

# RANDOM THOUGHTS by Muriel Levitt

## THINGS I DON'T LIKE...

- People who phone at dinner-time asking me to buy mountain chalets, seaside condos and cemetery plots, none of which I am quite ready for.
- Going to a restaurant for a leisurely meal and having crying infants to the left and to the right.
- Folks who use temple services as a chance to socialize, not caring that their loud whispers disturb others.
- Kids on horseback who ride across my front lawn as though it was their private bridle path.
- Cashiers who make wrong change. If I owned a retail business I would not allow one single local near the cash register.
- Phones that ring while I am still dripping wet from the shower.
- Oven doors that open forward. With my short arms I cannot reach the back for cleaning purposes.
- Front steps to any house that have no hand rail. My bifocals make all stairs look like a ramp.
- Books that start out like a house on fire and then disintegrate into abject dullness.
- A parade of school kids trying to sell tickets, raffles and what-have-you. I buy from one and then ten more follow from the same school, selling the same thing.
- People who ignore the front door mat and track red clay all over my gorgeous ice blue carpet.
- The way that Coca Cola's taste has changed. Nowadays it seems bland and flat although overly sweet.

- Current prices on clothing, especially shoes. A hamburger, fries and drink at McDonald's costs what I used to pay for a pair of shoes just a few years ago.
- Going to the movies and no matter where I sit, a couple is making out in the row right in front of me.
- Pessimists who talk about the good old days. There is nothing wrong with being around today even considering all the problems. It's certainly better than the alternative.
- Companies that tout skin creams to make you look younger. I am proud of my wrinkles! Each one is a badge of merit for my years of experience and I don't want to give them away cheaply.
- My inability to bake. I am a really good cook but I bat zero in the baking department. I have even been known to louse up a cake mix now and then.
- Jar lids that won't open. I bang, hock and squeeze, but it makes me angry when my husband gives one little kvetch and it's open.
- Folks who walk on my lawn. My yard man fertilizes, seeds and mows to keep things looking ipso-pipsy, then some clod tramps over the grass without a second thought.
- Waitresses who call me honey or darling. They are not my relatives nor am I their honey or their darling.
- All the junk mail that arrives daily. My mother gave me a perfectly good name at birth. Little did she know that in my prime I would be referred to as Occupant or

- Resident.
- Independence Blvd. any day of the week after 2 p.m.
- Television commercials that are repeated over and over again. They assault my senses and insult my intelligence. For spite I never buy the products that are touted.
- Sales clerks who chat with each other casually while I stand their waiting for service.
- Vacationing to Florida for the ocean and sun but the temperature dips and I wish I hadn't left my fur jacket at home.
- Neighborhood dogs that prance around in the early morning hours turning over trash cans and strewn the driveway with refuse.
- Late afternoon thunder storms that shatter the stillness with lightning and ferocious noise.
- Hypocritical people who say one thing and do another. These I cannot abide.
- Horror movies so full of blood and gore that they become boring and repetitive.
- Temperamental air conditioners that conk out only when the temperature reaches the 90's.
- Writers who feel compelled to do columns on things they like or dislike. I would never fall into that category!

## My Goals For The Hebrew Academy

by Eleanor Weinglass

I am indeed fortunate to have been presented the challenge of working as Director of the Hebrew Academy for the coming year. The school affords the unique opportunity of providing Jewish children with an excellent secular education as well as allowing them to become thoroughly familiar and comfortable with their Jewish heritage.

A school must be a good place to be; a Hebrew Day School must be a good Jewish place to be, where children can feel that Judaism is an integral part of their life, not just an adjunct to secular learning, or "regular" school.

To accomplish this goal, the school must emphasize a secular and Judaic curriculum that are well integrated, in which Jewish values are stressed in all educational activities, where children must understand the importance of Torah and Mitzvot, where they learn about and feel the beauty of our Jewish history and tradition, where our secular program provides a variety of intellectual, artistic and physical experiences, and where children develop the skills necessary for life-long learning.

I look forward to a year in which the best advertisement for our school will be children who are challenged to learn, who are proud to be Jewish, and who will reflect Judaic values.

## For The Record

by Norman Olshansky  
Regional Director  
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Hoodlums and terrorists should be treated as such. We have known for many years that one of the most effective deterrents to terrorism and extremism, especially from groups such as the Klan and the neo-Nazis, is swift, effective and proper prosecution. Good law enforcement is the best way to deal with criminals.

With this in mind, the ADL, which has been concerned over the growth of Klan and other extremist paramilitary camps, drafted model legislation for consideration and introduction in state legislatures around the country. Our model bill recently became law in North Carolina and Connecticut and is being considered in the legislatures of several other states. Discussions with high government and law enforcement officials in Virginia are currently underway for possible introduction when the General Assembly convenes in January,

1982. The model statute makes it a felony to teach or demonstrate the use of explosives, firearms, incendiary devices or other weapons with the intent to use them for creating or furthering a civil disorder, destruction of property or injury to other people.

The law, which goes into effect October 1, 1981 in North Carolina, will deal with groups no matter what their political persuasion, far left or right. However, the genesis of this bill, the fact that in North Carolina the only opposition came from the Klan and the attendant publicity it has generated ... should be a clear warning to racists and anti-Semitic extremists; that they are not welcome and that their lawlessness will not be tolerated.

For more information about Klan and neo-Nazi paramilitary camps and effective counteraction, contact your regional office of the Anti-Defamation League at 3311 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230, or call (804) 355-2884.

## IN MEMORY

My seventeen year old grand-daughter, Teri Sadoff, wrote this upon the death of her grandfather, Sam Sadoff.

—Sylvia Sadoff

### FROM THE HEART

One last look at the world and one person will never forget him. He'll regret leaving it (LIFE), Loved Ones.

We'll always remember, individualize that one dead person, remembering the life, and what they were all about.

Getting up early to meet the sun, earning money for his loved ones, and now he may rest. He's there with his CREATOR, back to where he originally started, sanctuary.

We should be happy that we all had the joy of sharing his life with him. He's now in a better world, THE HEAVENS. Waiting for his family to be together again.

### PASSING

We shall pass through this world but once any good, therefore, that we can do, or any kindness that we can show to any human being, let us do it now. Let us not defer or neglect it for we shall not pass This way again.

## L'Chaim

by L. Louis Albert, ACSW, Director Federation Social Services

L'Chaim means to life; however, it is the quality of that life which is important, too. Many people know that the Jewish Federation raises money each year which is largely used to improve the quality of life in Israel. What many people do not realize is that one year ago the Federation created a Social Work Program whose purpose has been to address the quality of life for Jewish families in our community. As of this writing, more than one out of every ten families in the Jewish community have made use of social work services in one of the two defined program areas: services to older adults and services around vocational problems.

We're all well aware that Charlotte is growing rapidly as part of the Sunbelt population explosion. Older adults are increasingly choosing to retire in North Carolina for its moderate year-round climate. Younger families are moving here with the many new industries and businesses that have chosen to relocate in Charlotte. This kind of change is exciting for the Jewish community, but is not without problems. With a Jewish population of 3500, it has become almost impossible to know everyone and to develop the supports which we all need at one time or another. As the community grows we have become more and more concerned with the quality of life for Jewish families and not only with the outer trappings of growth.

Several facts may be of interest. First, our older adult population in the Jewish community represents 13-15% of the total and is growing. Like it or not, each of us must deal with physical, emotional and many times financial changes in our lives as we grow older. All too often we may find people who are cut off from others by these changes. The Federation's Social Work Program works with individual older adults and their families to talk over the situation and provide the best help available whether it be counseling, information or arranging for concrete services.

A second fact is that unemployment is on the rise and has affected the Jewish community as well as everyone else. It has become harder and harder to find an interesting and well-paid job that has some security with it. Unemployment affects newcomers, teenagers, men and women of all ages. Many people already here in Charlotte have been pressed by the hard economic times and have lost their jobs or remain in positions that do not fully utilize their abilities. Moving to a new area, looking for a job and unhappiness with a current job all cause pressures on the family and may lead to excessive stress. In the vocational area the Federation's Social Work Program offers counseling services, assistance in resume preparation and development of job hunting skills, and a job bank to help make connections with potential employers.

The Federation's Department of Social Services is here for your own benefit and use in these and other areas of need which may develop. I encourage each one of you to feel free to call on me as needed, to share your thoughts and ideas on the program or just to say hello. All contacts are on a private and completely confidential basis. The Department of Social Services is located in the JCC building and the telephone number is 366-0357.

### ATTENTION EMPLOYERS

As part of its JOB BANK service the Federation's Department of Social Services is looking for employers who have or know of openings in the following areas:

TEXTILES (sales and management), ADVERTISING AND COMMERCIAL ART, INDOOR/OUTDOOR PAINTING, RETAIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR TRAINEE, BANKING, OFFICE MANAGEMENT.

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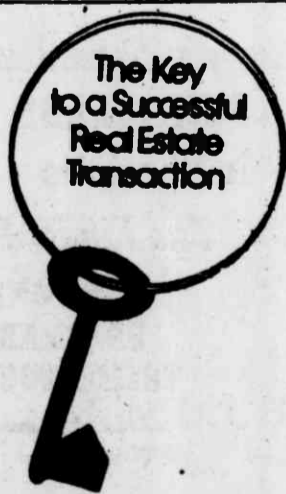
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