

Our Organizations

B'nai B'rith Women HaLailah Chapter

Pine needles season is here again! HaLailah is accepting orders through Mar. 14. The needles, at \$4.50 a bale, will be delivered, at no extra charge, the week of Mar. 21. To order, call Penny Eisenberg, 847-4037 or Lauren Lassman, 846-3310.

At the January program at Hunter House, Erica Lindenman created makeovers for seven residents who were thrilled with their "new look." The annual Hunter House Baby Shower will be held this month. Donations of baby clothing and toys are appreciated. Call Linda Spil, 846-3704.

On Feb. 3, members went to Crisis Assistance Clothing Ministry to sort clothes. Five bags of clothing were also donated.

HaLailah provided dinner for the guests of Rachel House on Feb. 15. This is a new project for the chapter.

The Charlotte Observer Religious Editor Kathleen McClain was the featured speaker at the ADL program meeting on Feb. 16. Ms. McClain, who has had intense

and personal experiences in the Soviet Union and with the refuseniks, spoke about Glasnost and its effect on Soviet Jewry.

"Tacky" was the theme of HaLailah's informal get-together on Feb. 20 at the Essex Apts. Members, spouses and friends came dressed in their "best" tacky, danced to their favorite tunes and partook of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Thanks to Erica Lindenman for arranging the event.

A cocktail party in honor of Gail Robinson, BBW's new South Atlantic regional director, was held on Feb. 24 at the home of Maddie Joffe.

The chapter is sponsoring the Older Adult Luncheon on Mar. 13. BBYO, back by popular demand, will be providing the entertainment.

HaLailah is now preparing Passover baskets for the needy, elderly and shut-ins in our community. If you can help with a donation, please call Maddie Joffe, 554-6705 or Wendy Rosen, 364-9765.

—Lisa Pharr

Charlotte Chapter

The Second Annual Children's Mental Health Fair, held on Feb. 21 in the Belk Court at Eastland Mall, was well attended. Parents and children received valuable information on services available on mental health problems concerning children and adolescents. For more information call Elissa Meadow, 541-9545 or Jody Pinion, 821-6811.

Gail Robinson, director of the South Atlantic Region, presented the chapter with the 1987 Sidney G. Kusworm Award during a breakfast program on Feb. 24 at Raintree Country Club. In addition to

the award, in recognition as the outstanding chapter in community/volunteer services, a program on Dolls for Democracy was presented. Canned goods for Loaves & Fishes were collected at the meeting.

The second annual Sickle Cell Anemia screening will be held Mar. 6 at Outlet Square.

The paid-up membership luncheon is at Shalom Park on Mar. 23 at 11:30 a.m. Elections will be held at that time. The parenting program, to be held on Mar. 30, concerns children and stress.

—Jody Pinion

Hillel in the Carolinas

A Shabbaton is in the planning and students from the schools in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina will be invited. The theme for the retreat will be ISRAEL AT FORTY. We are also trying a new outreach program for reform students. Each of four of the North Carolina area reform rabbis has been invited to participate in a Sunday evening program and dinner, which will be sponsored by their sisterhood. Hillel has invited Rabbi Yossi Groner, of Lubavitch of North Carolina, to present a program on Jewish mysticism. We will also be involved in a student UJA campaign and celebrate Passover with a communal Seder.

Regular weekly events include Tuesday night socials which may be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti night or Israeli

dancing. Shabbat is celebrated with services followed by dinner on Friday evening and a study group and kiddush on Shabbat morning. Once a month on Sunday a lox and bagel brunch is held.

Recently a pool table, ping pong table, VCR and piano were donated from friends of Hillel in the community. It is hoped that they will encourage more students to use the Hillel House.

Funds from the Jewish communities in North Carolina and from national B'nai B'rith allow Hillel to open its doors, pay monthly utility bills and staff salaries. What is really needed is programming funds. The Charlotte Jewish community is the largest in the State and Hillel awaits its continuing and increasing support for Jewish activities on campus.

NCCJ Asks for Nominations for Annual Awards

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) announces that William H. "Bill" Grigg, executive vice president for finance and administration at Duke Power Co., is chairing this year's annual awards banquet, to be held at the Marriott Hotel City Center on May 4. This event is designed to promote the concept that individuals make a difference in creating a community in which all citizens are important. NCCJ feels that positive energy is created when the community comes together to honor a person or persons for going beyond the usual call of citizenship in their efforts to promote an environment which values the rights and dignity of each person.

As a part of this event, NCCJ invites the community to participate in the selection of the honoree by nominating

a person who meets the following criteria:

- Cares about all people and expresses that concern in his/her life.
- Has made significant contributions to this community in helping it to make strides toward improving the quality of life for all citizens.
- Is an active force for better understanding and acceptance between persons of different groups, races, religions and nationalities.
- Promotes the ideals of NCCJ in nourishing the richness of pluralism.

Among the previous honorees of the Silver Medallion Award have been Herman Blumenthal & Kitty Huffman, 1985, and Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women, 1967.

The award selection committee is comprised of previous years' dinner chairs: Mark Bernstein, Dr. Monroe Gil-

Dorothy Gutmann Hadassah Group Meets Evenings

The January meeting of the Dorothy Gutmann evening group of Hadassah was a fun-filled success. Members played a special Jewish version of bingo which was written and designed by our own members. Prizes were awarded to all.

Plans are now underway for the installation of officers for 1988-89. Our next meeting will be on March 16 at Shalom Park; the program will be on Judaic life.

If you would like to get out for an evening and do something worthwhile, join this affable group of women who act for and enjoy the tenets of Hadassah. For information call Miriam Darholt, 366-3057.

mour (also an award winner), and Betty & Dennis Rash; previous honorees: Dolly & Jack Tate, Kitty Huffman and Herman Blumenthal; the chair and vice chairs of the NCCJ board of directors: Natalie Cohen, Mary Lou Babb and Bob Thompson. Nominations will be accepted until March 15. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the NCCJ office, 332-4420.

Reunion to Occur

On June 23, 1988, a reunion of all the volunteers who participated in Mahal (Airforce, Navy, Army, Aliyah Bet, and Materials for Israel) from 1945-1949 is being held in Israel. The program will take place in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Those participants who are interested in joining the reunion or have knowledge of other members who are eligible, please call: Drora Katz, 201-575-4050; Joseph Landow, 526-766-8294; David Gen, 201-376-8460 or write: A.V.I., P.O. Box 292, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

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