Mezuzots and Artworks Donated

By Ethel Gordon

The two available mezuzot for purchase at the entrances to the Sandra and Leon Levine Community Center have been bought and donated. The first has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levine and family in honor of Dorothy and Herman Poliakoff, parents of Sandra Levine. Details of the second donation will be published in the January CJN as the presentation will be made during Chanukah.

Three pieces of art to be hung in the complex were received by the Visual Arts Committee. Two lithographs were donated by Mike and Sara Schreibman, "Path of Life" by Grayluck and "City in Yellow" by Arad. A third piece, a lithograph on extended loan, is from Peggy and Elliot Gartner. The artist credited to the work is Milshtein. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

The committee is constantly looking for Jewish related art. Soon, we hope to bring to Charlotte a selection of artwork that would be fitting for permanent display at our Center or for personal use. The works will be on view and available for purchase and/or donation.

Funds also would be gratefully accepted to further our future projects. Currently our needs include specialized glass cases for Judaica and pedestals for sculpture. Until we make these acquisitions, displays of these objects will be impossible.

Consider commemorating an event or honoring a special person through a donation to the Visual Arts Committee of the Foundation. Contact Ethel Gordon at 366-0527 if you have any questions concerning donations or leave a message at the JCC office and a member of the committee will contact you.

Special Programs Planned For Shalom Y'All Newcomers

By Sandra Weinstein

Shalom Y'All is intended to be a warm reception to our newcomers, introducing them to the Jewish community and the community at large.

Can you imagine feeling all alone in a city of 360,000 population?

Shalom Y'All, sponsored by Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation, meets weekly on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon at the "J". There are also monthly meetings in the evening to accommodate working men and women, spouses, couples and all newcomers to Charlotte.

The first evening meeting was held Nov. 4 and it was a huge success! Over 40 newcomers attended to enjoy meeting one another and to hear Elaine Chernotsky, Jewish Family Services, speak on adjustments. Elaine had previously spoken to the daytime group and she was so appreciated for her warm delivery that it was most appropriate that she be the first evening speaker. This was an excellent beginning for a group that was most aware of their feelings of being new!

For these newcomers kindness, warmth and consideration are a part of the reaching out process. Our community needs to make themselves even more aware that newcomers are very much in our midst and help them feel truly welcome and a part of our community.

The following begins the next 12-week-program for Shalom Y'All day, night and socials:

Wed., Dec. 10 7:45 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 16 10 a.m.-noon

Wed., Jan. 14 7:45 p.m.

Holiday

Holiday

Tues., Dec. 23

Tues., Dec. 30

Shalom Y'All Party Subject: Charlotte Jewish Community

Speaker: Marvin Bienstock Subject: JCC

Speaker: Barry Hantman

European Makeover, Beauty Day,

Snack, Shop Tips

Tues., Jan. 6 10 a.m.-noon Subject: All About Jewish Family

Services

Speaker: Adrienne Rosenberg Travelogue with Glorie Levinson

Tues., Jan. 20 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Excursion with Glorie Levinson "I Am Woman'

Tues., Jan. 27 10 a.m.-noon Members of the Shalom Y'All Committee are: Sandra Weinstein, Chair; Geri Zhiss, Cochair; Jody Pinion, Shabbat Baskets; Fran Rosenberg, Communications; Shirlee Wadsworth, Coordinator; Eileen Shapiro, Publicity.

Art Show and Sale Continues at Shalom Park

By Ethel Gordon

Twenty-seven framed pieces of art are hanging in the East and West Galleries of the Blumenthal Education Building, Shalom Park, as part of a local art show and sale now going on through December 15.

The purpose of the show is twofold: one, to acquaint the members and visitors of the Foundation Galleries with the work of local artists, and two, to raise funds for the Visual Arts Committee.

The works are in a variety of media including watercolors, pastels, oils, acrylics and mixed media. Subjects range from painted landscapes by Florence Jaffa, Josef Sklut and John Burtoff to mixed media abstracts by G.G. Kosch and Lina Levine. The title "Kaleidoscope Memory" gives a hint of the content of one of G.G.'s pieces. A group of pieces combining calligraphy and watercolor washes by Laurie Graybeal are fresh and very professional. The work that states "A clean house is the sign of an empty mind" always brings smiles to the viewers. Other artists who submitted work to the show are Lorri Barman, Ethel Gordon, Renee Molko Gorelick, Joel Kweskin, Margie Rolnick, Carol Shafranek, Roberta Sosnik and Elkie Tulman. All artists showing their works are contributors to the Foundation.

A well attended opening reception was held Nov. 3. It was an event that fulfilled one of the art committee's reasons for being, that of bringing people together of similar interests, people who may not have ordinarily met. Conviviality spread through the galleries and continued past the closing hour.

Stop by and see the show. Highly visible signs are now located throughout the building to direct you to the galleries. While there be sure to look at the unframed art in a bin in the East Gallery. You may find something you would like to own or give as a gift. Proceeds go to the Visual Arts Committee of the Foundation to further their projects.

Lina Levine chaired the show and reception with the help of Ethel Gordon. Lina's tireless and creative efforts were seen in the publicity and the reception as well as the show as it currently hangs. Many thanks to all who participated.

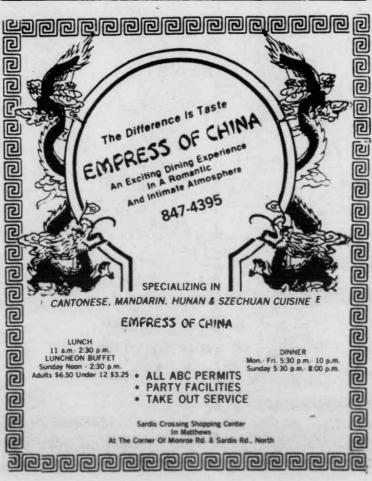


At the opening reception.



Josef Sklut & Margie Rolnick beside their artwork.





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