Charlotte Jewis

Meet Our Teachers for the New School Year

Freda R. Thrower

We are delighted to welcome a new staff member

to the Charlotte Jewish Day School. Freda Thrower comes from Ahoskie, N.C. She has a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from East Carolina Uni-



versity. She also has her K-12 Reading Certificate from East Carolina University. As she continued her career, she pursued and received her M.A. in Elementary Education also from ECU.

Her teaching experience has been in Northeastern North Carolina. She has taught first and second grades as a combined unit. She has also worked with fourth and fifth grades as a specialist in Reading with the children. She has in all her years done a lot of substitute work from first through ninth grades at various school systems. Freda has a good overall feeling for teaching the various grade levels and seems to really enjoy her elementary age school children.

Being the mother of three sons, Freda feels that every child deserves the opportunity to have the best education possible. "In my classroom, I strive to provide a strong program in basic education. Incorporated in this are other areas of study which help to develop a well rounded, happy child. I feel it is essential to work with each student individually and to provide a course of study designed for his/her own level and pace."

We welcome Freda to our school and also to the city of Charlotte.

Helen Bronson

Helen Bronson brings to the Jewish Day School the benefit

of many years of elementary teaching experience in the Miami, Florida public schools. As the mother of six children, she also brings a highly de-

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Bronson states, "Education is a nurturing profession. As did Froebel, I believe that the teacher should strive to be a model for the student. Mutual respect and concern for others should pervade the atmosphere of the classroom. The dignity of the student should be such that a child feels comfortable in his relationships with his teacher and peers. As I begin each day, I remind myself that 'a good teacher should give children a lifelong love of learning.'

Berta Straz

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Hebrew and to engage in simple conversations. They learn the historic background and the traditions of Jewish holiday observance, as well as experiencing the joy of celebrating these events through dance, drama and song. Bible stories also come alive through her creative use of the arts and her encouragement of her students' self-expression.

Mrs. Straz states, "I attempt to teach the basic religious principles in a very relaxed and positive learning environment. Judaism has so much spirit to offer; I believe that the concepts stay alive with the children. The most important goal of all is to help the children start to understand what their Jewish identity is all about."

Ziva London

The Jewish Day School is most fortunate to have had

Ziva London on the faculty for the past seven years. A native speaker of Hebrew, she not only provides an excellent conversa-

tional Hebrew London program for the upper grades, but she also gives the students an extensive background in Torah, history and the works of the prophets and scholars. Her approach to teaching Judaic thought is to relate Jewish ethics to events in the daily lives of her students, so that they may use the teachings of the fathers to create a framework for their own decision making. Mrs. London also teaches her students the academic skill of researching the literature on a subject to arrive at an answer to a problem. By the sixth grade, Jewish Day School students can read and understand Torah passages and prayers in Hebrew, as well as conduct grammatically correct basic conversations in modern dialect.

For further information, please call Berta Straz, 366-5007, or Roslyn Gordon, 847-4557.



Bob Brodsky, CJDS president, and son Phillip at ice cream social.



Michelle Straz preparing for 200th birthday celebration of the Constitution.



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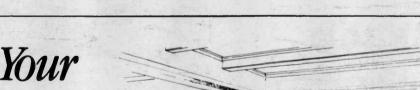
Sue Brodsky preparing a banana split.



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