

Charlotte Jewish Day School



New Kindergarten Teacher Hired for 1988-89 School Year

By Rita Mond

The Board of the Charlotte Jewish Day School is pleased to announce that they have hired Mrs. Roz Cooper as the kindergarten teacher for the 1988-89 school year. Many of you are already well acquainted with Roz as she has been serving as the part-time director of Temple Beth El V'Shalom's religious school. She will not be relinquishing that position since that occupies only her afternoons and Sunday, giving her ample time to teach the kindergarten class which meets Monday through Friday in the morning.

Roz is the wife of Ivan Cooper, an environmental engineer. They have three children: Alana, 13; Micah, 10 and Shira, 7. Roz is originally from Queens, NY but she and her family recently moved here from Boulder, Colorado where they resided for nine years.

Roz has an impressive background, being well educated in both lay and Judaica subjects, including Hebrew. She comes from a strong conservative home, but as a child attended an Orthodox Schul in New York.

She received a B.A. in Sociology from Colby College, Waterville, Maine, and her M.Ed from National College of Education, Evanston, Illinois. She received her degree in special education-learning disabilities. She then taught special learning disability

children in Libertyville, Illinois.

In Boulder she directed the Hebrew School at Congregation Bonai Shalom and also taught a class of 5-year-olds at the Mountainview Preschool.

She loves working with kindergarten-age children, finding that the first year is crucial in forming their proper attitude towards learning. Roz stated, "It is my hope that we can create a comfortable atmosphere for the growth and stimulation of their minds... having fun while doing it."

She will be teaching both English and Judaica to the children. This had not been done before in the previous kindergarten class and is a decided plus for the children's education.

When asked about her other interests, besides teaching and her family, Roz replied, "I LOVE tennis!" She also loves Israel and stated that she could hardly wait until this summer when she will be making her fourth visit there. She will be leaving the end of July for approximately two weeks to attend the CAJE Conference in Jerusalem. She no doubt will come back with some new teaching skills.

Two years ago the entire family went to Israel and worked on a Moshav in the Golan Heights for three weeks and then spent an additional two weeks visiting and touring Israel. Because they also love Israel, she might consider "taking them along" this summer.

Chanukah Program Enjoyed by Young and Old



Debbie Telem, PTA president, presenting Chanukah gifts to the students.



Sara Seiferheld walks back to enjoy her lunch after receiving her gift.



"Shorty" the clown entertains at the Chanukah program.



photos/B. Straz

"Ages and Stages" Attended by Many Parents

By Berta Straz

Our second morning seminar was held on January 20. Anda W. Cochran, operator of "Totline", and editor of the newsletter, Reaching, was our key speaker. She is a well known Day Care consultant and trainer. She has conducted a number of seminars for various groups involved in the development, education and care of young children.

Ms. Cochran received her undergraduate degree in Child Development and Family Relations from the University of N.C. at Greensboro and has taken undergraduate work at UNC-Charlotte. Prior to her current position as Coordinator of Preventive Services with the Mecklenburg County Area Department of Mental Health, Ms. Cochran was an instructor in child care at Central Community College.

A group of 50 anxious mothers and fathers attended our morning seminar. Ms. Cochran started the discus-

sion by saying that "We parents get so involved into managing our children that we tend to forget the developmental stage of development!" She says, "Development is a matter of fact and life is a whole series of developmental stages." She described how development moves through various rough periods known as the equilibrium and the disequilibrium periods. Development comes from head to toe, and from the innermost part to the outermost part of the body. She pointed out that everything children do has its own sequences. Children don't think

like adults; they don't have the discrimination that we adults have control of.

She then touched upon the various stages of play which include: solitary play, parallel play, sociative play and cooperative play. She concluded by saying that they don't lose these stages throughout life; they (children) just add on to it.

Our morning seminar concluded with bagels and coffee and a question and answer period. We were proud to present this program in conjunction with Temple Israel Preschool and the JCC Mother's Morning Out Program.

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Tu B'Shvat Extravaganza

Children:

- Make and eat "Fruit of the Trees Sundaes"
- Plant your own tree!
- Learn about Tu B'Shvat!


Parents:

- Meet the CJDS 1988-89 Kindergarten teacher and all CJDS staff
- Ask all your questions about the CJDS.
- See the CJDS for yourself.


When: Sunday, February 7, 1988

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

RSVP: Debbie Telem, Recruitment V.P. 366-7646 or call the school office at 366-5007, ext. 125




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