



NEW YORK — ABC-TV journalist Barbara Walters accepts the B'nai B'rith Women Perlman Award for paving the way for women in the field of broadcast journalism. BBW past president Anita Perlman, at left, for whom the award was named, told delegates to the organization's international convention at the N.Y. Hilton that "at a time when B'nai B'rith Women were pioneering in efforts to achieve equality for women, in an era when women of spirit are reaching for greater vistas of personal self-fulfillment, Barbara Walters, a larger-than-life figure, and an inspiration to millions of women, proved it could be done." At center is Dorothy Binstock, international president of BBW. Photo by Robert Cumins.

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try heard from speakers such as Senator Rudy Boschwitz, Senator Carl Levin, Representative Albert Gore Jr., Marshall Brager, Special Assistant to the President, Representative Jack Kemp, Senator Christopher Dodd, President Ronald Reagan.

The feeling of being with 2,000 men and women who are committed Jews, knowledgeable people and effective lobbyist is one of comradeship, family and a heightened awareness of what our responsibilities are as American Jews.

Monday night SAFAM performed for 2½ hours. One had the option of sitting and listening to this Jewish rock group whose songs dealt with Jewish issues. But one couldn't sit; 2,000 brothers and sisters danced, hugged and swayed to each new piece. The feeling in the ballroom was one of strong identification with our Jewish heritage and a tremendous sense of belonging.

We were 2,000 strong and we were heard. We addressed major issues concerning world Jewry. We shared ideas and ideals. We are 14 from Charlotte who want to share with you the issues and ideals we must all strive for.

• You don't need a law degree! You don't need a P.H. D. in political science! All you need is a commitment, a voice, and a place to be heard. The conference in Washington was designed to give us just that. Two thousand Jews gathered together with one focus, to become informed and involved with the issues important to Jews in America. Knowledge of the issues was shared easily throughout the many workshops and plenaries hosted by some of the most respected people in American politics and Israel. Senators, congressman, White House personnel, The Ambassador from Israel and even the President of the United States came to share with us along with two thousand young Jewish leaders from communities all over the country. Apprehension was quickly replaced by the realization that as American Jews we do have a voice and it must be heard.

With a renewed sense of

pride and a heightened awareness of the issues our delegation arrived on Capitol Hill to meet with Congressman Martin's aid. We did not go to debate but to educate. From there we had an appointment with Senator Jessie Helms. Navigating the labyrinth of tunnels and the underground subway under the Capitol building to the Senate offices only added to the excitement. Our group was simply a delegation of young Jewish leaders with something to say and our representatives were there to listen. We met with Senator Helms at the Agricultural Committee conference room where we sat at a table bearing the name plates of several of those senators that we had listened to and met with the day before. As a delegation of twenty American Jews from North Carolina, committed to the State of Israel we informed our Senator where we stood on the issues. I realized then that I was a LOBBYIST. The Capitol is not a concrete monument to politics it is a place where our representatives make the decisions that effect us all. We do belong there, we can be heard.

**Community Calendar**

Courtesy of Charlotte Chapter BBW

APRIL 1984

- 1 - Club 23 Meeting  
BB Lodge Arthur Goodman Party
- 4 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Installation luncheon
- 5 - JCC Passover Workshop  
JCC Evening Drama Performance
- 8 - JCC Bicycle Rally
- 9 - Hadassah Board Meeting  
Chai Meeting  
JCC Board Meeting  
Federation Executive Committee
- 10 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Board Meeting  
Ha Lailah BBW Board Meeting
- 12 - Jewish Social Services Meeting
- 15 - Club 46 Meeting
- 18 - Hadassah Meeting  
Hebrew Academy Board Meeting  
ORT Meeting
- 19 - BB Lodge Meeting
- 22 - BB Lodge Installation Brunch
- 24 - JCC Membership Meeting
- 25 - Federation Women's Division
- 26 - Avodah Council Meeting
- 27 - USY Service
- 28 - JCC Cabaret
- 29 - Yom Ha Shoa - Holocaust Remembrance Service
- 30 - Chai Meeting

If you want your events on community calendar contact Vicki Hopkins at 554-1324. Please remember to clear all dates.

**Bar/Bat Mitzvahs**



Temple Beth El

April 14 - Renee Pesakoff daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pesakoff

Temple Israel

April 7 - Scott Shapiro, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Shapiro  
April 28 - Scott Silverstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Silverstein

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