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Gerber Elected New JCC President

The Jewish Community Center held its first Annual Meeting at Shalom Park on April 26, 1987 at which time Larry Gerber was installed as the J's new president. Larry previously served as treasurer of the J as well as holding that position for the Federation. Other new officers are: vice presidents, Evelyn Berger, William Gorelick and Sol Levine; treasurer, Mike Van Glish; corresponding secretary, Terri Cathcart; recording secretary, Meg Goldstein.

In recognition of their work and participation this past year, the following out-going officers and directors each received a desk-pen set: Sandra Gunn, Hal Levinson, Mike Scharf, Ellen Goldstein, Ben Jaffa, Jr., Barry Kaye.

A TRIBUTE TO MILES LEVINE: A JOB WELL DONE

During these past two years that Miles Levine has been President, due to his outstanding service, dedication and hard work, the Jewish Community Center has undergone major expansion and changes. Through his leadership and guidance, transition committees have performed diligently and effectively, the JCC has moved into its new outstanding facility with a minimum of disruption, acquired a new Executive Director and other key professional staff and has developed and offered quality programs in Health & Physical Education, Adult & Youth Services, Cultural Arts, Social programs, camping, senior citizens, and much more. Miles has been an inspirational and effective leader and statesman and has provided guidance, support and a standard of excellence. Through his special abilities, the JCC has flourished and grown into a major institution serving individuals and families, touching the lives of thousands of people. In addition, he has managed to bring the JCC into a closer working relationship with the Federation, Foundation and the other partners at Shalom Park.



Larry Gerber (L) applauds as Harold Josephson (R), a past president, presents plaque to outgoing president Miles Levine.



Barry Hantman (R) congratulates Harry Swimmer as he presented him with Executive Director's award.



"A Dialogue with Leadership": (L to R) Bill Gorelick, Barry Hantman, Miles Levine, Larry Gerber.

The Jewish Community Center has come of age due in large measure to Miles Levine. To this, and for his outstanding contribution, we can only say thank you and bravo for an excellent job well done.

PRESIDENT'S CUP AWARDED TO MEG GOLDSTEIN

This award was presented to Meg for her outstanding and dedicated work in membership development and recruitment and for her leadership and guidance in fundraising. Through her efforts, the JCC has increased its membership base from 550 to well over 800 units in 1986. Also during 1986, Meg Goldstein has shown leadership in fundraising resulting in almost \$20,000 raised and has helped the JCC tremendously through its first year of operation at Shalom Park.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD TO SWIMMER

Harry Swimmer was chosen for his significant contribution in creating, developing and implementing the Silver Membership program at the JCC. Through his talented and outstanding efforts, the JCC currently has well over 50 Silver Members resulting in over \$50,000 in annual income to the JCC. The impact of this program will provide an important base of support not only for this year but for many years to come.

A DIALOGUE WITH LEADERSHIP

Members and guests had the opportunity to speak with leadership in a panel discussion and ask questions concerning philosophy, programming, involvement and future directions of the JCC. Serving on the panel were: Miles Levine, Larry Gerber, Bill Gorelick and Barry Hantman. Moderator was Hal Levinson.

This was followed by a brunch hosted by the JCC Board of Directors.

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The Ninth Yiddish Institute at Wildacres

"Moshiach Tzeiten" (In the Time of the Messiah)

By Marvin Bienstock

It is said by the Rabbis that when the world has been perfected by all of its inhabitants, God will send his messenger, the Moshiach, who will place a stamp of approval on the world and it will remain in that state of perfection forever.

Perhaps you are asking yourself, "How can we know what a perfect world should be like?"

To come as close as you will ever come to finding the answer, may I humbly suggest that you register for the 1988 YIDDISH INSTITUTE AT WILDACRES.

Imagine 100 men and women, Jews from all across the United States, spending four days together without a murmur of complaint about ANYTHING. Imagine the

best of accommodations and seemingly bottomless platters and bowls of fine cuisine interspersed with banquet tables of baked goods and mountains of halavah.

Imagine all this on a mountain top blessed with idyllic weather, limitless views and a blue sky so close you can reach up and pick a star for a souvenir.

And, most wonderful of all, imagine those 100 people to be the kinds of warm, caring friends with whom you used to share your summers at a very special camp. Or, perhaps they are the relatives who used to gather together weekends to celebrate simchas and who made up your extended family.

In either case, they have the same dedication to their Jewishness that you do. They wear their Yiddishkeit like a



At Havdalah Services: (L to R) Dr. Chaim Newman, Julius Goldman and Lewis Schoenbrun. Photo/Sam Wallace

silken cape richly embroidered with knowledge and memories.

Now that you have an inkling of the setting and the personalities which contribute to perfection, you may wonder how people spend their time.

Of course they chat and

smile, hug a lot, and compare notes on how things have been going. But they really can't wait to sing and dance and pray and study and learn together.

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