

New Education Committee Gets Educated . . .

When the recently formed Women's Education Committee of the Charlotte Jewish Federation decided they needed to be better educated first, they knew all they had to do was "just ask Marvin." The result was an informative rap session with Marvin Bienstock, director of the JCC and Federation. Following wine and a gourmet luncheon hosted by Nancy (Mrs. Henry) Greenberg at her Arbor Way home, the committee got down to basic questions.

Exactly what role does the Jewish Federation play in the Charlotte community? What is its relationship to all other Jewish organizations? What is the function of a separate Women's Division? What can an individual woman do? These were the issues addressed.

The result was a better understanding of the total Jewish Community picture and a decision to move forward with plans to better inform and educate other women. This will be accomplished through the formation of study groups, community teas and special Women's Day programs.

Education co-chairmen Bobbi (Mrs. Donald) Bernstein and Wendy (Mrs. Errol) Cohen say they feel quite confident that a solid nucleus of vital, committed women will be built. Others attending the luncheon were Gail Bienstock, Lois Benjamin, Lynn Cojac, Joan Dim, Gayle Fein, Ellen Fligel, Annette Gross, Vicki Hopkins, Donna Levin, Rose Massachi, Jill Newman, Judy Perlin, Rita Parks and Marilyn Shapiro, this year's chairman of Women's Division.

If you are interested in joining hands with these committed women, or in simply learning more about the plans of the Education Committee, please phone Bobbi Bernstein, 364-8880, or Wendy Cohen, 542-1755.

— Phyllis Serepca



Wendy Cohen

Bobbi Bernstein

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Washington Trip For Charlotte Women

Women's Division of the Greensboro Federation has planned a one-day trip to Washington, D.C. December 5th, open to women who have pledged \$365 or more. Charlotte women in the same gift category have been invited to join the Greensboro group. The trip includes a VIP White House tour, a White House staff briefing, a visit to the Israeli Embassy with an AIPAC (American-Israeli Political Affairs Committee) briefing, a private tour of the East wing of the National Gallery, a State Department briefing, and dinner with Speaker Talisman. Also, lunch at Capital Hill is tentatively planned. The cost of the trip is \$115 (this is in addition to the \$365 minimum pledge). Departure time is approximately 7 a.m. and the return is 11 p.m. the same evening. For those who desire to stay overnight, these arrangements can be made at an additional charge. Deadline for reservations is November 21st. Call Gail Bienstock, 365-3395, or the Charlotte Federation office, 366-0358. Since space is limited, reservations will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis.

Holocaust Teaching

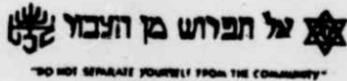
Revisionist historians are at it again. The Institute for Historical Review, based in California, is offering a \$50,000 reward for anyone who can prove that the Nazis operated gas chambers to exterminate European Jews during World War II. You might recall Professor Arthur Butz, who is a member of the Institute, from Northwestern University who wrote the book, "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century." The kooks and hatemongers come out of the woodwork every time there is a major, positive program such as the rebroadcast of NBC's mini-series, "Holocaust."

Even though those who promote these revisionist theories and lies are few, we cannot dismiss them as insignificant. Whether it be twenty, fifty, or a hundred years from now, as people review history, they will find on library book shelves documents which completely distort and rewrite history. As years pass and there are fewer people who can give personal, first-hand accounts of the Holocaust, the questions which the revisionist historians raised

will be given more credibility. Many young people today don't know what the word "holocaust" means much less what that period in our history represented.

It is essential that our own young people as well as those in public and private schools around the nation be taught the tragic history of the Holocaust and its implications for all mankind now and in the future. What are you doing to encourage Holocaust education in your synagogue, school, community, and most important, in your home? Will your children or grandchildren be able to refute the arguments made by the likes of a Professor Butz?

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth—less 40% inheritance tax.



"DO NOT SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE COMMUNITY"

THIS 'N THAT

Gladys Lavitan has been appointed by Governor Hunt to select the best book by a North Carolinian for a special award.

The Temple Beth El Men's Club's back again! New officers for this year are: **Allen Gordon**, president; **Stephen Courtland**, vice-president; **Julian Saly**, treasurer; **Robert Zipp**, secretary.

At UNC's University Day, Dr. Jacob Freedland received

a Distinguished Alumnus award. Earlier this year he was honored with the establishment of the Jacob Berke Freedland Chair in Endodontics at the UNC School of Dentistry and the Distinguished Service award of the N.C. Chapter of the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Freedland has been president of the American Association of Endodontists and chairman of the advisory committee on endodontics for the Council on Dental Education of the Commission on Accreditation — the national accrediting body.

Why I Teach At The Academy

By Nancy Goodman

If anyone had told me last fall that I would be living and working in Charlotte within a year, I would have replied, "Where's Charlotte?" Being born and raised on Long Island (and extremely proud of being a "Native Nood Yawker"), the South definitely did not figure in my plans for the future.

When the Hebrew Academy was advertising in the New York Times for a teacher last spring, I was at a decision making point in my life. I knew that if I wanted a GOOD teaching job, one with a future, I would have to leave New York. It would have been easier to stay with my old job, but that was a dead end. At the age of 21, I was not anxious to get into a rut career-wise!

The fact there was a position open in Charlotte was my initial reason for coming here — but definitely NOT the deciding factor. There were several factors in my decision. The most important was my experience during my three-day visit to Charlotte last April. First impressions are important and mine were all positive. I felt immediately that it was exactly the type of teaching situation I was searching for.

My first impressions have proven to be accurate. I am constantly thrilled by the relationship I have with the kids. The staff and parents couldn't be more supportive. I have the freedom to teach the way I feel I should, in a relaxed, creative, PRODUCTIVE atmosphere. Although these things are necessary to productive teaching and learning, they are rarely present in most schools.

There is a very special feeling in the building on Sardis Lane, but I hope the key word for the future is growth. The plans for a centrally located complex for the temples, the JCC and the school are full of promise.

I can't think of a better time to have gotten involved with Charlotte. New York is a wondrous place to live, but the potential for growth here is much greater, and I think I'd like to be a part of that growth.

New Books In Review

"THE JERUSALEM DIAMOND" by Noah Gordon, Random House: \$9.95, 304 pages.

Harry Hopeman is a successful New York diamond merchant, a Jew who practices his religion but thinks little about his heritage, when he is asked to go to Israel to buy a large yellow diamond.

It is no ordinary diamond. A newly discovered ancient scroll indicates it was one of the treasures in Solomon's temple. It was dug from its Old Testament hiding place by an early Moslem leader, taken from a Jew killed during the Spanish inquisition, given to the pope, stolen from the Vatican. It is secretly being offered for sale by an exiled friend of Egypt's King Farouk.

Leaders of all three religions ask Harry to buy it for them. His Jewish heritage wins, and the experience changes his life.

The story itself is fascinating, with excellent characterization, unexpected twists of plot, romance and flashbacks to several eras of Jewish history. But more, Gordon taught me a great deal about the diamond industry, about Israel, and about how it feels to be a Jew.

— BECKY COON

(Reprinted from *The Charlotte News*)

"THE SECRETARY" by Jochen von Lang, Random House: \$15.95. Photos.

This is a fascinating biography of Martin Bormann, the man Hitler called his "most loyal party comrade," which definitely establishes Bormann's suicide on May 2, 1945 — thus ending a 30-year mystery. Drawing on information never before revealed, the author has put together an intricate picture of the Fuehrer's fanatically loyal, ruthless righthand man, from his obscure birth in 1900 through his behind-the-scenes rise to power. *The Secretary* is a landmark book on the history of the

Nazi era, a vivid, uncensored look at the Third Reich's inner workings.

"JEWISH BOOK ANNUAL," Volume 37, edited by Dr. Jacob Kabakoff, JWB Jewish Book Council: \$12.

This is the tri-lingual American yearbook of Jewish literary creativity. Among its 19 fascinating and varied articles is "Devils, Jews and Isaac Bashevis Singer," by author and literary critic Harold U. Ribalow. He presents an appreciation of the works of the Nobel Prize-winning Yiddish writer and calls attention to the irony that Singer's severest critics are the Yiddish ones.

Dr. Eisig Silberschlag, visiting scholar at the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, points out in his article, "Arab-Jewish Confrontation in Hebrew Fiction," that a considerable number of Hebrew novelists, poets, and essayists deal with the Arab.

The Holocaust has been trivialized, perverted and even "pornographed" by writers, English professor David Mirsky of Yeshiva University asserts in "Abuse of the Holocaust in Literature."

A total of 863 works of Jewish interest published in America, Israel and Great Britain during the past year are annotated in seven bibliographies in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Bank Hapoalim announced it has opened a banking house in Montevideo, Uruguay. It will be officially known as Hapoalim (Latin America) Casa Bancaria S.A. and is a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim (Switzerland) Ltd. It will service clients in Uruguay and will promote business in South America. The banking house will be significant in the expansion of trade between Israel, Switzerland and Latin America.

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