

## Editorial

### Anybody Can Be A Writer

Several people have approached me recently inquiring why we do not have a column devoted to engagements/marriages/births/get-well wishes/special anniversaries/deaths. Since the "CJN" staff is limited primarily to the editors, this would become an additional onus for them. We would be more than happy to initiate such a column if one or several of our readers would volunteer to write it. Unfortunately, we get very little correspondence, even for the much read "This 'n That" column which I do monthly by gleaning it from every niche that I can. I know that many of you have items which are of interest and could be contributed to it.

The same difficulty prevails when the "Salute to the Graduates" is done. This year you will note that there are a goodly number, but only 4 parents wrote to us about their children. This information, too, was "scrounged" from every conceivable area. Several students graciously became my "spies." A special thank you goes to Cheryl Jankowitz, Lisa Adelman, and my daughter, Jodi Mond for this.

We have always given our readers the opportunity to "speak out," but alas, our "Across the Editors' Desks" has not appeared in several months. Don't tell Ann or me your ideas, criticism, etc. when you see us at Temple, at the grocery store, at a Mitzvah, etc. -----WRITE! Anybody can be a writer....basic tools needed are paper and typewriter, ideas, and maybe sometimes a little "chutzpah."

"The Charlotte Jewish News" has grown a great deal in the 4½ years of its existence and we sincerely hope that it will continue to do so. We can only do this with your help. If you have a few free hours a month and would like to do some reporting, editing, proofreading, lay-out, advertising, etc., let us know. We'll be happy to put you to work. We'll even train you. We proudly welcome Blanche Yarus to our staff this month.

Ann joins me in wishing ya'll a nice summer. Our next issue will be in August (remember deadline for it is July 5).

— Rita Mond

## Spotlighting Federation

By Richard A. Klein

Are you ready for that long-awaited, overdue visit to Israel?

If so, your Federation is prepared to provide you with details on the best ways to see the country. You would visit many of the most important sites, meet top government and military officials, enjoy first-class accommodations and experience the best guides available.

United Jewish Appeal missions are the single best way to see Israel, and they are financially affordable. There are missions for couples, singles, families and professionals scheduled through-

out the year.

Charlotte is discovering UJA missions. In 1980, no one from our community was on a mission. By 1981, two people went. And, in 1982, four local people traveled to Israel on missions.

Happily, we are now projecting that at least 18 people from our community will go on missions in 1983. Fourteen have already gone. Two others were given a special UJA tour on their arrival in Israel.

Almost everyone to date has managed to pay his own way on these missions. The costs generally run between \$1600-\$2000 per person, depending on time of year and length of stay.



A few people have taken advantage of a one-time Federation offer to amortize payments. A smaller, but financially significant number have requested partial subsidies.

Your Federation's finance and budget committee has set aside a limited amount of money for subsidies. Here is the procedure for subsidy consideration for those who apply to go to Israel on Federation-related trips:

1. Applications should be made at least 60 days prior to the mission or convention.

2. Submission should be in writing to the Federation's Executive Committee, Charlotte Jewish Federation, P.O. Box 220188, Charlotte, NC 28222.

3. Only UJA approved missions will be considered and qualify for subsidies.

4. The Federation's Executive Committee will recommend on requests directly to the Federation Board if funds are available in the budget.

5. When funds are not available, the Executive Committee will recommend to the allocations committee special consideration before presenting the request to the Board.

Your Federation has more details ready to share with you:

- Pamphlets and literature telling more about missions

- A videotape of a recent mission

- Names of individuals who have been on missions and can share personal insights

- Dates and information about upcoming missions

Please call Marvin Bienstock at 366-0358—and let's see how to get you to Israel in 1983!

## Remarks By T.L. Odom At Holocaust Square "Yom Hashoa"

On this solemn occasion I bring you the greetings of the people of Mecklenburg County.

It is not only appropriate but also mandatory that we remember the Holocaust, when 11 million people, 6 million of them Jewish, were murdered by the Nazis of Germany. It was the most horrible tragedy in the history of mankind.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the survivors among us who suffered and lost members of their families.

We mourn the millions who lost their lives. Among them there could have been future Albert Einsteins, Sigmund Freuds, and Jonas Salks. So, in consequence, all of mankind suffered an immense loss.

We condemn those misguided individuals who say it was all a fiction, and we condemn those who misuse the words "Holocaust" and "Genocide" to describe incomparable minor events.

We shall all pledge to keep the memories of the Holocaust alive because of the monumentally important lessons for mankind and its governments.

Those lessons are:

First, to remind governments that humanity and compassion require that they come to the rescue of and furnish a place of refuge for those whose lives are threatened. When the Holocaust was in the offing, millions could have been rescued, but the

governments, except for small exceptions, turned their backs. There was no place of refuge.

The second lesson is paramount. The Holocaust was an incredible event. Germany was a land of music, art, culture, science, universities and churches. Yet its government committed the most uncivilized acts since the dawn of man. So it can happen and it did happen in our days. People cannot and should not stand by and permit others to be oppressed and killed.

A sage once said: "All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing."

Pastor Martin Niemoller, the famous German theologian, put it best when he said:

"First the Nazis went after the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I did not object. Then they went after the Catholics, but I was not a Catholic, so I did not object. Then they went after the trade-unionists, but I was not a trade-unionist, so I did not object. Then they came after me, and there was no one left to object."

So the admonitions of the past are clear. Let us pledge to constantly remember the Holocaust, its victims, and its important lessons for mankind. And above all let us remember in the words of the Holy Scriptures: "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and that all of us are "our brother's keeper."

THE JEWISH NEWS encourages its readers to submit articles and letters expressing their opinions on matters of interest to the Jewish community. Such submissions should be typed and double-spaced. They may be edited in order to fit the available space. Mail to CJN-P.O. Box 220188, Charlotte, N.C. 28222.

### The Jewish Calendar

#### CANDLELIGHTING



June 3 - 8:34 p.m.  
June 10 - 8:38 p.m.  
June 17 - 8:40 p.m.  
June 24 - 8:42 p.m.  
July 1 - 8:42 p.m.  
July 8 - 8:41 p.m.  
July 15 - 8:39 p.m.  
July 22 - 8:35 p.m.  
July 29 - 8:30 p.m.