

Hebrew Academy News

Experienced Staff Returns to the School

The setting may be new, as the N.C. Hebrew Academy moves to Shalom Park, but the teaching staff will all be beloved, familiar faces. Our administrator and three key teachers will be returning, one for her fifth year.

Berta Straz

Berta has served as administrator since January, 1986. Earlier, she served on the school's board of directors and as president of the PTA. A Charlottean who was confirmed at Temple Israel and was an active USY and BBG member in her teens, Berta received a bachelor's degree in Jewish Literature from Herzliyah Jewish Teachers Seminary. She studied at the Chayim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem and was awarded a teaching accreditation for teaching Hebrew from Israel's Ministry of Education. Her daughters, Florie and Michelle, are Academy students.



Straz

The following teachers will be welcoming back students this month.

Helen G. Bronson

Helen joined our staff at the N.C. Hebrew Academy in January 1986. She is a secular general studies teacher with many years of experience. Before moving to Charlotte with her husband Noel, she taught at Kenwood Elementary School in Miami, Florida from 1971 to 1984.



Bronson

The mother of six children, Helen has received several awards and honors in her professional career. As a student at Miami Dade Junior College, she was elected to Phi Lambda Pi and Phi Theta Kappa

honorary societies. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the education honor society at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. At Kenwood Elementary School, she was named "Teacher of the Year" and was also honored as the Scholarship Award Honoree of the school's Parent-Teacher Association.

Helen has been active with the Girl Scouts and PTA and has been a hospital volunteer and a Bible school teacher. Among her many hobbies is her love for journalism. She has had many articles and a special series published in *The Miami Herald*. Helen also enjoys being a miniaturist and has passed her enthusiasm along to our Academy children who have already made various projects involving the art of miniatures.

For the coming school year, Helen will be teaching second through sixth grade and will supervise art programs at the school.

Ziva London

Ziva has been involved with the N.C. Hebrew Academy since arriving in Charlotte. She comes to us from Beer-sheva, Israel and has been a committed and inspiring Hebrew-Judaic teacher. She attended Ben-Gurion University in Beer-sheva where she majored in Bible, and the history of Jewish thought. She is well versed in Talmud, rabbinic thought, Torah, Zionist political theory, Midrash, classical prophets and all sorts of Halachic training.



London

Ziva's professional career began when she taught in the Army in Israel. From there, she went to Ashdod, Israel where she spent a couple of years teaching and working with underprivileged children. The following two years, she worked in the town of Omer,

which is next to Beer-sheva. In "Omarim" (the school's name), she was fortunate to offer her talents to the gifted program which the school offered. She worked with sixth and seventh grade students there. She was also in charge of all the holidays, programs and events during the course of the school year. Ziva and her husband Andy, lived in New York for some time, where she was employed as an afternoon Hebrew school teacher.

This is Ziva's fifth year with the school. Ziva states: "This has been a very challenging and exciting experience in my life." Her love of Judaism inspires all and the children love her dearly. Her "ruach" vibrates in the school.

Lynne Tarleton

Lynne has been with our staff at the Hebrew Academy

since 1984, having taught kindergarten, first and second grades. Yet her credits go beyond that. Lynne has been a general studies teacher since 1963. She taught third, fourth and fifth grades in Colorado, England and in Illinois prior to moving to Charlotte. She moved here with her husband Neal in 1970, and has worked with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools since their arrival. She taught pre-school through fourth grade prior to joining our staff. Lynne has two daughters, Kelly, 13 and Meagan, 9.



Tarleton

Lynne has been actively involved with "International Reading Association" at its local, state and national levels and with the "Association for the Education of the Young Child." Among some of her honors are being elected to Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.

Lynne is a creative and dynamic individual. She is currently very involved in professional writing workshops which are given to teachers in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

A New Year Begins With A New Location for the Academy

By Berta Straz, Administrator

The school bells will be ringing soon and the Academy children will be coming to Shalom Park for their first day of school. It will be an awkward feeling not pulling in to the old school building on Sardis Lane. Yet, with lots of excitement and enthusiasm, we will open the doors to our new school year at Shalom Park. Oh what a feeling! Our children have been waiting patiently for this moment and it will occur on our first day of the school year, August 25. How lucky is our school to have a fully equipped gym, a separate arts and crafts room,

and a gorgeous multi-purpose room. How lucky and thankful we are to have everything the Hebrew Academy ever dreamed of at Shalom Park.

The Hebrew Academy is committed to giving our young children the best of Judaic and general studies in a learning atmosphere that is personal, caring and motivating. I am honored to be the administrator of this school. Our staff is remarkable and dedicated. They have a great deal to offer our children. I am certain that as you stroll through Shalom Park you will pass our classrooms and look in. Please feel free to visit us anytime.

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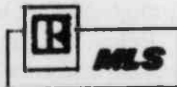
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