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### Editorial

## Farewell To A Friend

This summer we will be saying goodbye to a very good friend of the Charlotte Jewish community and the city of Charlotte. Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin has served his congregation, Temple Israel, with love and sincere dedication for the past 16 years. His charisma has not only left its mark on his congregants, but on all who have had the privilege to know him professionally and socially.

He has spearheaded many causes in Charlotte such as: formation of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association, the founding of Holocaust Square, and a continuous fight to see that Jewish children get excused absences from the schools for the observance of religious holidays. Almost annually he has led a contingent of Charlotteans to Israel, a land where he once made his home. He has a sincere compassion for all people.

A rabbi's life is a busy one. Besides leading services, preparing sermons, visiting the sick and the bereaved (even those not of his congregation), Rabbi Rocklin involved himself with our Jewish youth. He has a rapport with them that has been unequalled by others of his profession.

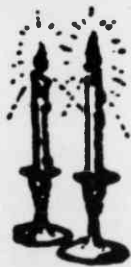
He has been known as the "jogging" rabbi, for it was not unusual to see him running along Providence Rd. He has been a fighter even with his own health, having successfully recovered from a serious bypass operation several years ago. Rabbi Rocklin has the stamina and determination to be successful wherever he may be.

We will miss seeing him and it is truly Charlotte's loss that he has decided to leave. We wish him well and hope he will be happy in his new home and much success with his future endeavors.

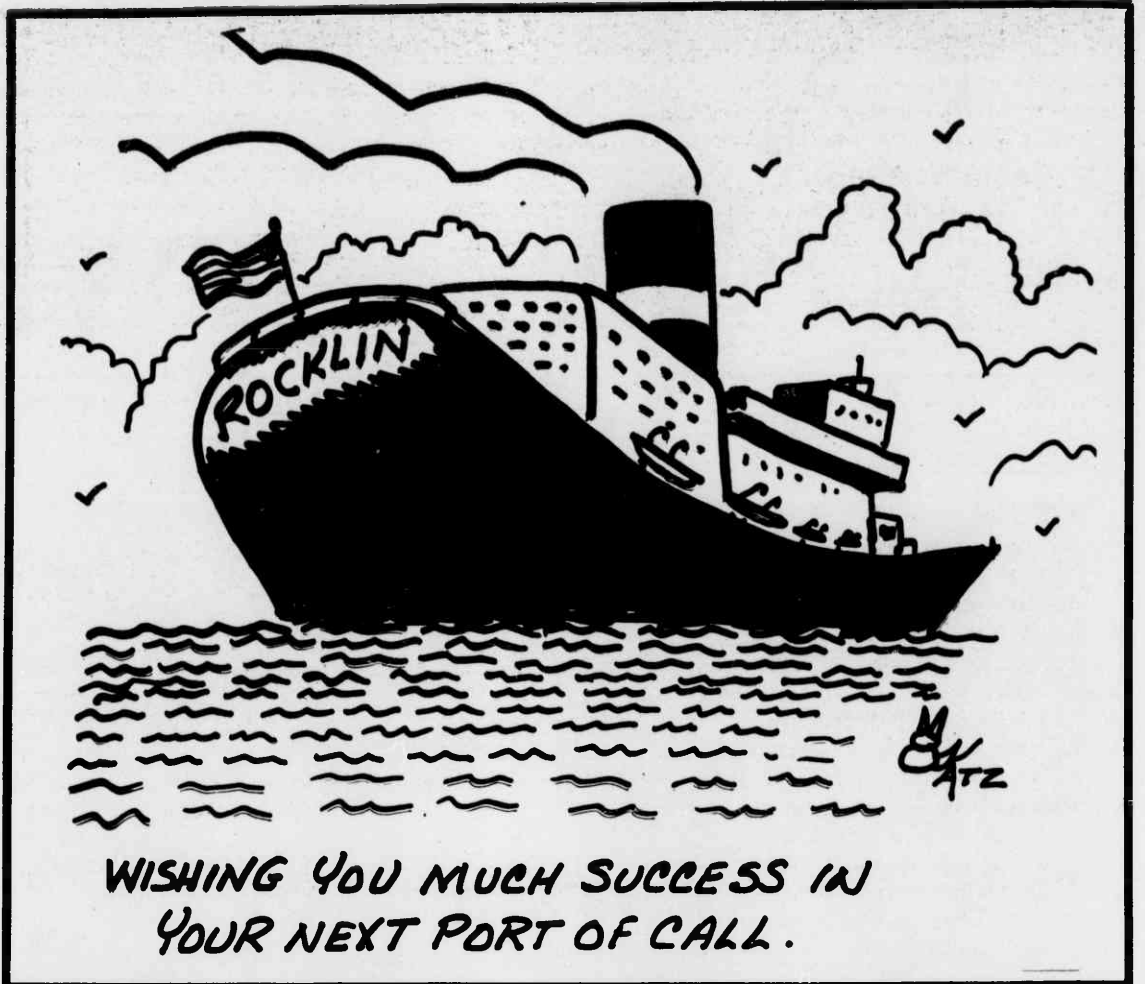
He is leaving (at least for awhile) a precious legacy to N.C....his three daughters. They will be continuing their education here: Avi and Tamar will be at UNC in Chapel Hill and Shira at East Carolina U. Shalom!

## The Jewish Calendar Candlelighting

June 7 - 8:18 p.m.  
June 14 - 8:21 p.m.  
June 21 - 8:23 p.m.  
June 28 - 8:24 p.m.  
July 5 - 8:23 p.m.  
July 12 - 8:21 p.m.  
July 19 - 8:18 p.m.  
July 26 - 8:13 p.m.  
Aug. 2 - 8:08 p.m.



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## From the Desk of Marty Schneer —JCC Executive Director

While the JCC has faced a number of significant problems in providing adequate facilities for the membership since the sale of the old JCC site, we have been pleasantly surprised how well our alternate plans have worked out. Our tennis players have found Cedar Forest Racquet Club to be a convenient and friendly place to play. It has been noted that the percentage of tennis playing members has actually increased since we moved over to Cedar Forest. Our men's softball program continues to attract large numbers of participants at our new home field — Boyce Road Park. Perhaps our most satisfying arrangement may be our use of Idlewild Olympic Club. I know many of our members feel somewhat uncomfortable about swimming at a new, 'strange' club after all the years at the old 'J'. However I must tell you that as the person who has the most dealings with their leadership and pool manager, I have been extremely impressed by their cooperativeness and desire to make this a successful summer for both parties. Obviously there will be some changes and differences in pool hours, lesson schedules, pool rules, etc. but I think our members will find Idlewild to be a very nice place to swim this summer. Personally I plan on spending a lot of time with my family at Idlewild and I look forward to seeing many of the members I've missed during the year.

The election/installation of our new Board on May 13 was a significant event in the history of the Jewish Community Center. The high caliber and commitment level of the Board will provide the JCC with a solid foundation on which to prepare for our expansion. Under the leadership of president Miles Levine, the officers of the Center will meet with individual chairpersons to map out a coordinated plan of action in three major areas: administrative, financial and

program. In the program area we plan to move to a seasonal schedule of events to be planned and publicized way in advance. This fall and winter we plan to offer less classes than we have in the past. We will focus on providing quality events and programs which will function as part of our promotional campaign for our expanded schedule next year.

The phase-in process, led by chairman Mike Scharf, which started last September, has begun to provide tangible benefits. For instance, the membership committee under the chairmanship of Barry Kaye, spent months wrestling with some very difficult issues from mandatory building fund assessments to guest policy to dues categories. The final document submitted by this committee will provide the basis for membership policies in the years to come.

The dislocations of the past year have not made things easy for the Center, however, our future is bright and I am confident that with the help of the new Board our goals will be reached.

Construction of our new JCC continues to move along at a rapid pace. The "Imagination Tour" rescheduled for June 2 should have provided those of you who have not been out at the site a real picture of what the future holds. I hope as many of you as possible were strolling around our new home on that afternoon.

Unfortunately, while the building has progressed, some of the outdoor facilities have



lagged behind. It is still our hope that the tennis courts will be completed this summer and that the soccer fields will be ready for youth play in the fall.

I regret to report the resignation of two JCC staff members this past month. Susan Ett will be leaving the JCC to pursue other career and educational interests. Susan, a warm and sensitive individual, worked long and hard for the Center. Speaking for the rest of the staff, I know her presence will be missed.

Nancy Segal, our part-time Athletic Director for the past year, has retired from the Center staff with the announcement that a second child is due in the fall. Nancy, perhaps as much as any other staff member, has had to struggle arranging temporary and alternative locations for athletic events and practices. She has done an excellent job maintaining our athletic program under difficult circumstances.

I wish Susan and Nancy the very best in the years to come and I look forward to their continued involvement at the Center.



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