

# Women's Division of Federation

## Shalom Y'all Hosts Another Successful Newcomers' Party

By Jody Pinion

On December 10, the Shalom Y'all Committee of the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation was host for a very successful evening of wine, cheese, fruit and mingling. We enjoyed the cheese all the more as it was donated by the Home Economist and Hickory Farms. During the informal getting-to-know you session, I was fortunate to meet:

Vic and Phyllis Bergelson, who had moved here just 7 days before from Phoenix; they are originally from Philadelphia. Vic is a local business consultant. They have a son Eric, 25, and a daughter Holly, 29, who is in Florida but plans to join Mom and Dad in Charlotte soon. They hope to play tennis but right now, they're still unpacking.

Jonathan and Susan Frank moved from Chicago via Greensboro on September 1. Jonathan is in financial planning. Susan is an accounting student at UNCC. They and their two cats love Charlotte and have found everyone to be warm and friendly.

Doug and Paula Gentile have been in Charlotte two years, but have never been to a Shalom Y'all party. Doug is Director of Finance for the Charlotte Housing Authority. They moved from Massachusetts with their three children: Jay, 18, Marc, 15, and Sara, 8. They think Charlotte is "great."

Steven and Ellen Muhlfelder have been in Charlotte just 3 months. Also from Massachusetts, Steve runs the bookstore at UNCC and Ellen is a

Nurse Auditor. They have three grown children and are "very pleased" with Charlotte so far.

Allan Rosenfeld moved here in mid-August from Michigan where he finished graduate school. He now plays clarinet with the Charlotte Symphony. He's been so busy he really hasn't had time to look around but he is trying to find people with whom he can play racquetball. He is single.

Marcia Starrels, a reporter for Channel 36, moved here most recently from Ft. Lauderdale. She is single and likes horseback riding. She has worked as a reporter for 8 years across the country and has written for *Time* and *Newsweek*. She's also left-handed.

Marty and Harriet Hurlich moved from Boston, then Anaheim to Charlotte at the end of August. Marty is the operations manager at Union Oil. They have 3 children: Robin, 13, Lisa, 15, and Michele, 17. Oh yes, there's Nipper the dog. Harriet feels Charlotte is a nice place and already keeps busy volunteering her time in the Federation offices.

Ed and Iris Katz, also here since August, moved from Houston. Ed is with Meineke Discount Mufflers and Iris is working with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools afterschool program. They have one son, Jason, 12, who is a swimmer. They have found Charlotte warm, helpful, small and easy to get around. They described the Jewish community as "visible and organized."

Robert and Patti Winters, "Jews by Choice," have been in Charlotte 7 years. Robert is a property manager; Patti is a writer and business manager for a resume writing service. They have 6 children between the two of them, ages 18-34, and have offered them for sale.

Len and Vivian Jacobs, here just 2 weeks, are renting a home while deciding how they like the "Southern Life." Their daughter and son-in-law, Helene & Saul Nathanson, already residents of Charlotte, are enjoying their extended visit, as are their grandchildren. Their home is in Great Neck, N.Y. Vivian enjoys Social Bridge.

Bill and Barbara Hill, from Queens, N.Y., have been here since June. Bill works for the Census Bureau; Barbara plans to go back to school to study art. Although they miss New York a lot, they like Charlotte. They have four children, but only Claudia, 13, lives at home. Bill plays tennis and is looking forward to learning how to cut a lawn.

Barry and Lori Wertheimer have been in Charlotte since October. Barry is an attorney with Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson. They moved from Florida with their son, Robert, 3. They like Charlotte and also enjoy traveling and gardening. Lori also writes stories.

We were pleased to welcome back several "old" newcomers for a second Shalom Y'all party: Susan Epstein, Fred and Lisa Shporer, Alan, Iris and Stephanie Ann Madison, Don and Jane Radner, Gene and Geri Zhiss, and Gloria Harut.

Following the informal portion of the evening, Sandra Weinstein, chairman of Shalom Y'all, welcomed the group. She introduced Marvin Bienstock, Federation Director, who spoke briefly giving an overview of the Jewish Community Center, emphasizing its uniqueness. He encouraged the newcomers to "reach out to the community and it will reach out to them." Cary Bernstein, Youth Pro-

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## Shalom Y'all Programs Expand and Diversify

Shalom Y'all, the newcomers program sponsored by the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, has added two new programs to their already extensive activities. Both are designed to help the great number of newcomers to the community to feel at home quickly and to become involved.

appreciated since up to 150 baskets are anticipated for 1987. To contribute, call the Federation office for details.

### Newcomers Gather Data

An effort is underway to gather the kind of information about newcomers which will help the institutions and



Jody Pinion (L), carrying Shabbat Shalom Y'all baskets, and Judy Miller. They delivered the first four of these to newcomers.

On Friday, Jan. 9, four "Shabbat Shalom Y'all" baskets were delivered to newcomers who had moved into Charlotte within the past three weeks. Each basket contained challah, wine, candles and candlesticks along with the Shalom Y'all brochure listing and describing all the institutions and organizations in the community. A personal invitation to participate in Shalom Y'all was extended.

organizations personalize their outreach and recruitment.

On the evening of Jan. 6, a dozen of the members of Shalom Y'all gathered at Shalom Park and completed more than 60 calls to individuals whose names have come to the attention of Shalom Y'all and its chair for gathering names, Shirlee Wadsworth.

Those called readily answered questions about their areas of interest in Jewish communal life as well

These baskets will be



Monthly get-together of Newcomers group. Guest speaker was Glorie Levinson.


distributed every week to new arrivals. Readers of *The CJNews* who are aware of newcomers moving in and who would like to have them greeted in this special way should contact the Federation office, 366-5007.

as basic demographic data. This was the second such effort at calling and brought to 140 the number of completed data forms on newcomers.

These forms have been duplicated and sent to the institutions and organizations to which the newcomers asked they be sent. The central file is maintained at the Federation office and is accessible to representatives of the institu-

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Chair for Shabbat Shalom Y'all is Jody Pinion. The baskets are made possible, in part, by Phil's Deli, L&S Fashions and Prep Shop, and Action Graphics. Additional contributions would be greatly




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