

JCC Day Camp Smashing Success

Each morning from June 25th through August 3rd a record number of 111 children anxiously waited for the JCC pool gate to open.

The two year old Munchkins, Joyce Stewart as counselor, had activities such as crafts, nature walks, story time and using the sprinkler and gymnastics equipment.

Sue Carlton and Susan Sami counseled the three year olds. Among the many activities were swimming lessons, given each morning, and arts and crafts with Cathy Sideman, who gave of her expertise to all the groups. On a safari through the J's nature trail, purple elephants and crocodiles, spotted by the brave little hunters, were shot to protect the counselors. The three year olds' imaginations were always a challenge for the counselors.

Four year olds, counseled by Dorcas Zeeso and Chips Johnson, were involved in crafts, games, swimming and gymnastics. Dorcas, in charge of gymnastics, brought much of her own equipment.

The kindergarten group, "super friends and bananas", counseled by Joanne Katz, Lisa Strause and Dee Runaas, also went on nature walks and played t-ball. Late afternoon swimming, games and a cookout composed a late night session.

Cary Bernstein and Julie Weigele, who counseled the first grade group, the "sharks and sunshines", held an overnight each session, highlighted by a pajama disco to the music of "Crease". Popping popcorn was lots of fun - the top was left off the popper and the popcorn flew onto a sheet. During the first session Abby Weisman lost a tooth and the "tooth fairy" came at the over-night, collected the tooth and rewarded Abby.

Second through fifth graders, counseled by Dale Jaffa and Adam Bernstein, had a unique program. Besides swimming instruction and free swim, each chose an activity area to participate in each week. The art activity was a week each of mixed media, drawing and sketching, and woodshop. Cathy Sideman taught the mixed media. The first session each child did a life-size face, at a chosen age of himself, from clay; second session a mural on the cement shed (in back of the patio) was designed, drawn and painted. It is an attractive addition to the J and each child is proud of the achievement. Judy Klein, drawing and sketching specialist, had the groups using varied media - charcoal, india ink, crayons, water colors - to complete a booklet of art work. Woodshop specialist, Rick Leighton, taught the first session how to make bird houses and feeders. Bird houses were made at the second session as well as sailboats which were raced at one of the local waterways.

Potpourri was a week each of clowning and puppetry instruction the making of foam puppets. The hair, make-up and dress gave the puppets real personalities; movable mouths enabled the children to perform with them. The rest of the week was spent on clowning. At the last day's performance, they showed off the make-up and costume technique learned.

Fred Fiss, photography instructor, taught how to make cameras from oatmeal boxes sprayed black and with lenses made with copper plating. Finished pictures, made on photo-sensitive paper, were the



Matt Levenson enjoying a "bird's eye view" of camp. (Photo by Gloria Lerner)

result of the picture's subject posing 3 to 5 minutes.

Rick Leighton had the children collecting wild plants and animals in the J's nature areas for shoe box terrariums. Only the frogs were imported!

Tennis instructor Rebecca Barnett formed a good tennis team after only three weeks. One week each of soccer, gymnastics and fishing completed the sports scene. David Dunn, soccer coach, taught an intense week of basics and the soccer field saw some exciting scrimmages. Dorcas Zeeso, utilizing her multi-purpose gymnastics equipment, offered a strenuous but stimulating week. Fishing, taught by John Crane, had the children learning the use of rods and reels. First hand experience was had at some of the local ponds.

Each Friday a special event was planned for K-5. The first Friday of each session was "Counselor Initiation Day". Each group traced their counselor's outline on newsprint and colored it; hung on trees, these were used for the "Pin the Belly Button on the Counselor" game. A shaving cream battle turned the volley ball courts into a white sea.

When the balloon man visited camp each child wrote a message; the balloons were launched to "Up, Up and Away". Hopefully someone will answer their messages.

"Blue and White Day" the children divided into two teams, competing in relays, games and contests; the counselors participated in the last event, a raft race across the pool. "Outer Space Day" each group used costumes, make-up and other props to represent a planet. A special guest and space dust poured from the heavens onto the campers added to the day's excitement.

Junior counselors, CITs and other aides, Marla Shapiro, Leah Krause, Randi Kent, Andrew Bernstein, Stacey Multer, Marla Solomon and David Serepca were an asset. Flexible schedules enabled them to give assistance whenever and wherever needed. Their enthusiasm, energy, involvement and concern for each group was evident throughout the camp session.

The six weeks were a delightful, exhilarating experience for all the campers and staff; lasting memories and the plans to get together again are being made. A mid-year camp reunion is planned.

They're Seeing More Than Double

Special from Charlotte News

By Elaine Westarp

Thank goodness for David Greenman's broken arm. And David Bernstein's sore foot.

And the scratch under Ethan Charnley's eye.

How else could the counselors at the Jewish Community Center day camp keep track of who those youngsters are? — and who they aren't?

David, David and Ethan, you see, are the identical counterparts of Herbert, Danny and Seth — three sets of identical twins at the JCC summer camp this session.

And it is only by David Greenman's cast, David Bernstein's limp and Ethan Charnley's scratch that counselors can tell one brother from the other.

But the confusion doesn't end there.

There is yet another set of identical twins in the day camp crowd — Mary and Neca

Four sets of twins out of 111 campers — that's quite a record. And quite a challenge for JCC counselors Dorcas Zeeso, Chips Johnson, Dayle Jaffa and others who have to keep names straight each weekday.

The JCC summer camp, headed by Sara Schreiber and Lila Josephson, is now in its fourth season. But this is the first time the camp has seen so many identical faces in one session, Ms. Schreiber says.

Although the Bernstein brothers admit they still can't tell one Baykin girl from the other, the foursome has become a closeknit group in the short

Bienstock To Attend Institute

Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the JCC and Federation, will be in Israel from August 16-26 as a participant in a special Institute for Small City Executives.

Sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and the Jewish Welfare Board the Institute is an opportunity for the participants to experience first hand an emotional identification with Israel as well as provide an opportunity for seeing Israel's social welfare institutions in action. Also included are meetings with social service professionals who will provide insight into increasing incorporation of Israel in local programming. Special sessions will focus on new techniques and approaches to more effective campaigning.

More than 60 executives will be participating in this the first effort of its kind.

Academy

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told Rabbi Sandy Tucker when notified of her selection. "I'm bringing many ideas for the different grade levels at the Academy; my experience should prove beneficial."

Nancy replaces Amy Diamond who served as general studies teacher at the Academy for two years. Amy is assuming a position in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools.

In the last issue, pictures of the Yiddish Institute were taken by Sam Wallace.

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See double? Of course! The twins are: top row, Danny and David Bernstein of 3723 Foxcroft Road; right side, Ethan and Seth Charnley of 616 Tremont Ave.; middle row, Neca and Mary Baykin, 148 Tyvola Road; and bottom row, Herbert and David Greenman, 6920 Rocky Falls Road. (News photo by Elaine Westarp)

week since camp started.

But no one is quite sure whether the Baykin girls have any trouble telling the Bernsteins apart, because the two girls don't even speak English.

Mary and Neca emigrated from Russia with their parents just months ago. And while

their parents study English and hunt for a job in Charlotte, the girls spend each day at the JCC camp.

But with three other sets of identical playmates to share the afternoon, maybe this new place called America doesn't seem so strange to Mary and Neca after all.

New Cabinet Formed For Women's Division - UJA

The strength nationally of the Women's Division/UJA was vividly portrayed when Thelma Rodbell, Southeast Regional Chairwoman for Women's Division and the meeting's guest speaker, stated that \$80 million dollars was raised this past year by dedicated workers and contributors. Accompanied by Edith Steindler, Southeast Regional representative, Mrs. Rodbell shared her experiences worldwide in pursuing various missions on behalf of UJA, at a luncheon meeting of the Charlotte cabinet held at the home of Jane Goodman.

Marilyn Shapiro, overall chairwoman of the cabinet, outlined the functions of this newly formed unit. The following positions were announced:

Secretary - Lina Levine; Campaign - Gail Bienstock and Jane Goodman; Telethon - Jane Levine and Sharon Apfel; Education - Bobby Bernstein and Wendy Cohen; Publicity - Baila Pransky and Ruth Kossove; Cash Collections - Ruth Goldberg and Pearl Kier; Luncheon - Florence Jaffa and Ann Abel; Shalom Y'All - Evelyn Spielman and Ena Stern.

Pointing out the objectives of Women's Division, Marilyn touched upon the multitude of endeavors closely aligned with UJA. The basic concepts remain

firm; to aid the Jewish populace of Charlotte and to reach out to world Jewry.

Through education and cooperation with all local Jewish organizations it is hoped that the height of Jewish consciousness can be strengthened and raised. All Charlotte Jewish women's groups have been invited to send representatives to the cabinet meetings to serve as liaisons, thus sharing access to a multitude of UJA sources and benefitting from the umbrella affect of UJA.

Charlotte's Women's Division 1979 raised a total of \$25,000, donated by 400 women. The new concept of a Women's UJA Cabinet, structured to encompass all facets of campaigning and education, should inspire a stimulating and dramatic upsurge in responsive giving within the community when the 1980 UJA campaign is launched.

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