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Editorial

Times To Remember — Never To Forget

This month we will be observing three very important events in our Jewish history. The first is the holiday of Passover, which begins on the evening of April 5, at which time at the first seder, families will read the Haggadah and retell the exodus from slavery. In homes in the United States, Israel and almost every country in the civilized world, we will recline and taste at least four full cups of wine as symbols that we are free people, masters of our fate.

In Russia, there may be a few secret sederim, but they will not taste the wine of freedom or recline as free people. We will say special prayers for them.

The second observance is that of the Holocaust. Yom HaShoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is April 18. Here in Charlotte, we will have services commemorating it on April 21. There will be a noontime service at Holocaust Square on Dilworth and Morehead Streets (across from Temple Israel) and a Service of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 234 N. Sharon Amity Rd. The services are interdenominational and are being cosponsored by the Charlotte Jewish Federation and The National Conference of Christians and Jews. The keynote speaker at the evening service will be Susan Cernyak-Spatz.

It is anticipated that at least 10 religious denominations will be represented, and it is hoped that as Jews, we make every effort to attend. Six million of our Jews died during the Holocaust and five million others lost their lives during the horror of that decade. It is a time to remember, not to forget!

April 26 marks Israel Independence Day, which will be celebrated in various ways by the temples and other institutions.

May all of you have a very happy Pesach and may we all look forward to a better future, that of peace throughout the world.

GRADUATES...GRADUATES...GRADUATES

In our June/July issue it has been our policy to list all high school and college graduates in our Jewish community. This needs a great deal of cooperation from you, the parents. Kindly submit in writing your child's name, school graduating from, where she/he will be attending school next year. If she/he is a college graduate, please include what degree has been received and if education is being continued and where.

This information must be mailed c/o the Editor, "CJN", P.O. Box 13369, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, no later than May 1, 1985.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Jewish Calendar

Candlelighting

- Apr. 5 - 6:30 p.m. (First Seder Night)
- Apr. 6 - 7:39 p.m. (Second Seder Night)
- Apr. 11 - 6:35 p.m. (Seventh Eve of Pesach)
- Apr. 12 - 6:36 p.m. (Eighth Eve of Pesach)
- Apr. 19 - 6:41 p.m.
- Apr. 26 - 6:47 p.m.
- May 3 - 7:39 p.m.
- May 10 - 7:59 p.m.



From the Desk of Marty Schneer —JCC Executive Director

Based on building schedules we recently received from the general contractors, it appears that many of the JCC's outdoor facilities will be completed before Labor Day. This will include tennis courts, soccer fields, the outdoor running track and the outdoor pools. The paving of the parking lot should be finished during the spring, providing the members with access to the recreational areas. Obviously, this tentative schedule depends to a great extent on favorable weather conditions as we look forward to a Spring '86 grand opening. After all the planning and countless meetings, it is hard to believe that we are so close to reaping some of the benefits.

The Center plans to sponsor

several membership events this spring and summer to celebrate the completion of our outdoor facilities. As you may be aware, our kick-off event for the entire Jewish community will be the "Imagination Tour" on April 14 (details on the front page). I am sure that those of you who attend the "Tour" will share our tremendous excitement and sense of accomplishment.

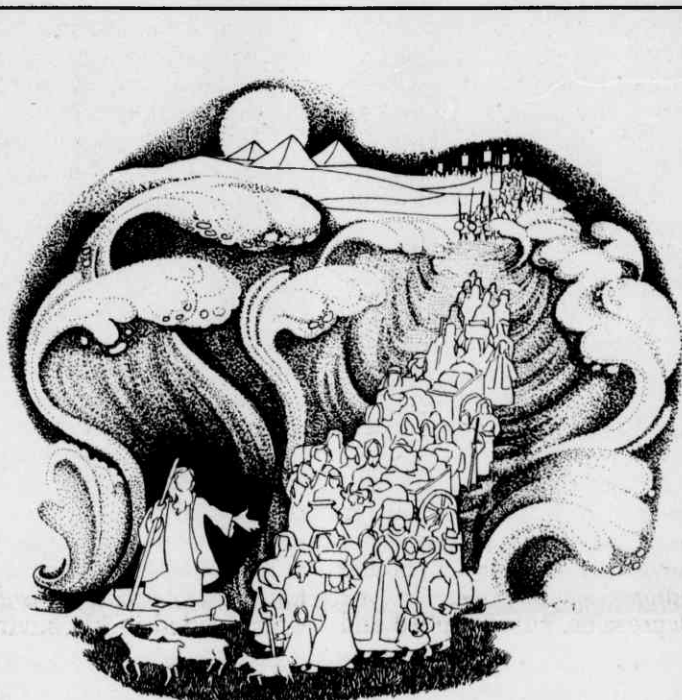
In April, the 'J' will hold three other major events including an Israel Independence Day concert by the "Galgalim" (cosponsored by the B'nai B'rith Lodge and the Federation), the Youth Maccabiah Games and a special Charlotte Symphony concert for 'J' members. We will also provide members an oppor-



tunity to view the facilities at Idlewild Olympic Club prior to its opening in the latter part of May. The management of the club has been very helpful in regard to both camp and swim team arrangements and we are confident that you will be impressed with their pool.

The JCC Annual Meeting has been scheduled immediately following the "Imagination Tour" to encourage members to hear Center leaders articulate their hopes and aspirations for the coming year. We hope that the membership will take the opportunity to speak informally and exchange ideas with those elected to set policy for the JCC. The Board has planned everything, from our Phase-In Committees to the membership survey, to yield maximum input from the community. As a voluntary institution, the Jewish Community Center is proud of its democratic structure and traditions, and at the risk of sounding like a political ad, opportunities for participation in the decision making process are available if you are willing to give of your time. Many of you indicated in your survey responses that you would be willing to volunteer at the JCC and we will contact you regarding your preferences as new committees get started in the spring. Your power to have a significant impact increases as we begin to define specific priorities for programs in the new building. We welcome your involvement at this crucial juncture.

In an effort to clearly define the role and function of JCC Board members and to enhance their skill in managing the decision making process, a Board training and orientation institute has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19. We anticipate that this orientation session will provide the impetus for the Board to hold ongoing training sessions throughout the year and to help develop a sense of common purpose and mission among Board members. A representative from the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB), the national organization of JCCs, will help lead a variety of experimental exercises and 'hands on' workshops. One of our primary goals will be to develop a 'shared vision' of the Center that we can clearly define and measure as we move forward. It is my opinion that our goals can remain lofty even as we seek to quantify our success. I look forward to working with the new Board to make our 'vision' for the future a reality.



HAPPY PASSOVER



Letters to the Editor

Soldier Seeks Yiddish Cassettes

The following letter was received by the Charlotte Yiddish Institute:

I just read an item in the April 13, 1984 issue of the *Forward* and am taking this opportunity of writing you in the hope that you can assist me. I also hope that this letter will reach you, in spite of the limited address.

I am with the US Army and presently assigned in Germany. Though I speak, read, write and understand Yiddish fluently, I find it impossible to obtain, see and enjoy Yiddish drama, comedy, etc. — in short, the spoken word. I have written a number of organizations, e.g. YIVO, JWB, etc., but to no avail. I am attempting to "borrow" any Yiddish performances: movies, TV shows, etc on VCR cassettes which I can possibly view for my own personal enjoyment. Is there any way that you can help? Of course, I am prepared to pay for the insured parcel post (US) shipment, both

ways, and will return the cassettes in a minimal period of time. In event your institute does not have such cassettes available, do you think you can assist by advising the names and addresses of some organizations which may have them for loan?

Needless to say, any assistance, information or consideration you can provide to me in this matter will be gratefully appreciated. Thanking you in advance and looking forward to hearing from you in the very near future, I remain.

Very hopefully yours,
—David Peller

Editors note:

If you have information or resources for acquiring Yiddish VCR cassettes please advise David Peller, USACAE/AEUP-C, Box 49, APO, N.Y. 09710.

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