

# More Women's Division News

## Working Women's Forum Meets

### Plans To Establish Jewish Book Club

By Gail Bienstock

Does our concept of G-d grow and mature with us? Does it change significantly? Are today's working Jewish women dramatically different from their mothers and grandmothers in their view of: 1)

what it means to be an adult Jew; 2) what commitment, obligation and sisterhood are all about; 3) what we and the Jewish community owe each other; 4) how to prioritize our time and obligations; 5) how to be recognized and valued for our limited participation?

Panelists Meg Goldstein, Debbie Langsam and Phyllis Schwartz shared their views and then opened the discussion to a group of mothers and daughters and their peers. Extended dialogue ranged from debate to soul-searching to helpful hints, all of which crossed age and family set lines.

The group chose to continue over a beautiful luncheon prepared by Leslie Winner,

with help from Ruth Goldberg, Marla Chalnick, Debbie Langsam, Janet Lefkowitz and Gail Bienstock.

Still unready to end the fruitful, if not conclusive discussion, this group, sponsored by Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation, chose to establish a Jewish Book Club.

Plans include beginning June 30 with *An Orphan in History* by Paul Cowan and meeting every 6 weeks with a new book to refuel the discussions. The Book Club will be kept to 20 active participants. However, new groups will be formed for interested women. Call Gloria at the Federation office, 366-5007, if you would like to join the dialogue.

## Shalom Y'all Begins A New Project

The Shalom Y'all Committee is considering branching out in a person-to-person project, in addition to its quarterly "gatherings" of Charlotte's Jewish newcomers.

This new project would involve a home visit to a recent Charlottean by a volunteer resident. We would try to match up the resident and the newcomer in terms of general age group, ages of children, marital status, work, etc. The volunteer would bring a newcomer's brochure, describing all of the Jewish organiza-

tions in Charlotte, as well as a Shabbat packet with candles, wine and challah.

Anyone who has been in Charlotte for over 6 months is urged to consider being a volunteer. We especially need single people and retired people, as these groups often find it most difficult to adjust. However, we would like a list of volunteers from all age and social groups.

If you are interested in working with this new project, please call Helene Nathanson at 552-7006.

## Newcomers Attend Shalom Y'all

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Michael Hecht has been here since August. He moved from Atlanta and is an engineer for Hewlett Packard. Michael's fiancée, Ronnie Coplon, moved to Charlotte 3 months ago from Norfolk. She is the assistant manager at T. Edwards in Southpark.

Kassie Bank attended the Shalom Y'all with her son Alex, who is 7-weeks-old. Kassie and her husband Edward moved here from Grand Haven, Michigan, in February. Edward works for Freightliner Corp. Kassie enjoys living here. "Everybody is so super. I have found the people very charming."

Jodi and Stuart Coen have been here since August. They moved from Athens, Georgia, where Stuart was completing graduate school. Stuart is a psychologist with Charlotte/Mecklenburg Schools, and Jodi is a media aide for the schools.

Linda Kroll, originally a New Yorker, moved from Dallas in September. She and her husband Howard have one son, Justin, at home.

Freida Dryer moved from Florida 4 months ago to join her daughter, who lives in Charlotte.

Herman and Katherine Kosak moved from Athens, Georgia 8 months ago. Herman is an artist-painter. Katherine, who "loves Charlotte," teaches economics and accounting at Wingate College.

All agreed that it was an interesting and enjoyable evening.

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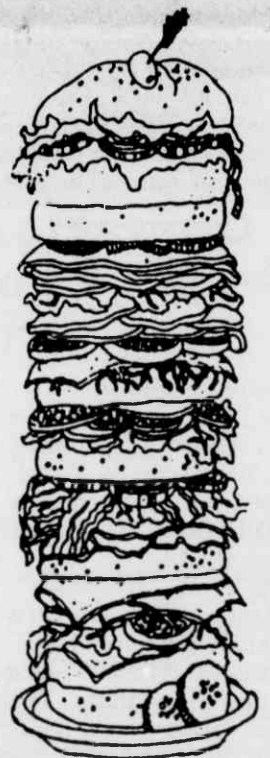
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