

Jewish War Veterans

Organized in 1896, the Jewish War Veterans is the oldest active veterans organization in America. Charlotte has had a Jewish War Veterans Post for a number of years and it is named after the late Samuel Sansweet who activated the organization. Rabbi Israel J. Gerber has served as Commander for the past half-dozen years.

Its activities are many, as, for example, promoting legislation affecting veterans, community service activities, and sponsoring programs and projects dealing with issues of Jewish communal concern including Israel, the PLO, the Middle East, oppressed Jewry and com-

bating anti-Semitism at home and abroad.

As a veterans organization, the JWV is able to lobby in Washington without restrictions on issues of concern to Jewish veterans. It counteracts activities of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party as when it planned a march in Skokie, Illinois.

Jewish veterans are encouraged to become part of this national movement by sending a \$12 check made payable to the Samuel Sansweet JWV Post 765 to Rabbi Gerber, 5727 Riviere Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28211. In

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Marvin Bienstock, Abraham Shulman and Ruth Rubin (photo by Faye Green).



The "chow/hounds" —waiting for dining hall to open.



Dance time is fun time.



"Teacher" Abe Luski and his "class" (photos by Sam Wallace).

Maccabiah Reception

Preparation for Israel's largest sporting event and one of her most colorful and exciting cultural happenings has moved into high gear under the local leadership of Harry Swimmer. The 11th Maccabiah Games, which will be held in Israel on July 6-16, 1981 are expected to attract over 3000 Jewish athletes from 35 countries. As N.C. chairman, Harry will help coordinate the scouting and recruitment of Jewish athletes and will conduct fund raising efforts in N.C. He has set his goal at \$25,000 which he feels should be reached without much difficulty.

Harry's efforts on behalf of the 11th U.S. Maccabiah team will be spearheaded by a large Maccabiah reception to be held at his farm this summer. He will also be holding a regional meeting for Maccabiah chairmen from the Southern District. These regional meetings are now being conducted throughout the country. Among the guests attending the reception: Warren Abrams, chairman of the 11th U.S. Maccabiah Organizing Committee; Robert Feldman, National States Chairman for the Organizing Committee and Leonard K. Straus, Executive Director of U.S. Committee Sports for Israel, Inc., a non profit organization which sponsors athletic participation in the Maccabiah.

Update: New Americans

Another Russian family has arrived in Charlotte this past month. Leonid and Irma Zeldin and their son Igor, age 7, are from Leningrad. Mr. and Mrs. Zeldin are in their 40's and are both textile engineers and are anxious to find a position in this field. Leonid speaks fluent English and Irma speaks some English. They are living at the Alpine Lodge Apts., telephone: 525-2791. They welcome the chance to make new friends here.

This 'n That

Lisa Adelman of southeast Charlotte has received the Girl Scout First Class award.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adelman, she is a ninth grader at Piedmont Middle School.

She already holds the Girl Scout Sign of the Star and Sign of the Arrow, 21 Junior badges and 13 Cadette badges. A Scout for eight years, Lisa is a member of troop 550 sponsored by Sharon Presbyterian Church.

Recently, the ~~Florida~~ **Florida** Badge, scouting's top award for adults, was presented to **Jeri (Mrs. Stan) Gertzman**. Jeri was a scout leader for 14 years and for the past two years she's been a volunteer public relations worker for the eight-county Hornet's Nest council, which includes more than 2,000 adults and 10,000 girls. Her work has resulted in a safety program for Mecklenburg elementary school children and a safety pamphlet distributed to female college students.

Gerald Perselay has received the 1980 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Winthrop College chapter of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. Perselay, a retired Air Force colonel, is an associate professor of business administration at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C. He joined the Winthrop faculty in 1978.

Beverly (Mrs. Eli) Montezinos and **Beth Bellar (Mrs. William) Kaufman** recently celebrated their B'not Mitzvah at Temple Beth Shalom.

An aspiring young gymnast, **Willie Goldfarb**, son of Carl and Dottie Goldfarb, is one of only two boys from Charlotte who will be in the regional gymnastic competition in Atlanta. Willie will also spend several weeks in France and Spain this summer with a group of fellow students from Carmel Junior High.

Harry Lerner and **Shelton Gorelick** will represent the Charlotte Jewish Federation as 1980 Year Round Delegates to the Council of Jewish Federations.

Selected to spend six weeks this summer at Eastern Music Festival is **Benjamin Montezinos**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Montezinos. He will be studying composition and conducting at Guilford College in Greensboro where the festival takes place. Benjamin has been studying piano for many years.

Gary Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodman, has been named a National Merit Commended Scholar at East Mecklenburg High School.

Debbie Tager, **Wendy Weiner** and **Brooke Fielding** have been inducted into the National Honor Society at East Mecklenburg High School.

Glenn Pransky, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pransky, has been elected to the National Medical Honor Society, Congratulations!

David Fligel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Fligel, recently passed his CPA boards. He is now completing his Master's program at U. of Georgia.

The "Diamonds are sparkling"! As well they should...besides daughter Leah Beth's recent graduation, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Diamond are proud to announce that their son, **David Diamond**, has been listed on the presidential honor roll for the past two years (straight A's) at the U. of Miami. He will be entering his junior year this fall and has just won the highest merit award of the University, a \$1000 semester scholarship. Their other son, **Mike Diamond**, is a second year medical school student, and **Abby Diamond**, their 4th child, is a rising senior at East Mecklenburg High School and is one of 140 students from Mecklenburg County chosen for Project Excel. She will be studying at Davidson College for 3 weeks this summer.

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