

# ORGANIZATIONS

## B'nai B'rith Family

### B'nai B'rith Lodge



The largest Jewish men's service organization in the world and the Charlotte lodge is one of this district's most active. They annually sponsor on an on-going basis the following activities: the Orioles baseball game for handicapped children, lecture series of noted Jewish and non-Jewish speakers, Charlotte police department project which issues fire extinguishers and blankets for the police cars, party for the VA hospital patients in Salisbury, N.C., "Operation Snowflake", and the Arthur Goodman, Sr. handicapped children's party. For further information - Marvin Barman (542-9528) or Mike Shapiro (376-0298).

### Charlotte Chapter

BBW



This Jewish women's service organization was chartered in Charlotte in 1952. It is a viable and respected part of the community giving of its many volunteers in a multitude of capacities. Its purpose is to promote the ideals of Judaism and provide service wherever and whenever it is needed. Some of the most prominent services that it provides locally are the sick-loan chest, Senior Women, dolls for democracy program, birthday cakes for the Alexander Children's Home, and various civic drives. It is the main stem of support for the Children's Home in Israel, BBYO, Hillel, ADL, and is very much involved in national and international affairs. This chapter meets during the day, the first Wednesday of each month. For those interested you may call - Loretta Barman (542-9528) or Barbie Weiner (542-1942).



The purpose of BBYO is to bring together Jewish youth from grades 9 through 12 to become better individuals by learning leadership qualities, working with people from different areas, and taking on responsibilities; giving service to the community. They also have many social functions and conventions planned and carried out by the members. BBYO is divided into two chapters for the girls (BBG) and two chapters for the boys (AZA). The following may be contacted for more information:

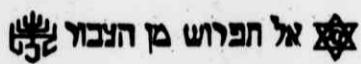
- Mickey Aberman Chapter - Kenny Boxer (365-0741)
- Barach Chapter - Mitchell Oestreich (365-2981)
- Chai Chapter - Debbie Tager (364-4540)
- Chaverim Chapter - Marla Shapiro (366-5866)

### Halialah Chapter

BBW

The HaLialah Chapter of BBW is a community service volunteer organization, which meets in the evenings on the second and third Monday of each month. They have undertaken many projects in Charlotte, such as their Shoe Shoe Train project, which distributes shoes to needy children; Operation Parks; and a Judaism Institute, consisting of an evening affair and workshop to acquaint the teachers of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system about our Jewish heritage.

For further information, contact Barbara Bernhardt, (364-0694), or Peggy Gartner, (366-2100).

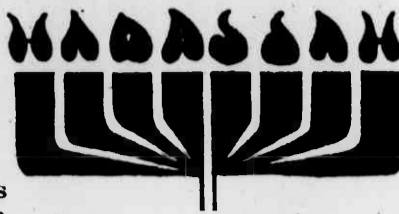


"DO NOT SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE COMMUNITY"

## Hadassah

### Charlotte Chapter Hadassah

Hadassah is the Women's Zionist Organization founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold. The Charlotte Chapter meets during the day, the third Wednesday of each month, and has study groups which meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Their fund-raising efforts help support the Hadassah medical organization, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah-Israel educational services and the Jewish national fund. Main fund-raisers are a gala Donor-Pledge luncheon and Fashion Show and the publication and sale of the Hadassah Telephone Directory of the Charlotte Jewish community. For further information - Gail Green (542-0308), Ellen Fligel (364-5696).



### Devorah Chapter Hadassah

This is an evening chapter and meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from September to May, except for December. The programs are multi-faceted covering many causes in health, teaching and research, child rescue and rehabilitation, American and Zionist affairs, and youth programs in the U.S. The fund-raising efforts support Hadassah's many projects. Those interested may contact: Lee Levy (366-2104), Goldie Weinreb (523-4263).



Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training

Charlotte Chapter of ORT has been very active promoting vocational education, fund-raising for their schools, taking an overall active part in Jewish community affairs, American affairs, and all aspects of Jewish survival. They meet in the evenings, the third Wednesday of each month.

ORT is a movement which for almost a century has devoted itself to developing the creative potential of people, so that they might forge their own destiny with dignity and pride in their Jewish heritage.

For further information, call Margie Levenson, (366-7839, or Maddy Stein, (366-9720).

## Singles Groups

### Young Jewish Singles

The club is involved in community activities as well as having their own social and Sunday brunches. It is comprised of members from ages 21 thru 35 plus. The annual dues are \$12.00 which includes the monthly newsletter (*The Aroundabout*) and discounts for social activities. For further information contact: Nancy Yudell at 535-3018 or Larry Segal at 375-4132.

### Jewish Singles

The Jewish Singles Club is comprised of members 35 years and over. They have planned social gatherings on a regular basis. Dues are \$5.00 per year. For further information contact Libby Hirsch at 554-5771 or Jean Garber at 523-5418.

Support Our Organizations

## Couples Club

The Club's purpose is social; its membership is open to the Jewish community; singles of all ages are also welcome. The organization has as many socials as can be properly planned, usually once a month. Highlights of some recent get-togethers have been barbecue and entertainment at the JCC, a theater party followed by wine and cheese tasting at the Mint Drama Guild, two original playlets at the Temple Israel Social Hall, and out-of-town trips.

If you would like to join, or for further information, call Lee and Larry Levy, 366-2104.

## Senior Women BBW

Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women Senior Women is open to all Senior Citizens. Anyone may attend the meetings, and need not be a member of B'nai B'rith Women.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. They enjoy diversified programs, luncheons and guest speakers. They are actively involved in many civic programs and services, and have recently received an award from the Heart Association in recognition of their outstanding service. Each year they have a raffle for their beautiful hand-made quilt, and donate the proceeds to the B'nai B'rith Children's Home in Israel.

Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women volunteers organize this valuable program, as well as provide transportation for all who need it.

For additional information call Elaine Schefflin - 366-2201, Helene Jankowitz - 366-6166.

## Without Lox

by Arnold Jacob Wolf

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — It was the first Sunday brunch in twenty years that a B'nai B'rith lodge in Connecticut did not serve lox with the bagel - the plural of bagel is bagel, just as the plural of lox is lox - and cream cheese. Several old time members were horrified, and stated in no uncertain terms that they would never come back if there were no lox on their bagel. They thought a wonderful old lodge tradition was in danger of becoming needlessly and thoughtlessly abandoned. Others agreed that lox was, indeed, important, but were more nostalgic than confrontational about their views.

The reason for the startling new development was - and is - of course, money. Lox is very expensive. This moderate size, moderately poor lodge - and associated chapter - felt it was impossible to continue serving a lox brunch free to its 30 or so attending members. The members would have to come for the bagel or the speaker or the fellowship - but not any longer, alas, for lox.

The discussion proceeded vigorously along these lines:  
1. If B'nai B'rith attendance depends on cuisine, it is in bad trouble. Some thought it did, at least in this small city. Most thought it didn't.

2. The real claim on our togetherness is not what we provide but what we are. If we are friends, Jews, people who care about what's going on in the world, we won't miss the smoked fish. At least not too much.

3. Lox is a symbol. The lodge is not as rich as once upon a time - if it was ever very rich. Jewish organizations are all strapped for necessary funds. America, as a whole, is feeling the squeeze. Something has to go. Lox!

4. The world is full of people who do not have enough to eat. Now, in some small way, we are like them. We won't, G-d willing, starve. But neither will we *fress* without guilt, as perhaps we sometimes used to do.

The discussion about peace in the Middle East was thoughtful and polite. But for me the high point of that morning was the hour-long discussion about lox. That much-touted fish became a veritable symbol of the problem of Jewish identity and the problem of world hunger, two pretty profound problems. These brothers and sisters in their Connecticut lodge and chapter faced those two perplexing issues courageously.

Perhaps we must live and work so that our children or our grandchildren, if G-d wills, can someday eat lox again on Sunday mornings in Connecticut, U.S.A.

Ed. note: Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf is the Hillel director and Jewish chaplain at Yale University.

## The Impossible Dream

To dream the impossible dream,  
To give everything that you can,  
To try with the heart you were given,  
To help someone else be a man.  
To see how your kindness will shine  
In a world where so many are frail,  
To strive when the odds are against you  
And smile even when you must fail.  
This is OUR DREAM, OUR UNTIRING QUEST;  
No matter how hopeless, we're DOING OUR BEST.

To help a man to stand on his very own feet,  
To teach him to hold up his head  
When he walks down the street.  
And we know if we follow this star  
That is shining and bright,  
THAT OUR LIVES WILL BE RICHER BY FAR  
When we turn out the light.

AND THE WORLD WILL BE BETTER BY FAR  
THAT WE IN THE LAND LAND OF THE FREE  
CAN SERVE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO NEED US  
AND SERVE THROUGH OUR OWN...  
ORGANIZATIONS.

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3801 Columbine

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9 to 5

All proceeds go to local Jewish charities.

