

# Shalom Y'All Party

## Great Time Had at Sing-A-Long Newcomers Welcomed at Monthly Party

By Jody Pinion

A sing-a-long highlighted the March 11 Shalom Y'all Party for newcomers sponsored by the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation. The evening began with "Jewish Geography" when posters were placed around the room depicting areas of the country and we were instructed to find our area of origin. I cheated and met the following newcomers:

Sharon Schwartz has been in Charlotte since August from Queens, N.Y. She is single and works for Royal Insurance. She likes Charlotte "a lot so far". She also enjoys swimming, playing tennis and the "nicer different lifestyle" she has found here.

Thelma Wertzberger has worked for Royal Insurance for 29 years. Widowed, she decided to make the big move to Charlotte in September. Her two married children remain in South Orange, N.J. Although she loves Charlotte, she is understandably lonesome.

Max and Judi Rosenberg moved to Charlotte from Manalapan, N.J. with their son Jason, 3½-years-old. Max works for Dupont and is enjoying the shorter commute to work. Judi was a nursery school teacher in N.J. They have been here since late February. Judi's sister is Paula (Mrs. Richard A.) Klein.

Alan and Vicki Goldstein have been in Charlotte since December from Los Angeles. Alan is a freelance photographer; Vicki is the coordinator of the Head Injury program at Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital. They are enjoying the slower pace and friendliness they have

found here and are looking forward to becoming more a part of the community. Vicki is originally from Whiteville, N.C.

Robin Leslie from Columbia, S.C. via Boston, has been in Charlotte since mid-February. She is single and an executive secretary with Ivey's advertising. Her interests include parapsychology, reading, music and comedy. She also teaches psychic development.

Olga Berczeller, also with Royal Insurance, has been here 11 months from Queens, N.Y. She enjoys music, tennis and going dancing. She is single and still adjusting to southern life.

The following representatives were present and made themselves available for questions from the Newcomers: Jeff Turk, B'nai B'rith Lodge; Miriam Darholt and Rosaline Mann, Dorothy Guttman Chapter of Hadassah; Lois Benjamin, Rhoda Gleiberman, Judi Strause and Rabbi Marc Wilson, Temple Israel; Rabbi Robert Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom; Marcia Simon, Hadassah; Peggy Gartner, Hebrew Academy.

Following the getting-to-know-you session we sang-along with Marvin Bienstock and Andrew London on guitar and Kathy Schattner on guitar, flute and tambourine. Everyone joined in singing old favorites such as "This Land is Your Land", "If I had a Hammer" and "Hinay-ma-tov-u-ma-navim".

Thanks to the Shalom Y'all committee: Sandra Weinstein, Chair; Jody Pinion, Kim Schrader, Fran Rosenberg, Lorrie Colish, Doris Bernstein, Kassie Bank, Barbara Checkner, Michele Goodman, Eileen Shapiro and Renee Vitt for a very enjoyable evening.

Shalom Y'all entertained newcomers at the monthly party on Wednesday evening, April 8 at Shalom Park.

Elaine Chernotsky of Jewish Family Services spoke about "Holidays in Charlotte, Making New Memories". The evening was most interesting, informative and helpful. Elaine extended her warmth and caring toward the newcomers, helping them to feel welcome in their new environment.

There were 8 newcomers:

Susan Freedman, a commercial artist, moved from Winston-Salem to Charlotte in January.

Ivan Cooper has been in Charlotte one week. He will be joined by his family when school is out in Boulder, Colorado. He is the manager of Hazardous & Industrial Waste. His wife is a teacher and they have 3 children: Alana, age 12; Micha, age 9; and Shira, age 6.

Charles and Nancy Curry arrived in Charlotte April 1 from Buffalo, NY. Charles is general manager of ARATEXL/Servisco. Nancy is a registered nurse. They have 2 children: Kim, age 17 and Bryan, age 12. Incidentally, Nancy is looking for a Mah Jongg group.



Newcomers made welcome by Shalom Y'all committee

Steve Garfinkel is an attorney with the law offices of Alan Gordon and is a member of the "J". Steve is looking for a racquetball game.

Stefani Penkney is project manager with Odell Associates. She's married and has a cat. Stefani moved to Charlotte one month ago from Houston, Texas.

Larry Schroeder moved from the Dallas/Fort Worth area

several months ago and is a computer programmer.

Jacob Frank moved to Charlotte from Myrtle Beach in January and is originally from Israel. He is self-employed in wholesale sales.

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