

Hebrew Academy News

Interim Director Appointed By Board Students Present "Daniel Is Dreaming A Dream"

By Arny Pickholtz

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Hebrew Academy has appointed Mrs. Berta Straz as Interim Director of the school. Eleanor Weinglass, who served as director, retired in December due to illness.

Berta has spent most of her life in Charlotte and is the daughter of Abe and Rose Luski. She graduated from East Mecklenburg High School and attended the Hertzlia Jewish Teachers seminary, New York City, receiving a degree in Jewish Literature with special emphasis in the study of Judaica and Yiddish culture. After graduation she studied at the Chayim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem, where she completed her studies and was, subsequently, awarded a teaching accreditation from Israel's Ministry of Education.

Mrs. Straz returned to the U.S. in 1975 and worked in New York where she met her husband Moshe and had her first child, Florie. In 1977, she moved back to Charlotte with her new family and had her second child, Michelle. Following a brief stint at home with her young children, Berta began to work at Temple Israel's nursery school where she



Berta Straz with daughters.

created a song and dance program designed to help teach the Hebrew language. She joined the Hebrew Academy family as an active board member in 1983 and served as president of the PTA in 1985.

"One thing that I want," Berta says, "is for the school to be involved in this community. There are five major holidays coming up this year, and I would like to do something individualized for each one of them. We also must prepare for the exodus to our new facilities at Shalom Park. This is a crucial transformation and the children are very excited about the move. Shalom Park is becoming a focal point for this community and we should all take advantage and support the idea of all the Jewish people in Charlotte living as one big happy family."



Colee Curtis (L) and Seth Pickholtz (R).

Academy Raffle

This year's Hebrew Academy raffle was a huge success. The Academy sincerely thanks the entire Charlotte community for their cooperation. A special thank you goes to chairperson Roz Segal who contributed her time and a tremendous amount of energy.

The grand prize, a VHS video recorder, was won by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Segal. They generously donated the prize back to the school. The Academy through a trade was able to receive a much needed commercial vacuum cleaner, three tape recorders, and several computer disks.



Ziva London and cast light Chanukah candles.



Kindergarteners and first graders sing "I Wonder Where the Oil Is?"

Passover in February?

"Whoever is hungry, let them come and eat.. Whoever is in need, let them come and conduct the Passover Seder."

— Haggadah

Passover may not be around the corner, but the Hebrew Academy is getting ready for this year's Passover Food Sale. Over the years, Joe Steiner and friends of the Academy have helped hundreds of area Jewish families stock their favorite Passover goodies. This year the sale will be conducted in conjunction with Phil's Deli in Cotswold Mall. This partnership will ensure the greatest selection of merchandise with a minimum of backorders. So, sit down right now, plan your Passover feasts and treats and make a long list for the 1986 Hebrew

Academy Passover Food Sale. Look for your order form/check list in next month's *Charlotte Jewish News*. All

profits from the sale help support the programs of the North Carolina Hebrew Academy.

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