

## Bikel Delights Academy Patrons



(Photo by Mark Senker)

By Martha F. Brenner

It didn't matter if your Russian, Flemish, Hebrew, Spanish, French or Yiddish was a little rusty. Theodore Bikel's translations of folk songs in those languages were as entertaining as his spirited singing at the Hebrew Academy's benefit dinner in May.

Backed by his accompanist, William Takas on bass, Bikel delighted Academy patrons with songs he had sung in war — on the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War — and in peace, at a dinner for Mrs. Sadat following the peace treaty signing in Washington last spring.

He recalled how he told Sadat and Begin at the dinner, "You who have received the Nobel Peace Prize, now go out and earn it."

To Bikel, long a fighter for civil rights and for the release of the Soviet Jews, his guitar "is my only weapon, the only one I care to have." Patrons received his album, "Silent No More," songs of the Soviet Jews, as a souvenir of the evening.

Bikel extended a special appreciation to Academy patrons, telling them that "we Jews have suffered as much from acceptance as from rejection. Because we try to pretend we can be the

same as non-Jews, we throw out our precious heirlooms with the bath water. As long as there are day schools this will not be done."

Bikel's performance was preceded by a full-course kosher dinner prepared by parents and friends of the Academy, under the direction of Beryl Fishman and Wilma Asrael. Many delicious Jewish specialties, including ministuffed cabbage and kreplach, tongue hors d'oeuvres and an Israeli fish appetizer, disappeared quickly from plates. A sweet table followed the concert.

Due to difficulties in finding professional waiters for the evening, an unusual crew of volunteers tended bar and served dinner. They included UNCC philosophy professors Norris Frederick, Dick Toenjes and his wife, Dolly, Jim Shumaker, and John Lincourt, all associates of Academy president Stephen Fishman, who with Saul Brenner, co-chaired the dinner concert.

Also scurrying around the green linen-covered tables were Bill Steiner, legal assistant to UNCC's Chancellor Fretwell, and Jeanne Bohn of WSOC-TV. Other university people manned the spotlights.

## Holocaust Square Dedicated

A monument honoring victims of the Holocaust was unveiled June 10, 1979 at the intersection of Dilworth, Morehead and McDowell streets. Approximately 400 Christians and Jews gathered at the site - renamed "Holocaust Square" - for the ceremony. Atop the three-foot high concrete slab is a bronze plaque, which reads: "During the years 1939 to 1945, 11 million human beings, amongst them 6 million Jews, one-third of the Jewish people, were tragically slaughtered by the Nazis and their collaborators. We dedicate this Square to their memory and to our belief a reminder is necessary so history dare not repeat itself." The front of the monument bears the following inscription: "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Genesis IV:10.

The ceremony was opened by Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel. Eleven empty chairs sat before the gathered crowd — representing those whose blood cries forth. Marvin Bienstock, Director of the Charlotte Federation and JCC read the inscriptions. The rabbis of all three temples and Cantor Frank Birnbaum of Temple Israel participated along with Mayor Ken Harris, Rev. Sandy Taylor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Douglas Oldenberg of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Isaac Lepec, a victim of Auschwitz, unveiled the monument; the keynote speaker was Dr. Julian

Hirshfeld, a French Jew saved from Auschwitz by the American Red Cross, who presently resides in Gastonia, N.C. with his wife (also a victim)



Violinist, Dr. Sam Citron plays at dedication. (CHARLOTTE JEWISH NEWS photo by Sam Wallace)

and two children who were born his this country. Dr. Hirschfeld said he is enjoying his second life in this country and "I worship thee - land of the free - God bless America."

A street marker was unveiled by Al Rousso, a past president of Temple Israel. Other participants included Dr. Sam Citron who played a violin solo,

## Goldberg Dreams of Maccabiah

by Faith Powell  
Southern Israelite

If Steve Goldberg carried a placard it would probably read, "Support Your Local Soccer Player."

Steve is set to play on the United States soccer team in the Maccabiah Pan-American Games later this month in Mexico. But his goal is to go to Israel in 1981 for the World Maccabiah Games.

Like the Olympics, the games are held every four years. Jewish athletes from many nations participate in 20 sports, including soccer.

Soccer, says 21-year-old Goldberg, is becoming big time. Already a number one sport in Europe, recent years have seen an increase in the number and popularity of American teams.

And Goldberg should know because he is currently working for the Atlanta Chiefs Soccer Team.

He is on the marketing staff of the team while he completes work for his marketing degree at the University of Georgia.

While he does not plan to play professionally (he began his training at the ripe old age of 14, "too late," he said), he played on college teams and on many top quality amateur teams in the U.S. and in Europe.

Another one of Steve's goals is to coach young soccer players. "That's where you can really see some talent. Kids who are six, seven, eight or nine."

What makes soccer so special to Steve?

"Soccer is all about movement, dance, a big jazz dance. It's very fluid," explained Goldberg. One person doesn't win the game for you, you have to be a team."

Teamwork is important in the game of soccer and not just on the field. The Maccabiah games, begun in 1932, are not totally funded by any one agency or organization. It is up to each individual player to raise \$825 to pay for travel, lodging, equipment, and uniforms.

And there is that chance that the money may not be raised, and the player will not go.

But Steve is adamant. "I will go. Somehow I will find the support."

## This 'N That

The Charlotte Opera Association recently elected as president, Jeffrey Huberman. An architect, he is a partner in the firm of Gantt/Huberman. He is also vice-president and chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Arts and Science Council.

Heinz A. Jaffe was elected vice-president of the opera association. He is employed by Homelite Division of Textron, Inc.

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After 18 years of dispensing pizzas at their Dino's Restaurant, Mike and Sara Miller have gone into retirement. They are taking their tennis rackets along with them to Boca Raton, Fla. where they will reside in a condominium. A new restaurant "They Laughed at Edison", a vegetarian cafeteria-style establishment, is located at the same location. It is being operated by Ralph Grosswald and Jerry Rubenstein (formerly of Boulder, Colo.)

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Many of our young people have received numerous honors and awards at the end of the school year. Among them have been Cynthia Silber who was named to the Dean's list at UNCC.

Phillip Bernstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bernstein, recently graduated with distinction in architecture (magna cum laude) from Yale University. He received the Gordon Cup (an engraved silver bowl) for outstanding leadership, scholarship, character and devotion to the finest traditions of the university.

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Inducted into the National Honor Society are Jeff Gorelick and Marla Shapiro (Charlotte Country Day), Lee Nadelman (West Charlotte), Debbie Bober, Amy Lind, Hannah Palen, Eugene Marx, Darren Mond, and Sherry Yudell (East Mecklenburg).

Steve Langman has been selected to serve on the N.C. student legislature. He was one of 8 selected from Mecklenburg County. Both he and Darren Mond have been selected to be in "Who's Who in American High School Students"; they will be seniors this fall at East Mecklenburg.

Also at East Mecklenburg high school, Debbie Bober and David Leventhal have been selected as Marshals.

Richard Mazur won first prize in the Charlotte schools' distributive education program. His winning letter described his employer - his father, Stanley.

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Going to Duke this fall on a soccer scholarship will be Lane Ostrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ostrow. Also receiving a soccer scholarship to UNCC is Rory Vitale, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vitale. Both boys were star players on the East Mecklenburg team.

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Amy Lind competed in the 1979 Miss North Carolina Teen USA Pageant, July 6-8 in Winston-Salem. She was sponsored by Dooley-Hightower, Inc. - Jody Dress, Pic 'N Pay Shoes and Casual Corner Inc. She won a lovely trophy to remember the occasion.

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Edward Nadelman has been named by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners to the Centralina Council of Governments Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

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Temple Beth El has announced that Sam Wallace will be giving private instruction for Bar and Bas Mitzvahs. He will be replacing David Kraus who is leaving for a new venture.

Word has been received from East Carolina University in Greenville that Jules M. Buxbaum received all A's for the spring semester. Making the honor roll is Frank Marc Maiorano.

## Venezuela

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clear it was going to take a similar number of American Jews to draw from in order to bring the plan to fruition. The answer was found in our neighboring states and in their JCCs. There has recently been formed an agreement with the JCC's of Charleston, Columbia, Savannah and Chattanooga to participate in this Southeastern project.

Each JCC will field a team of 9-12 year olds in a particular sport choosing between baseball, soccer, tennis, basketball and swimming. At the same time tennis players and swimmers from any of the participating JCCs will be allowed to enter as individuals. These teams will travel together to compete with the Hebraica teams either at the end of December, during the Spring

break or at the end of June 1980. The exact time will be announced shortly. Those participating can look forward to 7 or 8 days of excitement in one of the unique cities of the world as the guests of the children of Hebraica. They will be living in the homes of their hosts and traveling to see the sights of the surrounding areas as well as the fever of life in this capitol city. The only costs will be airfare and some spending money which should hopefully not exceed \$300.

AS ITS TEAM SPORT CHARLOTTE HAS CHOSEN SOCCER. Elsewhere in the News you will find the information on how to participate in the soccer teams now forming. Those who become part of this sport will be able to make the trip if they choose.

Tennis players and swimmers ages 9 to 12 who are interested should inquire at the JCC office.

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