

## Looking Backward



Children cavorting at Hebrew Academy's Tu B'Shvat Seder.



## U.S. Postal Service

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private employers to "make a reasonable accommodation" to the religious needs of their employees.

The Anti-Defamation League has received more complaints of religious discrimination against the United States Postal Service than against any other federal or quasi-federal agency. The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has the responsibility for enforcing equal employment opportunity compliance and for communicating equal opportunity requirements to the Postal Service.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chairperson of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has issued strong warnings to employers to make appropriate accommodation to those who require time off to observe religious days.

There are specific steps which can be taken by postal workers who have complaints regarding time off for religious observance. Your nearest ADL office can be of assistance to postal workers who are having problems in this regard. While the regulations emphasize religious accommodation for the Jewish holidays, it clearly encompasses time off for the Jewish sabbath.

At the time of this writing, the Anti-Defamation League is working with officials in Virginia and North Carolina to provide relief for state employees who lose time from work because of religious reasons. It is the contention of ADL that loss of pay, vacation time, etc., interferes with the freedom of religious practice which is inherent in constitutional provisions of church/state separation. Reasonable and equitable resolutions to this concern are currently being negotiated for state employees.

More information on issues related to religious discrimination or other human relations issues is available from your

## Sweethearts & Beaus

At the recent Charlotte Sweetheart-Beau weekend the BBYO chapters chose their sweethearts and beaus for the coming year. Leah Kraus from Chaverim Chapter is the sweetheart for the Mickey Aberman Chapter; Lisa Kronovet from Chaverim Chapter is the sweetheart for Barak Chapter.

Selected to reign as beau for Leighton who is Steve Chaverim Chapter is Steve Chaverim Chapter. David Portnoy, from Barak Chapter, is the beau for Chai Chapter.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mandans who won the Ha Lailah BBW raffle.

This space is reserved for a photo of an outstanding event from your organization. Please send in a clear BLACK AND WHITE picture with your next article.

## Help For Sexual Assault

Family and Children's Services is having group therapy for sexual assault victims and their families. The purpose of this group is to offer the victim and her family opportunities to gain insight and understanding into the psychological and social dynamics of her assault experience. It will also give them opportunities to deal constructively with the emotions generated by the experience so that the victim and her family can "move on" to personal and family growth. This is for those whose assault was in the past as well as victims of recent assaults.

Referrals can be made to Jan Reading at the Victim Assistance office (334-5656) or Mrna Tracy at Family and Children's Service (332-9034). All potential group members will have at least one session with Mrna Tracy before the beginning of the group.

The group will begin March 5, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will be held in Room 210 of the United Community Services Building. The fee for this service is on a sliding scale.

Mrna Tracy and Jim Eller, both master's degree level staff, will be responsible for the group.

regional ADL office, 331 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230; phone: (804) 355-2884.

## Academy News Notes

March marks the second month that an adult study group is meeting on Saturday afternoons at the home of Rabbi Sanford Tucker. Parents of the Academy students are attending and are studying Jewish laws and Jewish philosophy. The text being used is *Conservative Judaism - Our Ancestors and Our Descendants* by Elliot N. Dorff.

This month the Academy will participate in the North Carolina annual testing program. This is a special test for reading and math for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th graders. Test results will be revealed some time in May.

From March 18 - 21, Rabbi Tucker will be at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, New York attending the Jewish Educators Assembly Convention. Solomon Schechter Jewish Day Schools from all over the United States will be represented there.

This is the last notice for getting your "Tax Break" raffle tickets and possibly winning the \$1000 prize. Price of a book of 12 raffles is only \$10.00; price per ticket is \$1.00. The drawing takes place March 15. You may still obtain tickets by calling Phyllis Tenenbaum at 366-7301 or Belle Jacobs at 366-7292 or from any Academy parent. "Todah" to all who have supported the Academy on this fundraising effort.

## Yiddish Poet Honored By B'nai B'rith

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Abraham Sutzkever, the Yiddish poet whose themes have spanned his experiences in pre-war Vilna, in the Vilna ghetto, with the partisans and through three decades of modern Israel, has been named winner of the 1979 B'nai B'rith International Literary Award.

The prize of \$1,000 — made possible by a grant from the Joseph Meyerhoff Foundation — was presented to Sutzkever in a public meeting Feb. 18. It took place in conjunction with the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Commission on Adult Jewish Education in New York City.

Sutzkever, who was born near Vilna in 1913, a descendant of rabbinic and Hasidic families, had his first works published in 1933. During World War II, he managed to escape the Vilna ghetto, joining the partisans who roamed the woods nearby. When Vilna was liberated, he returned and helped to rescue a large number of valuable documents of YIVO.

In 1945, he published "Di Festung" (Fortress), a volume of poems whose best lyrics were about his mother, who died in the Holocaust. The following year, "Lider fun Geto" (Songs of the Ghetto) and "Fun Silver Geto" (From the Vilna Ghetto), a volume of prose, appeared.

Sutzkever then emigrated to Palestine, where he continued to write. In 1949 he became editor of "Di Goldene Keyt" (The Golden Chain).

THE JCC

OF THINGS

## Blizzard #1 Arrives "J" Classes Delayed

by Sara Schreiber

The five inches of snow Charlotte received Tuesday, February 6th caused the closing of schools Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and in turn the cancellation of classes at the "J" on those days. The "J"'s policy is "Schools closed - Classes cancelled". These classes will be made up at the end of the semester.

Tuesday, February 6th ice skating at Ice Capades Chalet began with over 15 students participating in 4 and 5 year old beginner and continuing classes. These classes have been very successful through the cooperation of Kathy Kirby and Ice Capades Chalet.

The week of February 12th saw the beginning of many classes such as crafts, creative drama, puppetry, cooking, mini gym, M&M's and the JCC's new gymnastics program. March 12th will see the start of woodshop and tennis classes. Currently there are approximately 100 children participating in these activities. An additional 60 in our gymnastics school and an indeterminable number will be enrolled in tennis classes as that registration is still open.

Cathy Siderman is back at the "J" teaching craft time on Wednesdays. This class is again filled to capacity due to Cathy's creativity and fantastic work with the children. Pam White is teaching two movement and music classes for 3

and 4 year olds. M&M has proven to be one of our most exciting and popular classes for the little ones. Debbie Hirsch is found in our kitchen again with our "little chefs" on Thursdays. Their families are in for great treats on class days and the children do it all! Pamela Mullins, a recent graduate of UNCC, joins our staff as our unique drama instructor and we look forward to an exciting semester from the dramatists in this class on Fridays. Bobby Lyle joins our staff as our puppetry instructor. After watching Bobby with the children in the winter minicamp and seeing what a great time the children had, there is no doubt that these new puppeteers are in for a treat.

Damon Kumsch will be back with us beginning March 12th with our woodshop class. The 3:30 Monday class is filled, but due to popular demand a second class will be held and there are still a few openings in it. The time will be 5:00-6:30 on Mondays for 1st through 3rd graders COED. Call the "J" (366-0357) to reserve a place.

Penny Brawley will be back this month as our tennis instructor for beginners and Cathy Gleaves joins us as our intermediate and advanced class instructor.

Welcome to ALL our new and returning staff! Our Spring semester of classes is an exciting one and once again the "J" is a bustle of activity.

## CRC Promotes Projects

The Community Relations Committee is continuing its efforts with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in two areas. The first is the development of a Holocaust curriculum for the public schools. A meeting with the new curriculum supervisor, Dr. Patricia Ashley, a number of interested teachers, and administrators, Mrs. Kitty Huffman of NCCJ, Mr. Jack Bullard of the Charlotte Community Relations Council and Marvin Bienstock of the Federation will be held at the Jewish Community Center in the beginning of March.

The second area concerns the annual commemoration of Yom Hashoa, the Day of Remem-

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brance, for the victims of the Holocaust. The effort is to have the date made into both a city and county official observance.

## Dry Bones

