

# This 'n That

Richard A. Klein has been reappointed to the United Jewish Appeal's National Young Leadership Cabinet Executive Committee. His Cabinet portfolio will be World Jewry, representing UJA's Region 3, serving most of the South. Richard was previously head of the Cabinet's Judaica Committee. He will cochair the Southern Regional Mission to Israel, March 3-13, 1985, being responsible for recruiting and organizing the Mission in cities throughout the Southeast, except Florida. UJA also appointed him to serve as a volunteer UJA representative to Asheville.

Doris (Mrs. Phil) Widis was recently honored by Ivey's, by being inducted into their Hall-of-Fame of professional Selling Club members. Doris also has been, for the past eight years, one of their top 100 producers for the whole Ivey chain, this year being number eight.

Fourteen Charlotte-Mecklenburg students won prizes in the annual science competition sponsored by the District III chapter of the N.C. Student Academy of Science. Among them was Ronald Malin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Malin, a student at McClintock Junior High. He won the blue award (second highest) in biological science.

Keely Francis was recognized for her fundraising efforts in the fourth annual Great National Jewish Read-In, a contest held to benefit the Jewish Braille Institute of America Inc. In the contest, sponsors pledged contributions to the organization, which provides services for the visually impaired, for each book read during a four-week period last fall. Keely, who attends Temple Beth El, was one of 72 prize winners from across the country.

Thirty-six rising Juniors and Seniors in Mecklenburg County will be attending Governors School (6-week summer school program for gifted and talented students at two locations). Those attending at Laurinburg are: Adam Cohen, son of Ruth Cohen and Mel Cohen, a rising senior at Eat Mecklenburg High, in the field of art; Zach Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coleman, a rising junior at Myers Park High, in the field of mathematics. At Winston-Salem: Matthew Kodsi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kodsi, a rising junior at East Mecklenburg High, in the field of drama.

Dr. Mark Perlin has recently been appointed to the national MUM committee of the UAHC, which is charged with the responsibility of assuring that member congregations pay their fair contributions to the UAHC.

Stephanie (Mrs. Alec) Felder took second place in the Charlotte Writers Club short-story contest.

Lisa Perlin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Perlin, has been inducted into the National Honor Society at East Mecklenburg High. She was also the #1 junior at East Meck in scores on the National Math Exam, scoring in the top 1% of the state.

David Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, an eighth grader at J.T. Williams Jr. High, topped 800 junior high school students in the UNCC math competition.

"Honorable Mensch" of this month is Erick Sandor. He has been tutoring illiterates in the community.

Not previously mentioned for making the fall semester dean's list are: Laurie Behar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Behar, at Appalachian State U.; Jeffrey Lebold, son of Mrs. Selma Lebold, at North Carolina State U.

Amy Bernhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernhardt, a Senior Girl Scout, has been elected to the board of directors of the Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council.

Betsy Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Polk, has been elected president of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth. MAFTY encompasses the states of N.C., Va., Md., Del., and Washington, D.C.

Sandy Hessberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hessberg, was recently recognized by DECA for her scholastic achievement and her participation in DECA with a \$50 bond.

Daniel Gottlieb is one of two new curators at the Mint Museum of Art. He's a painter and photographer with a BFA from State U. of N.Y. at Buffalo. He comes to Charlotte from San Diego's Natural History Museum where he was acting chairman of exhibitions. He will be the Curator of Exhibitions at the Mint.

Scott Meltsner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Meltsner, was elected President of the Student Council of Charlotte Country Day School. Scott was elected in abstentia when he was in France on a program called School Year Board.

Walter J. Klein has been elected to four offices in the national religious community: President of the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati; Board of Trustees of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations; national Board of Directors of National Conference of Christians and Jews (new four-year term).

Mark Lewis, son of Betsy Lewis, a sophomore at East Mecklenburg High School, was a fourth-place award winner in the national Duracell Scholarship Competition.

He built a device, a "Galium Arsenide Laser," which could be used for communications, signalling, simulated weapons practice and other optical experiments.

The competition was sponsored by Duracell Inc. and endorsed by the National Science Teachers Association.

His was one of 25 fourth-place awards of a \$100 gift certificate.

## Fund To Strengthen Our Jewish Education

An Education Fund which will be administered by the Federation has been established. The initial gift to the Fund was given with the avowed purpose that the resources of such a Fund "be used to better educate our community so that it might become a stronger more vital Jewish community." The purposes and uses of the Fund have not been more fully defined by the Education Fund Committee. As the Fund's resources are employed and becoming better known to the community, it is anticipated that these efforts will be a catalyst for others to contribute to the Fund.

In the past year, there have been grants to local Jewish educators to improve their knowledge and skills by attending workshops and seminars out of Charlotte. The videotape series "Witness to Holocaust" has been purchased for the J. Murray Atkins Library of UNC at Charlotte and will be used on a regular basis by faculty such as Dr. Susan Cernyak Spatz. The videotape will be available not only to all of the local school systems but also to any local citizen that has a UNCC library card.

The Fund might be used in the future not only to encourage our Jewish educators to improve their abilities through seminars and studies but Jewish educators, writers and speakers can be invited to our community. In the past, opportunities to bring noted Jewish spokesmen to the community have failed because of the lack of funds and the uncertainty of recouping the investment necessary to attract well-known and well regarded personalities.

It is not intended that such programs would compete with any existing programs but rather that they supplement the existing programs. Significant benefits to the entire community could be derived if such programs were successful in making our Jewish residents become more cognizant of their Jewish heritage and hopefully more involved in the institutions to which they belong. Those with no affiliation may desire to affiliate but if they choose not to affiliate with the sponsoring organization such programming offers another opportunity to reach out to those unaffiliated in our community.

Leadership training can be enhanced with name personalities if this is what is required to make a leadership training program more successful. A successful leadership program would be well worth the investment to this community.

It is certainly anticipated that the success and visibility of the Fund in future programs will attract additional support that will be added to the initial contributions.

If you are interested in serving on the committee and helping to frame some of the programs, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please call the Federation and indicate your interest.

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