

Bulletin Board

B'nai B'rith Women cont'd from p.16

Ha Lailah Chapter

for theater, entertainment, a hotel directory, and a section called Shopping Spree filled with coupons from a variety of stores around the Charlotte area. For more information contact Brenda Manes, 364-9338.

Membership Dinner

Pam Segal's home was the setting for Ha Lailah's annual membership dinner. The menu featured a variety of crepes. Projects and activities were depicted by a unique fashion show.

Raffle

January 21 will be the raffle drawing. First prize is a membership to the JCC; second prize is a free class at the "J"; an Entertainment '86 book is third prize. Tickets are \$1 each or a baker's dozen (13) for \$10. Send checks to Wendy Rosen, 9813 Red Rock Rd., Matthews, 28105.

Adopted Family

Last year Adrienne Rosenberg alerted Ha Lailah members of a very special family in need. The young mother and son were "adopted" by Ha Lailah last year during Chanukah and we have given food and clothing to them. Adrienne keeps us up to date on how they are doing. The mother has stressed the point that she wants nothing for herself only for her child. This has been a very rewarding project for Ha Lailah. When this family is able to function alone we hope to keep the project going by "adopting" another family. If anyone is interested in more information or would like to make a donation please contact Penny Eisenberg, 847-4037.

Ha Lailah Singles

Ha Lailah's singles have formed their own dinner club. Every month they will meet at a different restaurant: January 19 at Restaurant Tokyo. For more information or to make a reservation call Cary Bernstein, 535-7452; or Dayle Jaffa, 847-0694.

Birthday Celebration

A decade of Ha Lailah will be celebrated January 11 at the home of Sue and Bob Brodsky. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert are just a part of this magic evening.

For more information about Ha Lailah BBW and its programs call Wendy Rosen, 847-3841.

— Madeline Joffe

Charlotte Chapter

Federation, cosponsored a public service awareness program on Chanukah. Local store owners were asked to display a "Happy Chanukah" banner in addition to their Christmas decorations in their store windows. Many thanks to Helene Nathanson, Dorothy Shapiro, Meryle Elko, Maxine Hitt, Roberta Malickson, Debbie Telem, Beth Linderman and Jodi Pinion for their help in this project.

Gift Wrap

Once again our members enjoyed themselves at our annual Gift Wrap at Cotswold Mall. Thanks to all the volunteers who participated in this fundraising event and to all store merchants for their continued support.

Amblyopia

Our members have been keeping busy with amblyopia screening in the area preschools. Many volunteers are needed for this very important project. If you are interested in screening and have not been trained, please call Margie Liebstein, 541-1844.

— Susan Coen

Beth El To Hold Children's Program

Temple Beth El invites all community youth children to a Shabbat service and luncheon to be held on Saturday, January 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The service is designed for children of preschool to kindergarten age but any other interested children may also attend. There will also be a story,

songs and Shabbat games. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young children to learn to enjoy participating in a Shabbat service.

RSVP to the Temple office, 366-1948, before January 13. For more information please call Susan Coen, 366-9539.

— Susan Coen

The Jewish Home Class Helped Me

By Susan Rabinovich

It was an offhand comment, a subtle expression of my frustration, but Helene Nathanson picked up on it and set the wheels in motion.

After choosing Judaism two years ago, I have been trying to continue my Jewish education by reading, attending temple, participating in classes and slowly getting involved in the Jewish community. Although these activities are providing a wealth of information, I still feel very inadequate in my day to day "Jewishness" and in particular, the rituals that take place in the home.

Books are great to tell one "how to do," but until one sees something done, there is always the doubt that you are not performing it like "everybody else". Shabbat was a perfect example.

This is where Helene entered the picture. Together with Shirley Levine, they arranged a Shabbat dinner for a Tuesday night in November. Shirley was kind enough to open her home and provide a beautiful meal to a group of seven women who were interested in experiencing a "typical" Friday night Shabbat. Some of us had chosen Judaism, some were born Jewish and wanted to be



(L to R) Jodi Pinion, Helene Nathanson, Susan Rabinovich getting ready to light the Shabbat candles.

refreshed on rituals, and some of us were not Jewish but interested in learning about Judaism.

The dining room table was beautifully set and you could tell it was a special night. Our dinner was delicious and included roast chicken, matzah ball soup and kugel.

We lit the Shabbat candles, said the blessing, recited kiddush and brucha over the challah. Each of us was provided a *Book of Songs and Blessings* by the United Jewish Appeal so we could all actively participate.

During dinner, Shirley and Helene gave us ideas on how they make Shabbat special for their families but stressed how each person needs to create a

level of observance with which their own family will be comfortable. After saying the grace after the meal and attempting a few Hebrew songs, it was time for the evening to end. As it turned out, the rituals I had been performing were not far off base but I learned many more that I want to incorporate into our family's Friday night Shabbat. Two of my favorites are saying a blessing over your children and having an extra Sabbath candle for each child.

Not only was this class educational but a spirit of community was felt as well. The mutual interest, the exchange of ideas and the learning provided a sense of the essence of Shabbat.

Back By Popular Demand — The Jewish Home Class

Temple Israel is offering a comprehensive course, open to the entire Jewish community, concerning many aspects of creating a Jewish home. We

will read Blu Greenberg's *How To Run A Traditional Jewish Home* and hear guest speakers at each session. This course should be especially helpful for people who have chosen to be Jewish and those with little or no Jewish background.

Classes will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The first class is January 29, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Israel. Books and a course outline will be distributed at that time. You may choose to attend all sessions, or only those of particular interest to you.

The first topic for discussion will be "The Process of Feeling More Jewish." Speakers will be Carol Waldman and Marlene Fuerstman, two women active in the Jewish community, who converted to Judaism.

Other topics to be addressed in future classes include: Holidays, customs, Shabbat, traditions, cooking, children's Jewish experience, a Jewish home library, Jewish music.

To order a copy of the book and for reservations call Rabbi Wilson's secretary, 376-2796. For more information concerning the class, call me at 552-7006.

— Helene Nathanson

Order Your Passover Candy Now!

B'nai B'rith Women will be selling candy for the Passover holiday from "Chocolates by Rebekah."

A check made out to B'nai B'rith Women, Inc., along with the order form below should be mailed to Patti Weisman, 6032 Jester Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, by January 31.

Candies will be available for pick up on March 16 at the Armstrong House, 921 Jefferson Drive.

Code	Description	Amt.	Quantity	Total Amt.
A	6 oz. Fancy Fruitty-Fruit Slices	\$2.00		
B	6 per pack Chocolate Lollies	2.50		
C	8 oz. Fancy Filled Fruit Drops	3.25		
D	5 oz. Chocolate-Covered Coconut Macaroons	3.95		
E	8 oz. "Our Famous" Almond Kisses	4.95		
F	5 oz. Choc-o-Mix	4.95		
G	7 oz. Minty Mint Melodies Parve	4.95		
H	5 oz. Dark Almond Bark Parve	4.95		
I	6 oz. Carmel-Nut Cluster	5.95		
J	8 oz. Chocolate-Covered Nut Asst. Parve	6.95		
K	8 oz. Asst. Truffles Parve	7.95		

Name _____
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Total
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