

Art Is On Display Throughout Shalom Park Art Show and Sale In Progress

A local art show and sale is currently in progress in the East and West Galleries of the Blumenthal Education Building, Shalom Park.

A varied collection is on view for both pleasure and purchase. Need an interesting and different Chanukah gift? How about a piece of art?

Visit the show during open building hours. Prices are attached. Checks are to be made

out to "The Foundation." Sold art is to remain in place until the end of the show Dec. 15.

Any questions? Contact Jackie Fishman at the JCC office, 366-5007, during business hours or call Lina Levine, 365-1728 or Ethel Gordon, 366-0527. All profits will benefit the Visual Arts Committee's work of enhancing the Shalom Park facilities.

— Ethel Gordon

Israeli Mezuzot Acquired

The newest committee of the Charlotte Jewish Foundation, the Visual Arts Committee, has acquired seven magnificent Israeli mezuzot. The entrance to the Blumenthal Education Building is graced by a stainless steel and brass mezuzah designed by the noted Israeli sculptor Dani Kafri and has been donated by Leonard and Evelyn Berger in honor of their three grandchildren.

The two entrances to the Leon and Sandra Levine Community Center area are embellished by the silver and gold plated mezuzot of the well known Israeli sculptor Frank Meisler. These two beautiful mezuzot are still available for purchase and donation. Interested parties may contact Ethel Gordon or Patty Gorelick.

Four matching Israeli silver

mezuzot have also been acquired. The Gorelick family is donating one for each entrance to Gorelick Hall; the Luski family is donating one for the Luski Youth Center; and Marilyn and Harry Swimmer are donating one for the Swimmer Arts and Crafts Center.

We also have received on loan from Allen Saxe eight original Israeli photographs on artists canvas. These are most unusual, as they look like paintings, not photographs. They are on display in the room adjoining the Chai Lounge.

A big thank you goes to our donors for the beautiful new additions to our building. We hope all our members will look for and enjoy the mezuzot and photographs on their next trip to Shalom Park.

— Patty Gorelick

Gift Honoring Sol Shapiro Presented To The Foundation

By Ethel Gordon

The Foundation, Shalom Park, was the proud recipient of a gift of art from Ada Shapiro, wife of Sol Shapiro, at the Sept. 18 reception honoring her husband as the first president of the Charlotte Jewish Community Center from 1975 through 1977.

Guests, some of whom were the original members of the JCC Board of Directors, gathered in Gorelick Hall to surprise Sol on this occasion.

Mark Bernstein, president of The Foundation, addressed the group speaking of the early years of the JCC, how far they had come since the inception and of the contributions



Sol and Ada Shapiro with the "gift of art."

briefly described it. Ada Shapiro followed with the actual presentation to The Foundation.

The abstract, 5 x 7 foot artwork titled "Jacob's Ladder" by Israeli artist Calman Shemi, is called a soft painting. It is composed of layers of fabrics and fibers. The technique used by the artist creates an illusion of an oil painting of soft opaque as well as translucent colors. It may be enjoyed from a distance but close up the communication between viewer and artwork is most evident.

The piece was temporarily hung in Gorelick Hall for the Dedication Weekend and is now being prepared for permanent display there.

The artwork is a marvelous enhancement to our complex. Our thanks to Ada for finding this most fitting way to honor her husband.

made by Sol Shapiro.

Ethel Gordon, chairperson of the Visual Arts Committee, unveiled the piece of art and



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