

# Bulletin Board

## Temple Happenings

### Beth El

- Apr. 1 - Temple Board of Directors Meeting, 8 p.m.  
 Apr. 3 - Sisterhood Board Meeting, 10 a.m.  
 Apr. 5 - Temple Seder  
 Apr. 13 - Sisterhood Sabbath  
 Apr. 24 - Religious School Board Meeting 8 p.m.  
 Apr. 26 - MAFTY Spring Conclave (thru Apr. 28)

Sabbath Eve Services each Friday, 8 p.m.; Sabbath Morning Study/Worship Services each Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

### Israel

- Apr. 10 - Sisterhood Meeting  
 Apr. 14 - Men's Club Breakfast  
 Apr. 21 - Holocaust Service  
 Apr. 23 - Sisterhood Board Meeting  
 Apr. 28 - Seder Breakfast — Israel Independence Day

## Yiddish Vinkl

The Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl recently celebrated its first year with a large and loyal following of enthusiastic Yiddishists who meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C.

The Yiddish Vinkl offers classes in Yiddish for beginners (onfeingers), intermediates (mittel) and advanced (gor kenners), along with cultural programs featuring Yiddish music, prose and poetry, slide shows depicting East European Jewry and Jewish life and a warm atmosphere of Yiddishkeit.

Remaining meeting dates until summer break are April 10, May 8 and June 12.

If you are interested in Yiddish enrichment and need information about the Charlotte Yiddish Vinkl, call Baila Pransky at 704-366-5564.

## And you thought a HOTEL could only do PRIME RIB?

Here are some of our most elegant Banquet Selections, from hors d'Oeuvres to desserts.

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 Mushroom Caps with Snails Bourguignonne •  
 Lobster Medallions • Steak Tartare •  
 Tempura Hors d'Oeuvres

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Roast Duckling a l'Orange  
 Beef Wellington  
 Rack of Lamb

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Chocolate Cheesecake • Cherries Jubilee •

Individual Baked Alaska Flambée

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## Charlotte BB Women

### Special Olympics

It's spring and we could all use some fresh air! A wonderful way to welcome this season is by participating as a volunteer for Special Olympics. Come and experience the joy of watching the excitement in these special students and athletes on April 25 at Country Day School. Please contact Judy Miller (542-5921) or Ilene Burstein (847-7232) for more information.

### Amblyopia Screening

We have now screened nine area preschools with many more scheduled for screening. Each school has praised this

free service we are providing to the community. The screening process is very simple and requires only a few hours of your time. Training sessions will be provided to those who need it. We would love to have you join in this valuable project. Please contact Margie Liebshtein (541-1844) or Ilene Goldfischer (541-0899).

### Eyes for the Needy

Eyeglass frames are always needed for this long standing project. Frames are collected and recycled through the Lions Club. If you have old frames, please contact Betty Silver at 366-9192.

— Susan Coen

## First "Twinning" Bat Mitzvah Held At Temple Beth El

The plight of Soviet Jewry was reemphasized when Jillian Marcus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Marcus, shared her Bat Mitzvah on March 16 with Anna Paritsky, the child of Soviet Refusniks living in Kharkov. Sharing a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in abstentia is called "twinning" and Jillian's "twinning" was the first to be held at Temple Beth El.

There are several reasons for the proxy Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Refusniks are Soviet Jews who have asked to emigrate to Israel. In retaliation, the Soviet government strips them of their homes and jobs. Their children are denied schooling and the family comes under the scrutiny of the KGB.

When an American child undertakes a "twinning," she or he begins correspondence with the Russian child. For a Refusnik to receive mail from the United States indicates to Soviet authorities that these people are known outside the country. Hence, they cannot

be made to "disappear."

Besides offering Soviet Jews this small measure of protection, the letters also offer moral support. Additionally, in the United States the proxy Bar/Bat Mitzvah brings to light the situation faced by Soviet Jewry.

The Paritsky's situation is typical of that of many Refusniks. Anna's father Aleksandr was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for so-called "anti-patriotic" activity. Prior to the family's application for a visa, he was a Soviet academician.

His wife Polina was threatened with arrest by the KGB for continuing efforts to free her husband. The Paritsky children, Anna and Dorinna, have been terrorized and threatened by the KGB.

The Proxy Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is sponsored by Women's American ORT and additional information may be obtained from Marcy Mehlman, 542-2096.

If you do not see your organization or temple news in this issue, it is because it was not received. All articles are to be typed and double spaced. Photographs should be black & white and can not be returned. Deadline for May's issue is April 10.

## Yours Truly Needlepoint

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## Temple Beth El Has Successful Series of Events

The series, "Moral Issues in My Work," presented during January, February and March as part of the regular Friday evening sabbath services at Temple Beth El, struck an enthusiastic response throughout the Jewish community. Represented were the fields of law, government, journalism, medicine, business and politics. During the discussions held in Fellowship Hall following the services, congregants and guests posed some sharp questions back to the speakers. The complete program was conceived and planned by Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler and assisted by the Adult Education Committee.

On February 13, Sisterhood sponsored a luncheon in honor of the community's senior citizens. A delightful meal, planned and prepared by Ethel Gordon and her committee, was enjoyed by all. Gladys Lavitan entertained the group with eight short book reviews, presented in her inimitable style with her usual enthusiasm.

On February 23, the Sisterhood and Men's Club cosponsored a spaghetti supper and game night held at Fellowship Hall. It was a relaxed evening of good fellowship.

Saturday morning services have established themselves as a regular feature of the religious program at Temple Beth El. Commencing at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, they include the Torah reading led by Rabbi Krantzler. This is followed by an informal collation of coffee and sweets at which time a round-table reading of the Torah lesson of the week is followed with discussion. On those Saturdays when a Bar/Bat Mitzvah takes place, the service begins at 11 a.m. and replaces the group Torah discussion.

The Men's Club completed a successful series this season of "lox and bagel" breakfast discussions on February 17.

Guest speaker that Sunday morning was Wendell White, City Manager of Charlotte. This year's programs which included the community's most prominent figures in government service, were well attended and received an enthusiastic response from the Club's members, their wives, and other guests.

— Roland Heller

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