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Youth Build Bridge From Old To New

The Jewish youth of Charlotte (shown are representatives from Temple Israel) spent Sunday, Oct. 16, in the hard and dirty task of cleaning used bricks. The bricks were all that remained of the Jewish Community Center building after the tragic fire.

The cleaned bricks, more than 600 of them, were offered for sale in return for donations to the new community project. The total dollars raised will remain a closely guarded secret until it is presented to the Foundation at an upcoming

groundbreaking.

The bricks were symbolically sold. The actual ones will be used in the construction of the new facility.

In other developments on the Project, the final steps of rezoning a portion of the property and of obtaining final signatures on the Joint Venture Agreement are in the process of completion. Bids for the clearing and preparation of the site are being gathered.

A community-wide groundbreaking celebration is scheduled for early December.

Community Project Wins Schroeder Award

The National Council of Jewish Federations has honored the Charlotte Community Project with the highest award for achievement in Jewish programming and planning - the William J. Schroeder award. The coveted award will be presented Saturday evening, Nov. 20, in Atlanta at the General Assembly before more than 3,000 delegates from Jewish communities across the nation and the world, including some 25 Charlotte Jewish leaders.

Accepting for Charlotte will be Mark Bernstein, vice president of the Foundation and Marvin Bienstock, executive director of both the Federation and the Foundation. Mr. Bernstein was chosen to accept because he was one of the original conceivers of the idea of a Community Project in 1960. From 1978 to the present, Mr. Bernstein has served as legal counsel to the Council of Presidents in the

drafting of the more than 75 pages of documentation which provides the framework and the structure on which the Project is based.

Each year, three cities are given the Schroeder award - a large city, an intermediate sized city and a small city (under 5,000 Jewish population). The awards have always been made in this descending order of size. In recognition of the national significance of the Project, this year, for the first time, Charlotte will be honored first.

Bobbi Bernstein, Allan Oxman and Harry Lerner will also be honored at the prestigious five-day event. Mr. Oxman is the recipient of a national Youth Leadership Award for community service while Mr. Lerner is chairperson for programs for Small Cities which will offer over 30 seminars, discussions and programs for small city delegates. Mrs. Bernstein will be

elected to a two-year term on the National Council of Jewish Federations Board of Directors. She is currently serving as chairperson for the Women's Division campaign, chairperson of the Social Services Committee and secretary of the Charlotte Jewish Federation Board of Directors.

Delegates from Charlotte to the GA will be involved in an intensive five days of programs beginning each morning with breakfast meetings and lasting far into each night. Every aspect of Jewish life will be addressed including Jewish education, Federation-Synagogue relations, leadership development, fundraising, and the special needs of the Jewish family.

The GA is the single largest annual gathering of Jewish leadership from across all Jewish organizations and institutions.

(See page 12 for more on the GA.)

Swim and Tennis Teams Honored

The annual JCC sports banquet was held on October 23 at Temple Beth El to honor the members of the swim and tennis teams. Everyone enjoyed their meal and a slide presentation of the swim team.

Swim Team Awards

The JCC Swim Team, under the direction of Coach Marla Shapiro and assistant coach Jered Mond, had a successful season. The team finished with a 3-3 record in dual meets and fourth place finish in the final League Meet. The team was also honored by being the recipient of the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club's Spirit Award, presented each year to that team which exhibits superior team spirit and good sportsmanship.

The Robert Musler Memorial Award (in recognition of the person who has contributed the most to the team: leadership, spirit and effort) was presented to Jodi Mond. The overall Team Spirit and Effort Award went to Amy Bernhardt. Most Valuable Swimmer went to two of the swimmers: Alexis Lerner and Craig Besnoy. Michelle Quinn and Phillip Bernhardt were named as the Most Improved Swimmers of the season.

Awards as "Most Valuable Swimmers" based on their point standing were given to the following swimmers: 8 and



Jodi Mond

under, Ruthie Abel and Chris Tritten; 9-10, Abby Weisman and Phillip Rosenfeld; 11-12, Kelly Thyer and Scott Crago; 13-14, Amy Bernhardt and David Rosenfeld; 15-18, Lisa Josephson and Jeff Shapiro.

The "Team Spirit and Effort" age group awards went to the following: 8 and under, Tate Alvarez and Steven Rousak; 9-10, Carrie Lambert and John Crescitelli; 11-12, Stephanie Davis and Richard Rosenfeld; 13-14, Julie Thyer and Tom Tritten; 15-18, Shelly Shuman and Evin Somerstein.

Special awards were presented to Kevin Tritten, Danny Thyer, David Fox, Richard Rosenfeld and Scott Crago for their participation in two 11 and 12 relays that remained undefeated

throughout the season and won first place in the League Relay Meet.

Marilyn Shapiro received a special award for her dedicated service to the swim team for the past twenty-one years.

Tennis Team Awards

Tracy Harper, the JCC Tennis Team coach, reported that the Junior Queen City Tennis League final match was played on July 26. The boys placed third with two points away from being number one and the girls tied for fifth place in division two.

At the banquet three dif-

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"Song of Radauti:" Documents Jewish Tradition and Culture

SONG OF RADAUTI takes a look at the religious commitment, the communal solidarity and the richly intricate lives of the elderly Jews living in Radauti, Romania. This black and white film, airing Nov. 14 on WTVM from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., presents a lifestyle and culture that may soon be extinct in this region of northern Bukovina.

On a 1974 Fulbright Fellowship, producer Laurence Salzman visited Romania to record Jewish folklore. In Radauti, one of the region's liveliest peasant communities, he found a small group of aging Jews doggedly and poignantly clinging to their ancient beliefs and traditions as their numbers grow smaller each year.

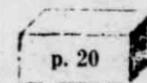
Jews initially came to Radauti in the 16th century as traders and merchants. The community grew until the deportation of the Jews by Hitler's Germany in 1941. The few who survived the Holocaust soon found the new communist rules prohibiting private enterprise distressing. Today, many of their sons and daughters are moving to Israel to seek better opportunities and freedom. Some of the elderly Jews have followed, but others are too old and poor to do so.

In 1974 there were only 230 Jews still living in Radauti. At the heart of the community is the monumental synagogue and its Rabbi, Josif Tirnauer.

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