

# TEMPLES

## Beth Shalom

Temple Beth Shalom is the little reform temple halfway down the next block. It has all the comforts of home, including city water, because it is a small home located on a pretty 1 1/2 acre site at 8600 Fairview Road — not too far from everything.

The congregation consists of 35 families from singles to seniors, with a full-time Sunday School situation, including Hebrew. Its volunteer staff of teachers handle all aspects of religious education. Although small, it is progressive in reform thinking; Don Cashman, a student rabbi from the Hebrew Union College, leads the congregation twice a month, as well as important holidays and all life-cycle functions, except weddings. This has been done for the past three years, although the temple is now in its tenth year. The experience has worked well for the temple family and all are very proud of the accomplishments both inside and outside the synagogue.

Shabbat services are every other Friday. Temple President Al Behar or Superintendent of Education Marsha Saperstein are at your beck and call. The number, 366-5560, is yours for the dialing.

## Beth El

Temple Beth El is a Reform Congregation affiliated with the UAHC, located at 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

Services are held Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. by our spiritual leader, Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler.

Starting on June 8 all services will be brief and followed by an Oneg Shabbat at the following homes:

June 8 — Ethel and Allen Gordon

June 15 — at the Temple

June 22 — at the Temple

June 29 — Bobbi and Don Bernstein

July 6 — Judy and Mark Perlin

July 13 — Edie and Steve Davis

July 20 — Bob and Bob Yudell

July 27 — Ann Conn

Aug. 3 — Gladys and Bud Goldsmith

Aug. 10 — Lee and Alan Blumenthal

The Religious School has a formal graded curriculum for grades K-10. Grades K-5 meet Sunday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m.; grades 6-10 meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Confirmation — grade 10. Bar/Bat Mitzvah — age 13. The school administrator is Fairlyn Levine.

The Youth Group is open to boys and girls in grades 7-9 — varied activities throughout the year including inter-state convention week-end.

There is an active Adult Education program with a mid-week series led by Rabbi Krantzler — topics range from Bible study through contemporary issues.

Each summer an annual congregational retreat is held at Wildacres, a beautiful mountain setting in Little Switzerland, N.C. — religious, educational and social activities for the family.

The Sisterhood meets the second Wednesday of each month, having luncheons, educational programs, entertainment, etc. ... Sisterhood has a huge Attic Sale in the winter, plus plans all the Oneg Shabbats following services ... There are family shabbat dinners and many more interesting activities throughout the year. A gift shop of Judaica and other items is open on appointment.

For further information call the Temple office, 704-366-1948, or Bob Conn, President, 374-7213 (home).

## Israel

Temple Israel, founded in 1898, is the oldest and largest Hebrew congregation in Charlotte and North Carolina. The Temple has occupied the present site, 1014 Dilworth Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28203, since 1948. A modern sanctuary and social hall are located in the main building. A separate education building completes the physical facilities. By employing a full-time Rabbi, Cantor, and Education/Youth Director, Temple Israel serves many spiritual, educational, and social needs of its members.

Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin is the spiritual leader. Daily minyan is held at 7:30 p.m., Friday evening services are at 8:30 p.m. Sabbath morning services are at 9:00 a.m., and Sunday morning minyan and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with services also being held on the Jewish holidays and festivals.

Cantor Frank Birnbaum, in addition to his cantorial duties, teaches Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes and is the director of the adult choir. He also teaches certain classes and presents musical programs each year.

A full-time Education/Youth Director is in charge of the Hebrew school program which starts with kindergarten and goes through high school. Youth activities begin with Kadima for 6th graders and go through TI-Y for high school students. The emphasis of the youth program is social and athletic in nature in combination with the religious aspects of Judaism. There are dedicated teachers and youth leaders who work very closely with the children.

There are several auxiliary organizations within the overall Temple structure among which are Sisterhood, Men's Club, Couples Club, and Adult Education. In addition to being a vital and integral part of Temple Israel, they all offer many varied programs that round out the overall Temple life.

There are monthly meetings and programs, adult education groups, social activities and a myriad of projects.

The nursery school for pre-school children and the regular Hebrew School from kindergarten through high school are sponsored by Sisterhood. Also a project of Sisterhood is a Gift Shop specializing in Judaica and hard-to-find items of every kind. Among its many projects for the Temple's children and adults, sisterhood's pet project is a flourishing Thrift Shop in downtown Charlotte which is totally managed by Sisterhood volunteers.

Members are informed of activities and events by use of a bi-monthly bulletin and by other means such as special mailings.

For further information please contact the Temple office at 704/376-2796, or Aaron Gleiberman, President, 366-1732 (home), 377-0220 (office).

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The Staff

# OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Jewish Community Center

The JCC is located on 13 1/2 acres of woods and meadows right in the center of Southeast Charlotte within a few minutes drive of your home.

Its three swimming pools are open from Memorial to Labor Day. Four professional and two practice tennis courts are available year round. Playing fields accommodate softball, baseball, soccer and volleyball, as well as summer day camp.

Inside its building, the Center offers a small auditorium, large activity room, meeting and classrooms. A children's playground, deck, and glassed-in patio complete the picture.

During the summer the patio houses a complete delicatessen for your eating pleasure.

With the exception of the pools and tennis courts, the facilities of the JCC are available for reserved use by non-profit organizations and individual members at nominal cost.

The Board of Directors is constantly upgrading the facilities through the use of funds provided by a voluntary building fund.

### Activities from A to Z

The JCC is a constant beehive of activity including its own programs and those of other organizations either co-sponsored or held at the Center. Here is a partial list of what has been, is, or will be happening:

Alive I, II, III - Archery - Art Exhibits - Arts and Crafts - Ballet - Barbecues - Baseball - Basketball - Bingo - BBO - Book Reviews - Bridge Lessons - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation - Ceramics - CHAI (Over 65 Program) - Committee Meetings - Community Meetings - Concerts - Cooking - Counseling - Current Events - Dance - Day Camp - Do-It-Yourself Repairs - Drama - Duplicate Bridge - Exercise - Family Activities - Family Life Education - Federation Offices and Programs - Films - First Aid - Game Room - Great Decisions - Gymnastics - Health Fairs - Holiday Programs - Israeli Folk Dancing - Israeli Education - Judo - Karate - Language Instruction - Leadership Training - Lectures - Life Drawing - Men's Softball - Mothers and Tots - Music In-

struction - Nature Study - Nursery Summer Camp - Organization Meetings - Overnight Camping - Painting - Photography - Picnics - Plant Care - Printmaking - Rap Groups - Retirement Planning - Sculpture - Shabbat Children's Program - Shabbat - Soccer - Stitchery - Swimming - Swim Lessons - Swim Team - Tennis - Tennis Lessons - Tennis Teams - Travel Excursions - Tween Lounge and Programs - U.J.A. - Volleyball - Women's Discussions - Woodshop - Yiddish - Yoga - Zoo Trips

Annual Scholarship Dues range from \$200 for a full family to \$18 for a student with special categories for Single Parent Families, Young Families (under 25 years) and Seniors (over 65). Extended payment schedules and any other financial concerns can be confidentially discussed with the Executive Director, Marvin Bienstock.

Call the Jewish Community Center at 366-0357 Sun.-Thurs., 9-5 or 7-10. Open Fri. till 5 and on Sat. from 12-6.

## Hebrew Academy

1006 Sardis Lane  
Charlotte, N.C. 28211

As Charlotte's Jewish day school since 1970, the Academy has provided an excellent academic program in both general and Judaic studies to children from Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated families. The community, in turn, supports the Academy in many ways, participating in our cultural events and giving generous financial aid. Such support enables the Academy to give full and partial scholarships to children who otherwise would be denied intensive Jewish education.

### Warm, Personalized Learning

The Academy offers a child kindergarten through sixth grade, special/educational advantages in all areas of study. A low student/teacher ratio enables the faculty to create a learning atmosphere that is warm, personalized and highly motivating. Within a specific curriculum and with close teacher supervision, the children learn how to learn and experience achievement. Annual standardized tests show the students perform, on the average, one to two years above grade level.

### Where Children Feel Good To Be Jews Everyday

Attitude is considered as important as accomplishment and this is most evident in Hebrew and Jewish studies. At the Academy, a child finds his or her Jewishness pleasantly integrated into normal daily activities, not something "tacked on" to the rest of life. Hebrew, Bible, history and rituals are learned when children are most alert; after school hours are then free to be spent in less demanding activities.

The day school children acquire a strong, positive sense of Jewish identity and are comfortable expressing it in the larger community. With a solid grounding in Jewish basics, the students will be ready for more challenging Jewish learning in the intellectually formative years of high school and college.

### Accreditation

The Hebrew Academy is approved by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, is affiliated with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and has received a permanent charter from the Solomon Schechter Day School Association of the United Synagogue.

Information may be obtained by calling the school, (704) 366-6390. During the school year, you are requested to call after 12 noon. If you wish to visit, please call in advance for an appointment. Rabbi Sanford Tucker is the director.

## Charlotte Jewish Federation

Box 220188, Charlotte, N.C. 28222; 600 North Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, 28211 (JCC)

Everyone is a "member" of the Federation Family, and hopefully, everyone "joins in."

**BEING A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION FAMILY:** The Federation touches and adds to your life in all the ways described below. Its dedicated volunteers care about and work to improve the quality of Jewish life here at home and around the world. If that sounds abstract, it becomes very concrete especially when you need help.

**JOINING IN:** The simplest way is to give generously to the annual campaign. Charlotte proudly raises over \$600,000.

The better way is to get involved on a committee — in the campaign — on a project — on the Board of Directors.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE? CALL THE FEDERATION OFFICE, 366-0358, OR DROP IN AND VISIT AT THE JCC.**

**FOR ISRAEL:** 79¢ of every dollar raised in Charlotte goes to meet human needs in Israel: housing, immigration, education, health, etc.

**FOR THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY:** The Federation supports 28 organizations including the Conservative and Reform movements, hospitals, yeshivah, Jewish Braille, Jewish Education, Jewish Cultural Foundation, American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

**FOR CHARLOTTE & THE CAROLINAS:** Federation is a major supporter of the JCC, Hebrew Academy, Blumenthal Home for the Aged, and Hillel. Other recipients of funds include BBO, Jewish Chautau-

qua, Clergy Associations, Crisis Assistance Ministry, NCCJ, and Judaic Studies at Duke and UNC.

**CHARLOTTE FEDERATION PROJECTS INCLUDE:** Israel Education: Speakers, exhibits, films, entertainers are offered to the Jewish and general community. **Community Relations Committee:** This active program

works in cooperation with ADL and National Conference of Christians and Jews to build bridges of understanding between all Charlotteans.

**Russian Resettlement:** As a cooperating associate with B'nai B'rith Women and B'nai B'rith, Federation has assisted in establishing new lives in America for more than a dozen Russian Jewish families.