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Temple Israel Votes "Yes"

"The vote is almost 3 to 1 in favor."

As President Jerry Levin spoke those historic words the crowded I.D. Blumenthal Hall broke into applause. The membership of Temple Israel had just approved the Joint Venture Agreements and agreed to full participant status in the community Project.

The vote was the culmination of several hours of discussion and exchange of ideas. A cross section of Temple membership expressed their ideas on both sides of the issue. Those speaking varied in age, length of residence in Charlotte and degree of Temple participation. But, as one gentleman put it, each of them was "a member and a Jew." Though opinion and feelings were voiced both pro and con, it was clear that each speaker chose his or her words carefully in order to preserve the sense of family unity so inherent in the Temple.

With this vote, all of the

participating institutions have now indicated acceptance of their participation in the Project. Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, The JCC, The Hebrew Academy and the Federation have been bonded together by their membership and encouraged to complete the tasks involved in bringing the Project to fruition.

In the words of Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel, "This is the time; this is the moment. Let's do it!"

A Word From Harry Swimmer

One look at the total and at the bricks and you know what those of us working on the campaign have known all along - we are going to go over the top!

The overwhelmingly positive vote at Temple Israel has led to an increased out-pouring of pledges. If we have a problem, it is getting to personally see everyone, because everyone deserves to be seen, solicited and thanked.

If you are one of those special people who want to



In a jubilant mood the Presidents of the participating institutions from left to right; Bob Abel (JCC), Herman Blumenthal (Foundation), Jerry Levin (Temple Israel), Mark Perlin (Temple Beth El) and Bob Bernhardt (Hebrew Academy).

give and haven't as yet been called - call us. I will guarantee one of the volunteers will be made available no matter how busy our schedule.

All our volunteers can feel the excitement in the air. Can you imagine how it feels to talk about giving to an enthusiastic prospect. When you give willingly and generously you give

more than dollars, you give a shot of adrenalin to a volunteer and that volunteer goes on to the next prospect with even greater enthusiasm. How you give really makes the difference, and you have been making the difference - thanks!

Two new volunteers have also made a tremendous difference this past month.

There is just a mountain of details in a campaign of this size. Cary Bernstein and Sara Schreiber have taken that mountain and cut it down to manageable size. We couldn't function without them.

Working together we will and we are making Charlotte the most outstanding Jewish community anywhere!

Israel Bonds Honor Morris Speizman

Morris Speizman, a leader in the civic, communal and Jewish life of Charlotte, will receive the Israel Humanitarian Award at a dinner, under the auspices of the Charlotte State of Israel Bond Committee, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on Sunday evening, October 24; at 6 p.m. This outstanding event was announced by Sam Lerner, dinner chairperson.

Mr. Speizman, Chairman of the Board of Speizman Industries, Inc., serves on a number of state, regional and local boards, including Governor Hunt's Goal and Policy Board. He is an honorary Life President of Temple Israel and has served as Vice President of the United Synagogues of America and President of the World Council of Synagogues.

He has given devoted service as President of the Mint Museum of Art; as Chairman of the Board of Mercy Hospital; and as President of the Charlotte United Jewish Appeal, and has been an active participant of the State of Israel Bond campaign



Morris Speizman

since its inception, serving a term as Chairman of the State of Israel Bond Committee for North Carolina.

The Dinner "marks a unique opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding leader, and at the same time, to help Israel's economic development," said Mr. Lerner, who added "Friends of Israel in Charlotte understand that Israel needs the low cost investment dollar, mobilized through the sale of Bonds, to help it deal with the new economic challenge that confronts it in the light of recent Middle East events."

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Celebration of Jewish Life

An exhibit of photographs is coming to Temple Beth El on Friday evening, October 15 and will be on display at Beth El for two weeks. Dr. Louis Schmier of Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia will be scholar-in-residence that weekend and will speak about the photos and their message in Jewish life in the South. Dr. Schmier is the son-in-law of Geri and Dan Litwak.

In addition to Friday, Dr. Schmier will speak from the pulpit Saturday morning at Temple Israel. Saturday afternoon (3 pm) at Temple Beth El he will lead a workshop on preserving family memorabilia. Sunday morning (10 am), sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Beth El, Dr. Schmier will deliver a major address entitled "Yes, Virginia, there are Jews in the South."

After speaking he will conduct a guided tour of the exhibit.

The Following Is An Intro To The Exhibit

This is the first photographic exhibit of its kind in the South. About

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Joint AJE Institute

"You can't just build buildings, you have to build people."
Abe Luski

Building people and building community, those have been the tasks of Track II, the unique project created and chaired by Abe Luski. Track II has brought together people from every aspect of organized Jewish life. As appointees of the institutions and organizations, the Track II delegates have met in sub-groups around shared interests in aspects of community life.

The first of these aspects was Adult Jewish Education. More than 27 delegates met to discuss their ideas on the needs and ways to get people involved in learning about their Judaism. The process took almost 2 years. Now the members of the Jewish community are about to reap the fruits of that process.

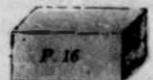
For all too many of us, our Jewish education consisted of driving teachers crazy. As a result, at best, all we know are disconnected bits of information about ourselves as Jews.

Track II decided the time was ripe for a special series of classes designed to help people make the connections, to become comfortable in temple, at home, on holidays and festivals, at family events, with friends and, above all, with their children.

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