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Building Destroyed – JCC Activities Continue

Like so many others I made several trips to the JCC site on Sharon-Amity Road to gaze upon the destruction and to try to make some sense out of the tragedy. One of the fire officials commented that he had never seen so many people deeply saddened by the loss of a building. I tried to explain that the Center was more than a building - it was a place where friends gathered, where our children grew up, where we learned together and played together. If nothing else, the loss of the building made clear how important the JCC has become to the Jewish community of Charlotte. The fire should energize our efforts in support of the Foundation's project. We must do everything possible to promote the construction of a new Center.

As President I want to thank everyone for their generous offers of assistance. Both members and nonmembers of the JCC have called to offer their time, money, and facilities. The Temples have opened wide their doors to us; Charlotte churches have offered everything from rooms for our classes and social functions to bats and balls for the championship softball game; individuals have promised to help us find office furniture and trailers. It is gratifying to know that the Center has so many concerned and sympathetic friends.

The Executive Committee, which met the evening followmade a commitment to do everything possible to continue business as usual. Despite the loss of the main building, the staff began at once to prepare for the opening of the remaining facilities. It was agreed to open the pools for Labor Day weekend, to re-schedule the swim and tennis team banquet, to have the September 3 Luau as planned, and to find facilities for all scheduled Fall classes. The JCC will continue to serve the needs of the community

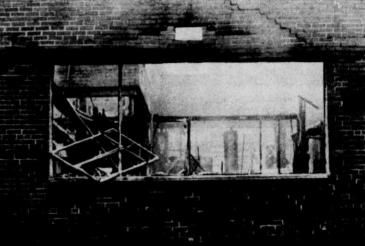


Children salvaging bricks from JCC Building for fund raiser for Foundation.

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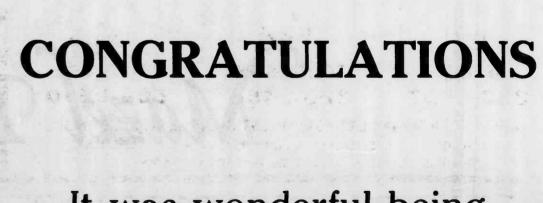
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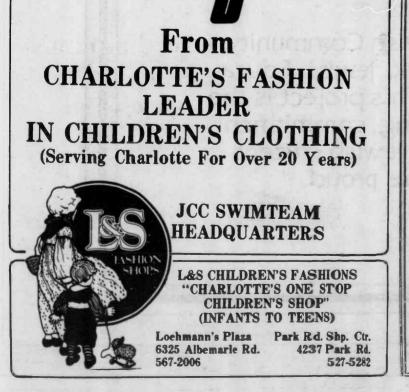






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It was wonderful being a part of building Shalom Park

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