

Temples Beth El, Beth Shalom Form Joint Religious School

Temples Beth El and Beth Shalom recently issued the following statement: "It is with great pride that we announce the formation of a community Reform Jewish Religious School, sponsored by both Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Shalom." During the past two months, representatives of the two reform congregations have met periodically to discuss issues of mutual interest. The formation of the joint religious school for the 1985-86 school year is the first concrete result of these ongoing talks.

On July 1 the Board of Beth Shalom approved the motion that Beth Shalom meet with Beth El to discuss possible joint ventures and long-range plans, with the intention that these talks should serve to benefit all of Reform Judaism in Charlotte. A subsequent meeting, including representatives from both temples, was held on July 25. Information was exchanged concerning dues structure, religious education and Beth El's long-range building plans. A specific motion to form a joint religious school was proposed, endorsed and recommended to the two temple boards for discussion and possible ratification.

On August 5 both Temple boards overwhelmingly voted their approval for the joint effort. A new religious school board, with separate budget and accounting, has been formed. This board includes members and rabbis from both temples. Lisa Vernon, Director of Education at Temple Beth El, serves as director of the joint school. The new UAHC curriculum, which has been termed "the state-of-the-art curriculum for Jewish education", is being introduced by the new school in grades K-3. A new PTA is being formed to aid and help support the activities of the joint school.

Opening day for the joint religious school was set for September 8. Grades K-6 are to meet at Beth El and grades 7-10 at Beth Shalom, in one session, with opening and closing hours staggered slightly to facilitate carpooling.

The joint school board held its initial meeting on August 28. It is the hope of both temples that this new joint venture will promote better education, allow more involvement and interaction, eliminate duplication, expand facilities and classroom time, and generally strengthen the quality of Jewish education in Charlotte.

Jewish Women Pleased At Outcome Of Nairobi Conference



Feminist Betty Friedan said she was "outraged as a woman and as a Jew at the earlier U.N. women's conferences in Mexico City and Copenhagen, but it was very different in Nairobi." Other Jewish women thanked the U.S. and Kenya for their important role in removing the reference to Zionism as racism from the "Forward Looking Strategies" approved by the conference. Picture taken at Washington press conference called by B'nai B'rith Women. L to R: Thelma Wolf, National American Affairs Chair, Hadassah; Beverly Davis, Pres., BBW; Ms. Friedan; Bella Abzug; Barbara Leslie, U.N. Repr., Na-

tional Council of Jewish Women; Constance Kreshtool, Pres., National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. All were in Nairobi.

Thoughts From Adrienne

Meet The New JSS Counselor

By Adrienne Rosenberg
Jewish Social Services Drtr.

Elaine Markmann Chernotsky has joined Jewish Social Services as the new part-time counselor. Elaine has had extensive experience and training for this position. She has taught both on the junior and senior high levels and was a counselor with Gaston County Schools for over five years. Most recently, Elaine worked at the Queens College Career Center where she provided vocational counseling, made community presentations and

taught a course in Career Exploration.

Elaine has made various presentations to local and state organizations on such themes as: Relationships, Helping Children Cope with Loss, Stepfamily Issues, and Dealing with Divorce. Her programs on Handicap Awareness and Peer Counseling have been recognized by the North Carolina Association for Counseling and Development.

Elaine is a member of Ha Lailah B'nai B'rith Women and has participated in the Minority Child Workshop

(cochair); the Judaism Institute; and ADL month (chair).

When interviewed for the *CJ News*, Elaine said: "I am very excited to be part of this agency which serves our community. At first, I will be working with vocational clients where I will provide support and counseling for people seeking employment, changing careers, or entering the workforce for the first time. As needed, vocational testing will also be available."

If you are interested in any of these services, you can reach Elaine at 364-6594.

Stamp Of Approval



The Caribbean nation of Antigua-Barbuda is the first country to issue a stamp and souvenir sheet to mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides. The \$2 stamp has a portrait of the famous Jewish philosopher, scholar and medical doctor. The \$5 souvenir sheet has the same portrait, with a floral design decorating the border area. Designer and printer of the stamp is the House of Questa in London.

Career Changers

If you have ever been "between jobs", you know how difficult it is to find the right job. In this ongoing group, we will discuss job search skills as well as the anxiety and frustration that are its by-products.

DATE: Wenesdays — beginning Sept. 11.
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Armstrong House Trailer
LED BY: Elaine M. Chernotsky

To enroll, please call Jewish Social Services at 364-6594.

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