

Chai

The Chai Art Group was represented on Channel 42 on Monday night, January 22, by Horthy Fogelson. She showed several of her pictures and spoke on what the art class is doing and what it means to her. Also on the program were Marvin Bienstock, director of the JCC, along with several JCC instructors who spoke on the many projects and courses at the "J." Some of the children exhibited their handiwork on the show.

At the regular morning meeting of February 6, Mrs. Fortenberry and a photographer from the Charlotte News attended the Chai art class and the following week visited the current event class. This subsequently was published in a recent issue of the Charlotte News. A representative from the Charlotte Library Association entertained the group with a film on a symphonic orchestra which not only had enjoyable music but demonstrated various old and new instruments.

Social gatherings, such as going to a movie at South Park followed by a get-together luncheon, are a means for the Chai group to renew old friendships and to talk about their activities. If you are 65 or older the Chai group should be your group.... won't you join us?

We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility.

— Tagore

Thinking well is wise; planning well, wiser; doing well wisest and best of all.

— Persian proverb

Something Special For Tweens & Parents

The JCC is offering a special three-session workshop for tweens (6, 7, 8 graders) and their parents. The first session will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the JCC. The other sessions will be on April 1 and April 8.

Here's an unique opportunity to look at some of the issues affecting tweens and their parents and explore ways of dealing with those issues.

Dr. Leonard Fox, a psychologist in private practice, specializing in child and family functioning, and Chris Jones, education coordinator of the Charlotte Drug Education Center, will present an exciting, informative workshop, including topics of values, self-esteem, and communication. Here's a chance for tweens and their parents to really talk with each other and to meet and talk with other families to take a look at what's happening.

Because the workshop is limited to only ten families we urge you to call Bobbi Bernstein at the JCC (366-0357) to reserve your place. The fee is \$4.50 per person with a maximum of \$12.00 per family.



Yiddish Institute At Wildacres

The first annual Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, dedicated to the memory of I. D. Blumenthal, will be held May 3-6, 1979. It is sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte.

The guest speaker-in-residence for the Institute will be Professor David Miller, director of the Yiddish program at Queens College, New York. Professor Miller has conducted workshops and seminars on the west coast as well as in New York City and has been scholar-in-residence at various Yiddish literary gatherings. He is now at work on his doctorate.

Registration will be May 3 from 2-5 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. by a welcome program, guest speaker, and singing. The Institute will be in session until Sunday morning breakfast, May 6.

For further information contact Baila Pransky (366-5564) or Leo Hoffman (365-1037). Limited space is available, so early reservations are essential. There will be no refund unless cancellation is made at least two weeks before the Institute convenes.

Application For Yiddish Institute

RESERVATION APPLICATION 1979 Yiddish Institute at Wildacres

Please enter my reservation for _____ persons listed below for the 1979 Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, N.C., May 3-6, 1979.

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Community Calendar

Courtesy of Charlotte Chapter B.B.W.

MARCH 1979

- 3 - Jewish Singles (35 plus) Social
- ORT Art Auction
- 4 - BB Lodge/Charlotte Chapt. BBW VA Hospital Party
- Temple Israel Couples Club
- 5 - Temple Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting
- ORT Phonathon
- Temple Israel Board Meeting
- Temple Beth El Board Meeting
- 7 - Charlotte Chapt. BBW Meeting
- ORT Board Meeting
- BBYO
- 10 - USY Purim Dance
- Ha Lailah Chapt. BBW Bowling Party
- 11 - Temple Israel Purim Carnival
- A'vodah Council BBW Meeting
- 12 - EREV PURIM - Megillah Reading
- 13 - PURIM
- Ha Lailah Chant. BBW Board Meeting
- 14 - Temple Israel Sisterhood Meeting
- Devorah Hadassah Meeting
- 17 - JCC Annual Meeting
- 18 - Temple Israel AJE
- JCC Family Day
- B'nai B'rith Lodge Lecture
- 19 - Charlotte Chapt. BBW Board Meeting
- JCC Board Meeting
- Ha Lailah Chapt. BBW Meeting
- 20 - Senior Women
- Temple Israel Men's Club Board Meeting
- 21 - Hadassah Meeting
- Hebrew Academy Board Meeting
- ORT Meeting
- 22 - Charlotte Chapt. BBW Human Relations Award
- 23 - USY CMT Weekend starts
- 24 - Temple Beth El Sisterhood Dinner
- USY CMT
- 25 - Temple Israel AJE Movie
- USY CMT
- 26 - Federation Board Meeting
- 27 - Temple Israel Sisterhood Board Meeting
- One Day For You - JCC
- 28 - USY Program
- Devorah Hadassah Board Meeting
- 29 - USY Program
- 31 - Temple Israel Sisterhood Social
- Apr. 1 - BB Lodge Brunch
- EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT - Duplicate Bridge - JCC
- EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT - BINGO - JCC

Here Is What Makes Us Unique

by Rabbi Sanford Tucker

Stories, we hear stories. We hear many stories. Recently, Doris Bernstein, a mother of a kindergarten child at the Academy and a car pool driver for a group of kindergartners, told me the following story: The children were a few minutes late getting into the car and it was clear that they would be late for school. Now, the first thing all the children do at the Academy in the morning is to daven. So, Doris suggested that they begin in the car. To her delightful surprise, they began with MODEH ANI, proceeded through the SH'MA and continued until they finished with "Adon Olam." Why, these children were self-davening!

Self-davening they were. Members of the Academy Gan (kindergarten) are comfortable davening at the Academy, at Temple Israel or Temple Beth El, or in less traditional locations (like the car). Some of the children have led their congregations in "Adon Olam" and "Ayn Keyloheynoo."

Nor is this all. The Academy Gan is a kindergarten with a difference. These children perform the activities other kindergartners do. They learn reading, letter formation, mathematical concepts, and social studies. They have music, art, dress up time, physical education and movement, dancing, science experiences, free play, and more. But, they also have the bonus. They learn Jewish skills. They learn Hebrew. They learn to daven. They learn songs, games, and dances in Hebrew.

These children are the future of the American Jewish Community. They deserve and need this bonus, this kindergarten with a difference. It is the bonus that makes the Jewish people unique.

JCC Gymnastics Are Fantastic

The Jewish Community Center's gymnastics school opened on February 14th with over 60 students enrolled. On Wednesdays the school buzzes with children from third grade on up, both in beginner and intermediate classes. Thursdays belong to the four year old class which is followed by the kindergarten through second graders in the beginner, advanced beginners, and a class for those who have had previous training.

Wendy Wilson has been hard at work organizing the classes. She will be working with the

children on the mats, balance beams and mini-tramps.

We anticipate the gymnastics school to continue to grow because of the enthusiastic response from the entire community.

Temple Beth El Gonsa Megillah

A holiday supper from soup with kreplach to hamentachen will be held at Temple Beth El on March 12 at 6:15 p.m. The Megillah reading will take place at 7:30 p.m.

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