

L'Chaim

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

This month marks the beginning of a new feature for the Federation's Department of Social Services. Each day we read in the newspaper of increasing unemployment and how it is affecting larger and larger numbers of white collar workers. Even members of the Charlotte Jewish community have been hurt by the changes in the economy. A part of the Federation's social services program is geared towards helping the unemployed person in finding work. By contacting employers throughout Charlotte we attempt to find out about available openings. This is the Job Bank part of the program handled by Janice Willett during her twelve hours per week. As another way of assisting people we will now be publishing a monthly list describing people who are looking for work. We ask that if your company has an appropriate opening for a qualified person from the list or if you have heard of openings with other businesses, Jewish or non-Jewish, please contact Louis Albert or Janice Willett at the Federation office at 366-0358. In this way we can bring qualified employees together with businesses that have appropriate openings. Your cooperation is essential in order for this to be effective.

Upper level management in credit and finance plan management. Formerly with a Fortune 500 company. Speaks Spanish. Excellent work history. BA in business administration. Willing to travel/relocate. Appreciates active/demanding schedule.

CPA, MBA-management. Experience as a controller/division administrator for a large firm. Work history includes being an EDP auditor, systems analyst, consultant in accounting and computer systems to small/medium sized business, and management in textile industry.

Seeking position as planner in large general surgical hospital. AB-psychology, MHA-hospital administration. Experience in facilities, program and strategic planning, all stages of health care delivery and levels of health care. Possesses exceptional conceptual and communications skills. Willing to relocate.

BS & MS in psychology. Presently practicing family therapy including counseling, testing, program development, public relations and training of college practicum students. Prior experience in vocational counseling, institutional work, group therapy as well as serving families, couples, single parents and adolescents with individual counseling.

Sixteen years as owner/manager of restaurant supply company. Skilled in planning, design and analysis of food and service operations. Qualified consultant, willing to travel.

Architectural draftsman/illustrator. Specializes in renderings and architectural presentations. Russian immigrant with an equivalent MS in his field. Total 14 years experience in Russia. Excellent presentation & portfolio.

BA-sociology. Graduated cum laude. Looking for administrative/management position in human services. Extensive work in organization and administration of volunteer programs. Experience as a research assistant and as a peer counselor. Specialized training in leadership & volunteer administration.

BA-math education. Currently working on AA in computer science (gpa 4.0) 3 years as an insurance rater rising to rater II level. Previous experience in retail sales, administrative assistant and dispatcher. Cobol/CICS, RPG II/basic languages.

MS-administrative supervision, BS-elementary education. Junior college skills include business, secretarial & accounting skills. Presently seeking a psychology degree. Seven years teaching experience in early child elementary. Involved in volunteer/social service organizations.

Bookkeeper with extensive experience in accounts payable/receivable, double entry, denturion computer input of invoices, general ledger, invoicing, trial balance, and cash projection. Solid work history.

Previously a regional office manager for a retail/health related center with advertising, payroll, sales and administrative duties. Prior experience as sales manager, department head, buyer for large retail concerns. Seeking position as office manager.

High school graduate seeking part time receptionist or day care for children position. Enjoys meeting the public and working with children. Extremely reliable and conscientious.

BBA-accounting. Former president of company with \$3,000,000 (plus) sales and a profitability level after two years. Innovative and aggressive manager in manufacturing and marketing of textile products. Extensive experience as a director of production operations for company employing over 300 with sales of \$15,000,000 (plus). Seeking mid to upper level management position depending on company size.

Camp Is Laughter

By Adam Bernstein

The 1982 version of the Jewish Community Center's summer day camp can be summed up in three simple statements: camp is laughter, camp is Cary, and most of all, camp is organized chaos. You need only sit in on a day of camp, as I did recently, to understand.

Laughter comes as naturally to the children as the sweat on their brows from the summer heat. It can be heard echoing from the locker rooms, from the playground, from the pools, and it is a tell-tale sign that the atmosphere created in camp is one of total enjoyment.

Cary, or Cary B as she is commonly referred to by her staff and campers alike, is Cary Bernstein, the JCC's Director of Youth Services. She is also known as the Queen "B," "Captain" Cary, or in official terms the head of the camp. To her counselors Cary is a respected leader with an often caustically sarcastic sense of humor. Her eyes, which are so vividly blue that you might suspect some of the pool's turquoise water seeped into them from the many dunkings she received at the hands of her staff, mirror her personality. They glimmer with both pride and enjoyment at the sight of a drama class' production of "Robin Hood." Later they flash disdain and utter disapproval at a counselor who unthinkingly munches on a bagel in front of a herd of campers.

The children have a blast. "Children are chaos," Cary said. "But a lot of the success at camp is spontaneity and doing things at the moment. Camp is supposed to be a relaxed, fun time. So if you say that organized chaos is what it is, that's true; it is organized chaos."

Much of the most successful activities for the children are those that are born on the spur of the moment. You have to pick up on the spontaneous things and run with them. But Cary emphasized that the important thing is that the activities though they sometimes bear resemblance to battle scenes, are organized. "When it's not organized, that's when



"Small" cookout for "Smallfry" campers.

Photo/Cary Bernstein

you get into trouble," she said.

Cary is quick to point out that the major source of this spontaneous behavior and its consequent positive, light-hearted effect on the camp's atmosphere is her collection of creative staff members. "Camp is your staff. If you've got a good staff, you've got a good camp. And we have an excellent staff," she said. "They are all, without exception, outstanding. They're great for the kids, they're creative, they're spontaneous — they're just wonderful."

Indeed, this summer's day camp is a product of its staff's talents and collective imaginations. The tone of the day's events is dictated completely by the counselors and their enthusiasm, their concern and sense of responsibility for each individual camper, their creativity, and their ever-present wild senses of humor.

The result is a fun, circus-like atmosphere, one where a regimented schedule of events would be about as natural as a palm tree on an Alaskan tundra.

A day at the camp is not recalled in terms of what was done where and at what time, but rather in memories of

certain scenes or noises — a child's face, a pattern on a bathing suit, or the taste of a grape drink.

Arrival at camp in the morning is a splash of colors on little bodies. Several clumps of children are spread across the upper parking lot, each encircling a counselor. Cary barks sporadic orders: "Okay K No.2. Let's Go!" while a kindergartner peers into another's bag and exclaims "Oh my God, you've got a lot of stuff in your bag."

Day-opening ceremonies begin with the recital of both the Sh'ma and the Pledge of Allegiance. It takes six campers to hold up the American and Israeli flags before the group. A collection of responsive chants is led by a loud, excited counselor who weaves in and out of the group yelling variations of the phrase "When I say —, you say —." The children, with days of obvious practice under their belts, reply to each command with drill-team accuracy; if he says "breakdown," the campers let out a collective grunt; if he says "sizzle," the campers hiss like snakes; if he says "Disco down," the campers dance and toot like

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