

# Women's Division of Federation

## Newcomers Attend Shalom Y'all Evening

By Helene Nathanson



(L to R) Helene Nathanson, Jackie Fishman and Les Ravitz.

On April 30, Charlotte's Jewish newcomers attended a Shalom Y'all gathering at the Armstrong House. Shalom Y'all, described as the "Jewish Welcome Wagon," consists of a committee formed under the auspices of Women's Division of Federation. Its main purpose is to introduce recent Charlotteans to each other, as well as to the Jewish community and to provide a warm evening of information and conversation.

The group was welcomed by Gail Bienstock, president of Women's Division. Bobbi Bernstein discussed the functions of Jewish Social Services.

Marvin Bienstock spoke for a few minutes about the unique qualities of Charlotte's Jewish community. He observed that, "the group here tonight felt more accepted both within and outside of the Jewish community than we had heard from previous groups. Apparently, our Outreach program is working."

Helene Nathanson, Diane Rosenberg and Jodi Cohen, members of the Shalom Y'all committee, were also introduced.

The following Jewish newcomers were welcomed that evening:

Howard Sherman, originally from New York, works as a computer programmer at UCB. Howard enjoys Charlotte's Jewish Singles Group and has agreed to work with the Shalom Y'all committee in welcoming Jewish singles.

Jackie Fishman, daughter of Dr. Susan Cerynak-Spatz, moved here six months ago from St. Louis. She teaches English at East Mecklenburg High School and has two young children.

Lester Ravitz has been in Charlotte for one year, having moved from Long Island, N.Y. His wife, Susan, will be joining him here in June, upon the completion of her teaching commitment. Les is a bank consultant at Price,



Kassie Bank, holding her son Alex, and Linda Kröll.

Waterhouse. He likes Charlotte very much. "I like the people, the pace, and the geography."

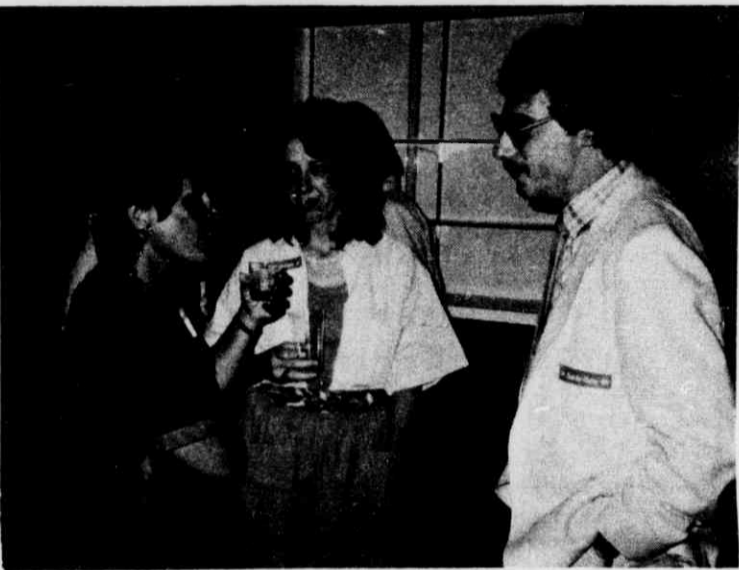
Frances Fischbein moved here 8 months ago from Winston-Salem, where she completed law school. She is a tax professional at Touche, Ross. Originally from Charleston, Frances looks forward to becoming active in the Jewish Singles Group.

Jane and Ed Abel moved here last winter from Maryland. Ed is a dentist and

has relocated his practice. The Abels have two young daughters, Alissa and Naomi, who attend Temple Israel preschool.

Sheryl and Jeff Gordon, originally from Minneapolis, moved to Charlotte in December. This was a job transfer for Jeff, who is Marketing Director of Pru Care. Sheryl will be the assistant director of the JCC Day Camp this summer. The Gordons have a 17-month-old son, Daniel.

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(L to R) Bobbi Bernstein, Jane Abel, Ed Abel.




Howard Sherman and Sally Schrader.


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