



Jewish Family Services

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Thank You To Our Volunteers

The lifeblood of any service organization is its volunteers. They perform a myriad of vital functions that breathe life and meaning into the organization's superstructure.

We, in Jewish Family Services, value the time, effort and impact that each volunteer contributes to our organization.

At our regular monthly meeting, held on Thursday, December 10, a number of retiring volunteers were cited for their excellence and devotion to our cause.

Lorrie Colish and Ruth Richardson were given Certificates of Appreciation for their work and time spent as clerical assistants in our office. We sincerely thank them for a job well done. They both made the wheels turn more easily.

Also given Certificates of Appreciation were Joan Gor-



(L to R) Dr. Joal Fischer, Anita (Mrs. Herman) Blumenthal, Moses Luski holding plaques presented by JFS.

don, Margie Liebshtein and Thelma Levy. Under the auspices of the Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, these three made many visits to Jewish residents in local nursing homes. How can one measure these mitzvot? You can't. The pleasure and comfort that

these women gave to the nursing home residents is incalculable.

Finally, we said farewell to three members of our Jewish Family Services Committee: Anita Blumenthal, Dr. Joal Fischer and Moses Luski. Each has served with honor and distinction for four years. The various skills and experiences that each brought with them has enriched everyone. A handsomely engraved plaque, marking the occasion, was given as a symbol of the bond that exists between the volunteer and the organization.

Barrier Awareness Day Will Be Held at Shalom Park

On Sunday, February 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be a Barrier Awareness Day held at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall. This will be for both children and adults and will present an opportunity to experience first hand what it means to be physically disabled. Metrolina Independent Living Center will be in charge of the program which is free of charge to members of the Jewish community.

Cosponsors of the program will be Jewish Family Services' Task Force on the Physically Disabled, the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, HaLailah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, the Jewish Community Center,

Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel. HaLailah will provide a free lunch at 1 p.m. An award will be given to the person in the Jewish community who has done the most for the physically disabled.

The purpose of this program is to sensitize all of us into experiencing the needs of the physically disabled in our Jewish community. Through sensitization comes better knowledge and acceptance with awareness of planning our community needs and growth around all.

For further information, please call Ellie Katz, 364-7757; Linda Klein, 372-9263 after 5 p.m.; Penny Eisenberg, 847-4037 or Adrienne Rosenberg, 364-6594.



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Thoughts from Adrienne

By Adrienne Rosenberg, JFS Director

Have you ever wondered where to turn for help about a particular problem? Have you ever had a question but are unsure whom to ask?

A little known service that is provided by Jewish Family Services is called Information and Referral. It is the responsibility of our staff to keep up with current resources and community agencies in Charlotte and throughout the country.

This is more than a telephone service. It is a caring community concept where all inquiries are confidential. It is a free service to all who call; however, a donation letter is sent to those who use it, providing an opportunity to help pay for the caseworker's time spent on the call.

What Kinds of Questions Do We Answer for People?

All Things Jewish	Marriage and Family Counseling
Blind Services	New in Town
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Donating Food, Clothes or Money	Private Practitioners of All Types
Employment Concerns and Needs	Questions of All Kinds
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Interfaith Concerns	Volunteering
Jewish Education	Widows' Concerns
Kashruth	Youth Needs
Leisure Activities	Zillions of Other Things

We welcome your calls. You can reach us at 364-6594 or 366-5007.

Family to Family Contact

If you or someone in your home is experiencing a problem with alcohol or drug usage, perhaps it would be helpful to talk with someone who has also lived with this problem.

There are persons in the community who have volunteered to speak with anyone to share mutual substance abuse experiences. It is comforting to know that one is not alone in our community when dealing with substance abuse.

To learn more about this family/individual-to-individual contact, please call Adrienne Rosenberg, 364-6594, at Jewish Family Services. All contacts are confidential.

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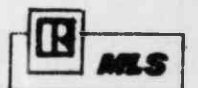
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