Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue
- 6 Sunday, Simchat Torah, 9:30 a.m., Services in Synagogue

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services will be conducted by Rabbi David Zielonka. All other services will be conducted by BJH Religious Director Dr. Andrew Ettin. Visitors are invited to attend services with our residents in the Fair Oaks Synagogue.



GET THE NEW YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START

Support The Blumenthal Jewish Home Membership Drive

Your gift helps to ensure the many services our residents need.

With your membership we can maintain that special quality of care that sets the Blumenthal Jewish Home apart as the only Jewish nursing facility of its kind in the Carolinas.

Your gift allows us to continue the excellent care we offer including NO ENTRANCE FEE, 24 hour R.N. nursing care and helping those who cannot afford our care.

Your gift is truly needed and greatly appreciated.

Yes, I want to support the Blumenthal Jewish Home as a

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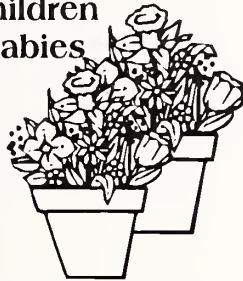
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A WORD OF THANKS . . .

To all who have been so very thoughtful during my recuperation by remembering me with flowers, donations, letters, etc.

There are no words to adequately show my appreciation for all your kind wishes. I will thank each of you personally when I am able to do so.

Al Herman, President Elect
Blumenthal Jewish Home

IN MEMORY OF
We mourn the loss of:

Elaine Simons
Mildred Sullivan

May their cherished memories
bring comfort to their loved
ones.

Volunteer Eleanor
Leverenz, a
regular BJH
favorite, calls
Bingo for the
residents faithfully
every Monday and
Friday afternoon.



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

WISH LIST

Item	Price
Postage Meter Equipment	\$7,500.00
Motorized Adaptive Wheelchair Single Section Roll-In	\$4,000.00
Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
Special Holiday Concerts, e.g. Chanukah Party, Sukkot Celebration and Mayfest	\$1,000.00
Laser Printer with Serial Connection for the Public Relations Office	\$ 800.00
Swing Band for the Residents' New Years Party	\$ 600.00
Augmentive Communication Device	\$ 500.00 to \$1,000.00
Calculators	\$ 500.00
Large Print Books for Residents' Library	\$ 500.00
Poly-fill for Craft Shop items	\$ 300.00
Plants for the A-Wing/Fair Oaks Connecting Hallway	\$ 250.00
Telephone Adaptor for Hearing Impaired (TDD)	\$ 250.00
Set of Kitchen Chef Knives	\$ 200.00
Pan Rack ADE 181B/KDA	\$ 200.00
Clothing Fund For Indigent Residents	\$ 200.00
VCR	\$ 200.00
Blank Video Tapes	\$ 100.00
Plush Stuffed Animals	\$ 100.00
Children's Books	\$ 100.00
Early Childhood Toys	\$ 100.00
Koss Personal AM/FM Stereo	
Cassette Players	\$ 90.00
Blank Cassettes	\$ 15.00
New or Used Videos: Travel, Musicals, Family Oriented, Animal Stories or Cartoons	

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 Seth Levy (910) 766-6401. We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.

BJH thanks

the Wish List angels who recently granted two wishes on our Wish List. Our thanks to the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men for their generous donation used to purchase the new canopies for the courtyard and to Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem for their gift used to purchase a blender for the Dietary department. Your gifts provide the special equipment and services our residents need.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

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Beatrice Goodman
Emma Ivester
Eva Kaplan
Matthew Miller
Gertrude Monosoff
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*Happy Birthday
Wishes to Rachel
Suger on her
100th birthday.
Mrs. Suger
who was born in
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celebrates her
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the BJH July
birthday party.*

WELCOME

May you have a long, happy,
healthy life

Mildred Marcuson
Winston-Salem NC.



Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

SISTERHOOD is popping, as usual. Julie Lee and Shirley Rapoport, new co-presidents, invited members and guests—and, of course, Rabbi Ratner—to the 2nd Annual Sisterhood Retreat Luncheon at Julie Lee's home on Wednesday, July 17.

And this: On Friday night, August 16, eight couples commemorated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and everyone was invited. The eight were Fran and Eddie Aaron, Shirley and John Berdie, Irene and Dick Braun, Shirley and Les Cohen, Rose and Ted Rose, Shirley and Larry Rapoport, Ruth and Allen Sher, Rene and Wally Wolf.

Rabbi Ratner officiated at the services, and Victoria May of New Orleans, daughter of the Cohens, was the cantorial soloist.

BROTHERHOOD, having held its last Famous Brunch of the season on June 23, had been busy planning a series of programs for the new season, to start this month.

THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS of both the Temple and the Brotherhood were installed during services on July 12. Temple officers are Joe Karpen, President; Barry Katell, 1st V.P. and Alison Berkey, 2nd V.P.; Bob Janowitz, Treasurer, and Natalie Nachman,

Secretary. Trustees and committee and subcommittee members are Mark Vandewart, Ron Levine, Irene Braun, Sonja Shulimson, Sally Perlman, Brotherhood President Les Schachter;

Julie Lee and Shirley Rapoport, Sisterhood Co-Presidents; Allan Goodstadt, John Berdie, Ned Simon, Shirley Berdie, Rose Rose, Bob Hruska, Dick Lewis; Rachel Smith, Marketing Consultant.

Also Hyman Dave, Buddy Riesenberg, John Fligel, Dick Braun, Frank Gilreath, Leon Rocamora, Shirley Cohen, Jody Lichtenfels, David Cohen, Mary Ann Jaben, Brenda Lebensburger, Mark Jaben, Carol Blatt, Scott Lebensburger, Arnold Sgan and Fran Aaron.

Brotherhood officers are Les Schachter, President; Sam Schapiro, V.P.; Robert Hruska, Secretary; Dick Braun, Treasurer. Board members are Jack Benetan, Larry Blatt, Randy Gergel, Bob Janowitz, Jack Orenzow, Ted Rose, Sidney Schochet, Arnold Sgan, Ned Simon, Harry Livingstain, Joe Ross, Al Abrams, and Jules Resnick. Whew!

THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, after a summer hiatus, plans to meet as usual on the second Saturday of each month, starting in October.

IN THE NEWS on Saturday, June 1, among the Letters to the Editor in the Asheville Citizen-Times, was one from Leah Karpen, in which she said she's "bored with, and tired of, Letters to the Editor for and against abortion rights." She went on to say "I cannot see any reason for this subject to be a political issue." On June 27, in the "WOMAN" section,

there was an article about a new book, "Rules for Travel", written and published by Ginger Lerner and her daughter Dana, with their picture.

And in the July 23 Citizen-Times, on the front page of the Neighbors section, was a color picture of Hillary Vandewart, daughter of Cindy and Mark Vandewart, clogging with her six-member team that performs all over the state. And on the same page was Shana Ratner's name as among three local students earning national recognition at the National History day competition at the University of Maryland. Her work was titled "Masada Shall Not Fall Again."

On Sunday, July 28, there was a picture of Ronna Resnick, daughter-in-law of Cele and Jules Resnick, illustrating an article about consignment shops, one of which she owns.

ASK THE RABBI, the discussion held after services on June 14, concerned the Southern Baptists' resolution to convert the Jews, on the premise that the Second Coming cannot occur until they are converted. No conclusion was reached about what can be done about this attitude that is, to say the least, less than respectful of or sensitive to the Jews.

LUNCH WITH THE RABBI, on June 24, was, as usual, stimulating and instructive. Rabbi Ratner led the discussion that centered on an essay entitled "Reform Judaism in Israel—Why Is the Movement Marginal?" by Stanley Ringler, director of the American Desk of the Israel Labor Party, and another, called "Response: Let's Broaden the Margins," by Meir Azari, rabbi of the Beit Daniel Center for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv. The group ruefully concluded that because, like the concept of the

separation of church and state, the tenets of Reform or Progressive Judaism are basically unknown in Israel, it may take generations for the mere idea of it to be accepted.

And on July 15 the focus was on, as the rabbi said, "the controversial topic of 'Gay/Lesbian Marriage.'"

THE PREZ SAYS, among other things, in his letter to the Congregation, that we're lucky to have chosen Rabbi Ratner and lucky that he's chosen us. Amen.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! Warm greetings to Allan and Brenda Abrams, and Tyrone and Niccole Ericson.

**Beth David Synagogue
Greensboro NC**
by Carole Kaplan

Exciting events are happening daily at Beth David. The site of our new offices is literally rising from the ground. The Bernard Robinson Student Center is quickly nearing completion as well as the renovations to the sanctuary building. Included in the building expansion are a Mikve, new library and resource center, a music room, art room, new Sisterhood gift shop, full-sized gymnasium and many small individual tutoring rooms. Visitors are invited to stick their heads in to see the beautiful and exciting building and partake of the Jewish activities taking place inside. Soon we will have a state-of-the art complex to take us into the 21st Century! A great deal of the excitement at Beth David is due to Rabbi Havivi. Our rabbi is a wealth of knowledge, energy, ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm.

**CONTINUING JEWISH
EDUCATION**

Beth David members enriched their own Jewish lives as well as others by attending Adults IMUN, a United Synagogue study program, as well as Elat Chayim, a Jewish renewal seminar in upstate New York. Some of our members studied Hebrew over the summer.

JEWISH CAMPING SHABBAT

Over 45 children attended Jewish Educational camps this past summer. On Shabbat Morning, Sept. 28 (1st Day of Sukkot) our returning campers will report on their moving and growing Jewish camping experiences.

SCHOOLS MERGE

We would like to announce an important development in the Greensboro Jewish educational realm. Plans have been finalized, and the long anticipated merger of the Hebrew High Schools of Beth David and Temple Emanuel will become a reality this fall. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and will begin on October 9, 1996, at Temple Emanuel, moving to Beth David after the winter break. We will be offering an expanded list of courses to our ninth through twelfth graders. We hope that this arrangement will make better use of our resources, and expand the social interaction among our Jewish youth.

**THE JEWISH HERITAGE
VIDEO COLLECTION**

Because of the generosity of 16 contributors, Beth David Synagogue has acquired The Jewish Heritage Video Collection, a part of the Jewish Media Fund of the Charles Revson Foundation. The collection was created to explore the heritage of the American Jews through the unique resources of film and television. The

Collection provides courses and a video library that addresses vital issues of Jewish history, identity, and culture.

The library consists of nearly 200 films and television programs including features and documentaries. It includes customized video-cassette boxes with especially created information cards that provide background on the Jewish issues raised in the film, along with discussion questions. It is housed in a video display unit that is on wheels and can be personalized for each institution. It also has a locked storage unit to prevent theft and vandalism. It comes with a video library catalog, a manual for library administrators, and tracking and membership forms.

By this fall, there will be in place a Governance Board that will oversee and maintain the collection. Its main duty will be to assure that there is easy access of the JHVC to the total Jewish community and beyond.

Beth David Synagogue wishes all our friends in the Carolinas a happy and sweet New Year!



Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Kramer

Shabbat services in September include:

First Friday Family Shabbat on September 6. There will be a New Member Reception at 6:30 PM for anyone who has joined the Temple since January.

The Reception will be followed by a Family Shabbat service at 7:30 PM during which all September birthdays will be recognized. Rabbi Sam Josephs will be the guest speaker.

Erev Rosh Hashanah on September 13 will be celebrated at an early service at 6:00 and a late service at 8:30 PM.

Regular Shabbat Services will be held on September 20.

Sukkot will be celebrated at Shabbat services on **September 27** at 7:30 PM.

The first day of Temple Beth El Religious School is **September 8**. If you have not yet registered your students, contact Arthur Kramer at 366-1948.

Temple Beth El will host a **Scholar-In-Residence** program on September 6, 7, and 8. **Rabbi Sam Joseph**, Professor of Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and renowned author will be the guest Scholar. Rabbi Joseph will speak at Shabbat Services on September 6, at Selichot Services on September 7 and at workshops scheduled for September 8.



Temple Beth El's Schedule for High Holy Day Services include:

Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 13, 1996

6:00 PM Early Service
8:30 PM Late Service

Rosh Hashanah - September 14

10:00 AM
Morning Service at Blumenthal Sanctuary
Youth Service at JCC
2:00 PM
Children's Service in Blumenthal Sanctuary

Kola Nadir - September 22, 1996

6:00 PM Early Service
8:30 PM Late Service

Yom Kippur - September 23, 1996

10:00 AM
Morning Service in Blumenthal Sanctuary
Youth Service at JCC
12:00
Music and Meditation in Blumenthal Sanctuary
1:30 PM
Children's Service in Blumenthal Sanctuary
3:00 PM
Afternoon Service
4:15 PM
Yizkor and Neilah Service

Tickets are required for these services. Please contact the Temple office at 366-1948 for information.

The 3-5 Youth Group is holding a Planning meeting and Ice Cream Social immediately after Religious School on September 8. Contact Debbie Goldstein for information.

The Interfaith and Outreach Committee will hold a planning meeting at The Temple on Sunday, September 8 at 5:00 PM. Contact Sonya Breitbart for details.

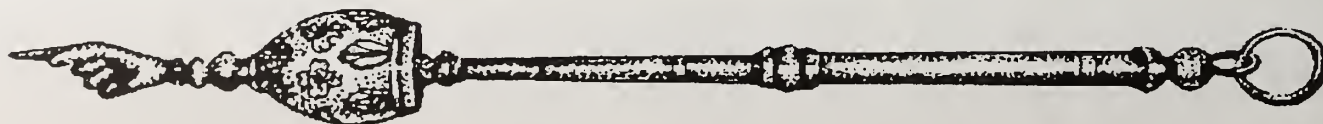
The Service of Healing will be held at Temple Beth El on September 11 at 5:30 PM.

Tot Shabbat will be celebrated at Temple Beth El on Saturday, September 21 at 9:15 AM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on May 27 at 12:00 PM for the monthly **Senior Seminar**, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in June, July and August at Temple Beth El.

- June 1 Jarrod Kaplan, son of Wendy and Howard Kaplan
- June 8 Eric Gitenstein, son of Henry and Harriet Gitenstein
- June 1 Scott Sherman, son of Russ and Susan Sherman
- June 22 Jessica Brandt, daughter of Neal and Licia Brandt
- June 29 Ivy Littman, daughter of Sharon Damsky & Rick Littman
- July 6 Sara Bryan, daughter of Abbe & Lawson Bryan
- July 27 Erica Rubinstein, daughter of Joel and Dolores Rubinstein
- Aug. 3 Edward Roberts Ruhland, son of Greg Ruhland & Ellen Roberts
- Aug. 10 Matthew Cantor, son of Donna and Richard Cantor
- Aug. 17 Adam Linderman, son of Jim & Beth Linderman



Best wishes on the arrival of:

Benjamin Troy, son of David & Brenda Locker, born on March 13 • Samuel Adam, son of Rob & Kelly Markiewitz born on March 18 • Chandler J. Farris, grandson of George Rappoport/Isabel Celia, daughter of Susan & Neil Hennes, born on April 16 • Tamara, daughter of Sharon & David Zishuk born on May 3 • Megan Rose, daughter of Bruce & Leslie Schlernitzauer, born on May 7 • Thomas Norman, son of Jeffrey & Margaret Cohen, born on May 26 • Noah Allen, grandson of Jill and Ed Newman, born on May 27 • Mitchell Phillip, son of Larry and Suzy Gladstone, born on May 20 • Lilah, daughter of Rick and Lynne Jones Doblin, born on June 11 • Jacob Aaron, son of Resa and Jon Goldberg, born on June 23 • Stephen Alexander, son of Irwin and Kathleen Bernstein, born on June 27 • Kaleb Sonn, son of Jeff and Sandy Grant, born on June 28

Welcome to the following new members of Temple Beth El: Ada & Renee Adler, Moshe and Katrin Blitz, Alexis Brinkley, Sandy Cohen, Ken and Christine Faberman, Michelle Feuer, Roger and Kelly Gaines, Jay Rappaport, James and Sharon Sasser, Julie Shapiro, Lora and Philip Solomon, Youssef and Maria Soued, Howard and Lisa Winter, David and Michele Woldman, David and Barri Zehner, Barry Blau, Frank and Margaret Cohen, Alan and Dawn Cole, Seth Goldstrom, Marty and Marcie Kelso, Douglas and Roseline Mann, Kirk and Gail Vogel, Irwin and Kathleen Bernstein, Phillip and Marci Brier, Marvin and Renee Goldberg, Drew and Debby Hall, Eugene Hayes, Jeffrey and Kimberly Lewin, Peter and Tracey Martin, Allison Tobin, Ben and Rosalia Weiner.



Committee and Auxiliary Meetings for the month of September include:

September 9	Board of Directors 7:30 PM
September 12	Choir Practice 7:30 PM
September 16	Religious School Board 7:30 PM
	Endowment Committee 7:30 PM
September 19	Choir Practice 7:30 PM
September 25	Social Action Committee 7:30 PM

Beth Israel Synagogue

Asheville, NC
by Lillian R. Wellisch

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH TO HOST USY CONVENTION

On November 8-10, the Youth of Beth Israel will host between fifty to eighty high schoolers from synagogues across the southeast for Ein Gedi Subregion's fall USY convention. Representing North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, the USY'ers will join the congregation for Shabbat services and have a weekend full of educational and fun programming.

Beth Israel congregants will be taking part in housing, chaperoning, and chauffeuring and thus will be involved in the whole weekend with the children.

HIGH HOLY DAY PREPARATION

Several congregants, in order to enhance their feeling at the time of the High Holy Days, will be discussing with the Rabbi several central prayers and themes of the Yamin Noraim.

MODERN HEBREW CLASS WITH WALTER ZIFFER

The first organizational class was held on Thursday, August 22, at which time textbook pages and dates of the next several meetings were distributed to students.

MAZEL TOV:

To Jack and Norma Feingold, on their fiftieth anniversary and to Dick and Elaine Schulman on the birth of a granddaughter, Emily Bass Schulman.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Center for Diversity Education who recently received notification that it is a recipient of a fifteen thousand dollar grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. This money will be used to cover staff costs, making diversity education available to a wider section of the community. Our own Debi Miles is the director of this program.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Planning ahead: Adult CPR American Red Cross—will be held Tuesday, October 22 and October 29.

Laurie Reiz will be Sisterhood Historian.

A ton of thanks to Toby Cohen and Barbara Levy for their help in planning our July 14 training and lunch.

Many of our Board members attended an unbelievable training seminar called IMAGE PLUG. Thanks to Marilyn Liberman, a Woman's League National Trainer, we left with undying enthusiasm and a world of knowledge!

HADASSAH NEWS

A program on Sunday, September 8, 1996, was held at the Asheville JCC. The program was on Health Care for

Women. Speakers were: Jade Kaplan, a CNM with a Master's Degree in Nursing and Public Health from Emory University, and Susan Odom, a Certified Critical Care RN and candidate for medical school.

B'NAI MITZVOT — AUGUST 1996

Congregants shared special moments in the lives of Marc Rudow and Debi Miles, parents of Josh Rudow, and their family and relatives on Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3; in the lives of Laurie Chess and Henry Chess, parents of Margaret Teich, and their families on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, and in the lives of Dr. Michael and Michele Heller, parents of Amy Heller, on Friday and

Saturday, August 16 and 17, as these young people were called to the Torah.

Kiddush luncheons were held after all the B'nai Mitzvot following the services on Saturday. This was, indeed, a fortunate month for congregants, families, and relatives of all these students.

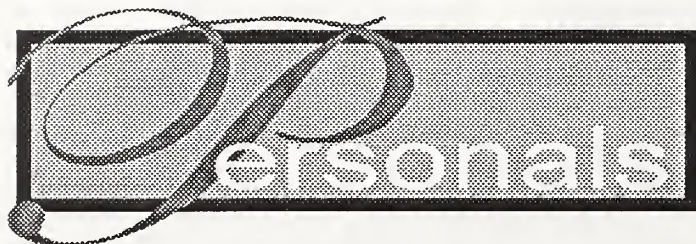
MORRIS A. TENENBAUM MUSICAL WEEKEND

The program started on Friday night, August 23, and continued on Saturday the 24.

Friday night services, held at 8:00 p.m., had cantorial soloist. Riselle Bain, participating in the services. An Oneg followed.

Saturday morning services were also enhances with her beautiful melodies, followed by a Kiddush sponsored by the Tenenbaum Memorial Fund. Saturday night we were treated to a concert at the Synagogue. Ms. Bain was accompanied by a former Asheville native, Dr. Michael Rickman. Ms. Bain is cantorial soloist at the Congregation of Liberal Judaism in Orlando, Florida, while pursuing a degree in musical theater. Dr. Rickman is regularly heard on Florida Public Radio. They provided a delightful, wonderful evening of entertainment that was open to the whole community.

Pauline Tenenbaum was the hostess for the weekend.



Brodsky—Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brodsky of Charlotte, North Carolina announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Dawn of Rockville,

Maryland to Steven Stuart Cohen son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cohen of Potomac, Maryland.

Kimberly is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelors degree in Government and Politics. She is presently employed by General Electric Information Services as an Administrator.

Steven graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelors degree in Communications. He works as a Marketing and Business Development Specialist at Swales & Associates, an Aeospace Engineering firm.

A November 16, 1996 wedding is planned in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Leon and Lottie Lerner celebrate their 50th

On June 30, 1996, Leon and Lottie Lerner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Temple Beth Shalom in Hickory. Attending the special occasion were their daughters, Ruby Lerner, who resides in New York, and Marlene Lerner-Bigley, who resides in California. Also in attendance, along with many loving relatives and friends, were Mr. and Mrs. Lerner's granddaughters, Alexandra and Madisen Bigley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lerner met in New York City in May of 1946 through a mutual friend. Five weeks later, on June 29, 1946, they were married. In 1947, the Lerner's established a retail business in Newton-Conover. They moved to Lenoir in 1950 and opened their clothing store on Main Street where they remained until their retirement in 1975.

Muriel Offerman



Elster — Ratner

Rabbi Robert and Susan Ratner of Asheville announce the engagement of their son, Joshua David Ratner to Samantha Jill Elster of Dix Hills, New York.

Samantha is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Elster and the late Jeffrey Elster, of Dix Hills, New York.

Joshua is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kaplan and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ratner, all of Los Angeles, California.

Samantha is the granddaughter of the late Harold and Selma Elster and the late Benjamin and Ethel Lehman.

Josh and Samantha are both students at Brandeis University. Josh is a Near Eastern and Judaic Studies major and plans on becoming an International Lawyer. Samantha is a Theater major and plans on becoming a Doctor.

A summer 1998 Wedding is planned.



Muriel Offerman didn't know it at the time, but she suspects that she may have filled the position Janice Faulkner left

vacant in 1957 teaching English at Chestnut Street Middle School in Wilmington. Thirty-six years later, their paths have crossed again, and this time they're working together for an agency that's far removed from their English teaching backgrounds.

Deputy Secretary Offerman sees her role at Revenue as the catalyst for helping the agency fulfill its mission, by providing both the people and the resources to move forward. Along with Willie Riddick and Janice Faulkner, Offerman is the third member of the lobbying team that champions Revenue's interests in the legislature. She says of her new job, "Once I started learning about the agency, I got interested in making it work better. I see it as an opportunity and a challenge."

So how did an English and Humanities major at Smith and the University of Chicago come to be the Deputy Secretary of Revenue in North Carolina? By all accounts, she served a long apprenticeship. Offerman left teaching in 1958 but got involved in volunteer and civic activities while rearing her three children: Mar, Lori and Sheri. Eventually, she began working in the family business, Kramer's Department store in Wallace, a small town about 38 miles north of Wilmington. She spent 24 years in the retail business working first as a buyer and then assuming more

responsibility until she eventually became president of the corporation in 1980.

From her experience running a retail company, Offerman learned a lot about managing people and money. But then there was a downturn in the economy, and times got tough for people in Eastern North Carolina. Since her children were not coming into the business, Offerman realized that she and her husband Max would have to either downsize and relocate or liquidate. In 1990 they liquidated the business. Offerman acknowledged, "the trends were not for an independent merchant to make it."

After all those years running a corporation, Offerman found herself out of a job and looking for another career. Politics had always been part of her civic work, so she decided to interview with the Hunt campaign. She was well qualified, having served as Duplin county chairman of the Democratic party. From there, she had gone on to serve on the Democratic National Committee and as a member of the State Democratic Executive Council.

In July of 1991 she was hired as State Field Director for the Hunt campaign. Her job as field director was to build support and consensus for Governor Hunt, identify leaders from around the state, and organize the campaign in each county. From that experience, Offerman says, "I learned that people do care about issues and working for a common goal. I saw the value of networking and the strength that comes from getting involved."

Offerman's first contact with Revenue came after the election when she served on the Governor's transition team and helped prepared the briefing material on Revenue for the new Secretary.

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Saturday, September 14, 1996 Thursday, October 2, 1997 Monday, September 21, 1998

Rosh Ha-shanah, 2nd day

Sunday, September 15, 1996 Friday, October 3, 1997 Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Fast of Gedaliah

Monday, September 16, 1996 Saturday, October 5, 1997 Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 23, 1996 Saturday, October 11, 1997 Wednesday, September 30, 1998

Sukkot, 1st day

Saturday, September 28, 1996 Thursday, October 16, 1997 Monday, October 5, 1998

Sukkot, 2nd day

Sunday, September 29, 1996 Friday, October 17, 1997 Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Simhat Torah

Sunday, October 6, 1996 Friday, October 24, 1997 Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Hanukkah, 1st day

Friday, December 6, 1996 Wednesday, December 24, 1997 Monday, December 14, 1998

Durim

Tuesday, March 5, 1996 Sunday, March 23, 1997 Thursday, March 12, 1998
Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Pasover, 1st day

Thursday, April 4, 1996 Tuesday, April 22, 1997 Saturday, April 11, 1998
Thursday, April 1, 1999

Pasover, 2nd day

Friday, April 5, 1996 Wednesday, April 23, 1997 Sunday, April 12, 1998
Friday, April 2, 1999

Pasover, 7th day

Wednesday, April 10, 1996 Monday, April 28, 1997 Friday, April 17, 1998
Wednesday, April 7, 1999

Pasover, 8th day

Thursday, April 11, 1996 Tuesday, April 29, 1997 Saturday, April 18, 1998
Thursday, April 8, 1999

Jerusalem Day

Friday, May 17, 1996* Wednesday, June 4, 1997 Sunday, May 24, 1998
Friday, May 14, 1999*

Shavu'ot, 1st day

Friday, May 24, 1996 Wednesday, June 11, 1997 Sunday, May 31, 1998
Friday, May 21, 1999

Shavu'ot, 2nd day

Saturday, May 25, 1996 Thursday, June 12, 1997 Monday, June 1, 1998
Saturday, May 22, 1999

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