

Women's Division of Federation

Shalom Y'all Holds Wine and Cheese Party

By Jody Pinion

The Shalom Y'all committee welcomed an interesting and diverse group of newcomers at a very enjoyable wine and cheese party held on March 5. After the pleasant informal gathering, Sandra Weinstein Shalom Y'all chair, welcomed the group. Bobbi Bernstein, President of the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation and sponsor of the event, introduced each of the organizational/institutional representatives who then welcomed the newcomers and told about themselves and their group.

The representatives present were: Ethel Gordon, membership vice president, Temple Beth El; Adrienne Rosenberg, Director of Jewish Social Services; Rabbi Robert Seigel, Temple Beth Shalom; Sally Schrader, President of Temple Beth El; Ruth Goldberg of the Hebrew Academy; Maddie Joffe, president of HaLailah Chapter BBW; Jack Levinson, president of Pizazz; Sue Applebaum of Temple Beth El Sisterhood; Vicki Hopkins of Charlotte Chapter BBW; Lois Benjamin, president of Temple Israel Sisterhood; Bill Ashendorf, president of Temple Israel.

Stan Swig, Interim Director of the JCC, and Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the Federation, spoke of our magnificent new facilities. Marvin emphasized that our

Jewish community is working together toward this common goal.

The newcomers then gave us an interesting glimpse of their diverse backgrounds.

Stu and Colleen Epstein have been in Charlotte since January 1. Stu is the new athletic director at the JCC. They have a 7-month-old son, Billy.

Bob and Debbie Greenberg are admittedly not new to Charlotte. Bob has been here 5 years; newlyweds as of November, they plan to become more involved with the Jewish community. They were also the main reason why Mickey Greenberg came to Charlotte from Atlanta one year ago. She has been living alone and missed the closeness of family. She finds Charlotte "hospitable and beautiful."

Michael and Simone Raus have been in Charlotte only a few months, Michael is from Louisville Ky., Simone from NY. Michael works for General Shoelace and Simone is with First Union.

Avri and Dvora Beeri moved to Charlotte 6 months ago from Jerusalem with daughters Limor, 17 and Gali, 3 and son Yossi, 12. The move, difficult as all of their family remains in Israel, was still a positive one for the Beeris as they plan to make Charlotte their home. Avri is in textiles.

Bernard and Claire Shearer, still relative newcomers, have



Jim & Elissa Meadow with Jeremy



David & Irene Share



(L to R) Trish & Larry Fleishman, Jody Pinion



(L to R) Michael & Simone Raus; Marcie & Philip Brier

been in Charlotte for a year and a half. Retired now, they moved south from NY to be closer to family. Claire feels it is still too cold.

Jim and Elissa Meadow have been here since January with son Jeremy, 10 months. Jeremy, in attendance, was particularly fond of the crackers we serve here in Charlotte. Jim is a tax accountant with Price Waterhouse; Elissa an RN at Presbyterian Hospital. From Los Angeles, they have found Charlotte beautiful and lush — even in winter.

Larry and Trish Fleishman arrived from Fayetteville and Chapel Hill 6 months ago.

They were looking for a larger city and believe they have found Charlotte to fit the bill. Larry is a physician specializing in internal medicine. Trish, trained in medical technology, has been occupied of late with their 4-month-old son, Benjamin.

David and Irene Share have been pleasantly surprised. They moved here 5 months ago from California and find Charlotte a "unique and remarkable integration of a Jewish community." David is employed by Stork Graphics. Irene, formerly in the jewelry business, enjoys tennis.

Jay Tyroler, single, came to Charlotte from Virginia 8

months ago to continue his medical training as an intern in internal medicine at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. He would prefer Charlotte to be a little warmer as he likes to run in the park.

Mark Wadler is newly engaged to Karen Orlin who remains in Atlanta. He has been in Charlotte 6 months as a manufacturers representative for Total Accessories. Although he travels frequently, he hopes to become involved in the Charlotte Jewish community when he marries Karen and she joins him here.

Allen Perlitz, here for one year, is employed with Mecklenburg Home Health as an occupational therapist. He complimented the representatives in attendance for the way they keep new residents well informed concerning goings on in Charlotte. His identical twin remains in Charleston.

Gert and Joe Rosenberger have been in Charlotte just 2 months. Originally from NY, they also moved to Charlotte to be closer to family. Joe came out of retirement, with Gert's blessings. "I married him for life but not for lunch." He now works for Kuppenheimer. Gert is looking for a good mah-jongg game; Joe prefers gin.

Dayle Kushner, a seasoned Charlottean, plans to re-introduce herself to the Charlotte community. She has lived here 11 years and works in Hotel and Video Communications. She is single. Her roommate, Carol Hirsh, has been in Charlotte since October. Previously from Atlanta, Carol is an RN and works in a weight loss clinic. She also has family here and finds people very friendly. She is also single.

Phil and Marcie Brier left the party before this reporter had a chance to talk with them. Regretfully, I only know they moved from NJ and Phil is "in socks."

Congratulations to the Shalom Y'all committee members for a very successful evening: Maxine Hitt, Cassie Bank, Sheryl Gordon, Diane Rosenberg, Frances Fischbein, Jody Pinion, and chair, Sandra Weinstein.



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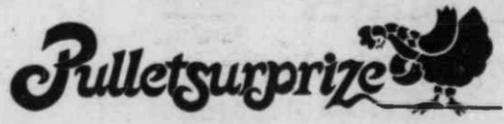
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