

## This 'n That

Herbert Esserman has been named the public library's "volunteer of the year." He volunteers about 12 hours a week there. In recognition of National Volunteer Week, held recently, several within our Jewish community were included on the Honor Roll sign-ups. Among them were Betty (Mrs. John) Levin, representing Volunteer Programs; Trish (Mrs. Barry) Golembe, representing International House; Mildred (Mrs. Bennett) Lyons, Hospice.

Planned Parenthood has announced its new officers and board for 1987. Emily (Mrs. Sam) Zimmern will serve as executive vice president and Leslie (Mrs. Fred) Locke has been named to the board.

Twenty-eight Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students have been selected to attend the 1987 Governor's School this summer. For the Performing Arts, Marjorie Weinstock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Weinstock, from East Mecklenburg and Gabrielle Reznick, daughter of Phyllis Reznick and Philip Reznick, from West Charlotte.

Debaters from Myers Park High School took home the third place Sweepstakes award from a debate tournament at West Charlotte High School recently. David Shmikler, son of Elsie Mitschele and Robert Shmikler, came in second as varsity speaker and fifth on the varsity debate team. Daniel Brenner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Saul Brenner, came in as second place Congress-speaker.

A team of sixth graders at First Ward Elementary entered the Knowledge Master Open, a national academic contest in which participating schools are sent a sealed computer disk containing 200 questions. On the team were Marc Warshawsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Warshawsky and Craig Kaufmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kaufmann.

Ilan Weinglass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weinglass, was awarded a medal for receiving the highest score among McClintock Jr. High students on the National Science Olympiad exam.

Evan Schlosberg, son of Lois Schlosberg and Bruce Schlosberg, a student at McClintock Jr. High, has been inducted into the Honor Society.

Avi Rocklin, daughter of Ms. Marilyn Perlman and Rabbi Richard Rocklin, a recent graduate of UNC-CH (see "Salute to the Graduates") has been named to Phi Beta Kappa.

Richard Kort, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kort, a recent graduate of Emory U., has been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary business fraternity.

Eric Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler, will begin his junior year in London, England as part of the Guilford College "semester abroad program."

A team from Charlotte Country Day Schools and a team from a Raleigh school tied for first place in the algebra division at the Pembroke State University Mathematics Contest. On the team were Andy Fligel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fligel and Scott Shapiro, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Shapiro. Andy received an honorable mention in Algebra I and Scott, an honorable mention in Algebra II.

Math honors keep multiplying for Charlotte Country Day Schools, which for the fifth consecutive year was the overall team winner at the UNCC High School Mathematics Contest.... took the trophy with the highest combined score on the contest's three phases. Helping the school achieve this were: Jeff

Klein, son of Dr. Deysey Klein and Robert Klein, first on comprehensive written team. David Kirsch, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Kirsch, came in first on the Algebra II team and second individually in Algebra II.

Benjamin Adelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adelman, a recent graduate of So. Mecklenburg High (see "salute to graduates") was named as one of *The Charlotte Observer's* All-Star Scholars. He ranked third of 675 students and was a member of the National Honor Society; Drama Club; junior marshals and the Senior Follies.

The SouthPark 9-year-old Boys Basketball Team, coached by Dr. Larry Seitlin, has finished 1st in their age group in the Southern Youth Basketball League, despite losing the team's two best—and tallest—players just before the season started. That left only seven active players, which includes Larry and Stephanie's son, Eric Seitlin. After a first-game loss they defeated all comers.

The local Missions Committee has honored Nettie and Ralph Smith by naming the March 1988 Mission to Israel "The Nettie and Ralph Smith Mission to Israel." This honor is in appreciation of their support for the community, the Federation and especially Israel.

Scott Kaufmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kaufmann, has been named N.C. Jr. High Chess Champion.

Young scientists participated in local and regional fairs which were held at UNCC recently. At the Southwest N.C. Regional Fair, in the elementary division of engineering, Laurie Klugman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Klugman, won an honorable mention. She also won an honorable mention in the Intermediate (5-6) Engineering division (joint project) in the Mecklenburg County Fair. She is a student at Country Day. Rachael Schwartz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jared Schwartz, won an honorable mention in the junior division (7-8) biological sciences at the Mecklenburg County Fair. She is a student at Country Day. Amy Seitlin, daughter of Dr. and Larry Seitlin, received an honorable mention in the senior division (9-12) in biological sciences at the Mecklenburg County Fair. She attends South Mecklenburg High.

## Soviet Jews Arrive in U.S.

Eighty-one Soviet Jews, the largest single group of Soviet refugees to arrive in the U.S. in five years, were able to enjoy a real Seder with family members this Passover for what may be the first time in their lives.

The new immigrants, long-denied the freedom to practice their religion openly, arrived at Kennedy International Airport in N.Y. from Rome on April 8. Also on the flight were 11 Iranian and six Rumanian refugees. (Thirty-three Iranians additionally arrived at the airport that day aboard flights from Vienna.)

The refugees, some of whom have been separated from close relatives for up to 11 years, have all been assisted by HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. HIAS President, Robert L. Israeloff, joined the friends and relatives greeting the new arrivals at the airport.

Mr. Israeloff said he was "cautiously optimistic" that this could signal the beginning of a new wave of Jewish emigration from the USSR.

There is much optimism that the Soviet government may permit a large number of Jews to leave the country in the near future. Only 914 Jews were allowed to exit the USSR last year. During the first three months of 1987, 704 have already been permitted to leave.

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