

Library Lines

By Amalia Warshenbrot

Although Ralph Waldo Emerson, the famous American poet, once wrote, "Never read any book that is not a year old," the following brand-new children's books are definitely exceptions! The following books in the Speizman Jewish Library feature modern approaches to both the Holocaust and Bible stories.

THE DONKEY'S STORY, Barbara Cohen. Lothrop Lee and Shepard. 28 pages. Ages 6-10.

The story of Baalam, the rather egocentric and somewhat foolish prophet, has never been told before. Barbara Cohen's story is based on a little known Bible story. She turns it into a humorous, colloquial retelling for contemporary youth, while retaining the ancient prayers and blessings. Mrs. Cohen has especially succeeded in blending the "old" of the Bible story with the "new" in her fresh approach, and she has taught us that Bible stories need not be without humor. The illustrations are lovely and enhance the text well.

DAVID AND MAX. Gary Provost and Gail Levine-Provost. Jewish Publication Society. 196 pages. Ages 10-14.

Twelve-year old David spends a summer vacation on the beach. Whatever happens, he knows that he can count on Max, his grandfather, for good times and lots of laughs. He finds much more. Unexpectedly, David and Max, along with David's new friend Candy, become caught up in a search for a man Max thought had died in the Holocaust. Slowly, David learns about Max's terrible years during World War II and finds out some things about his mother and grandmother that are difficult to comprehend.

As he comes to terms with this confusing information, David grows to understand more about the meaning of honesty...and about himself.

Among the adult non-fiction books, the library has received a donation of the following controversial book.

A DEATH OF A JEWISH AMERICAN PRINCESS. Shirley Frondorf. Willard Books, Random House. 281 pages.

Frondorf is a prosecuting attorney and former psychiatric social worker who spent two years researching

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CAJE Announces "A Day for History"

Kickoff of the Charlotte Jewish Archives

An idea whose time has finally come...The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is pleased to announce the founding of the Charlotte Jewish Archives...an ongoing project to preserve our Charlotte Jewish past in the present, as a legacy to our future.

Do you have any pictures or papers about the history of Jews in Charlotte? Are you a Jew in Charlotte with something to say about how you got here, why you're here, or what it's like to live here? If so, be sure to come to Shalom Park's Adult Lounge on Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. On that "Day for History," CAJE is sponsoring an event to collect as much information as possible about the history of Jews in Charlotte. The goal is to acquire a permanent collection of photographs, documents, tapes and videotapes that will form the foundation of the new Char-

lotte Jewish Archives. If requested, papers will be photocopied and pictures photographed so that the owner can retain the originals. We also will be videotaping or tape recording the stories of Charlotteans in the Jewish community. Material gathered will be exhibited June 11-18 during Jewish Heritage Week.

Steering committee members are Richard A. Klein, Elizabeth Klein, Sam Ene-man, Steven and Nina Haas, Lenora Stein, and Cheri and Marc Titlebaum. For further information call CAJE, 366-1948.

Birthday Bash Held at BJH and FAIR OAKS

What is a "Birthday Bash"? It's the new home-wide monthly birthday party held in the FAIR OAKS Commons at BJH the first Tuesday of the month and it is a new project for a group of Greensboro volunteers. "It may not mean much to you gals but we will be talking about it for days," were the words of one resident to a volunteer. Watching the exuberant volunteers in action told the real story; the party meant a great deal to both residents and volunteers. Volunteers came with both their hearts and hands filled with flowers, gifts and decorations, with enthusi-

asm, joy and loving care. They blew up balloons, escorted residents, served cake, took pictures, sang songs and held hands. Everyone had a good time, a wonderful beginning for a new year.

There are opportunities for many new beginnings at BJH and FAIR OAKS in 1989. We welcome Charlotte volunteers for a special project or just to visit, and we welcome those who will choose to begin a new life at BJH or FAIR OAKS this year.

For more information, contact Sue Clein at (919) 766-6401.

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The 1989 Amtrak Storytelling Odyssey Comes to Shalom Park

Marcia Lane, nationally known American Jewish storyteller, literally "rides the rails" to Charlotte on Sunday, March 5 when the 1989 Amtrak Storytelling Odyssey comes to Shalom Park. Ms. Lane, a true 20th century Jewish troubador, will share her special programs of story, song and mime with children and adults in four different performances at Shalom Park.

Sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) and the Charlotte Jewish Federation, Marcia Lane's Charlotte appearance is the last stop (and the only one in North Carolina) of an eight-week, 25-city whistlestopping adventure by railroad across the U.S. from east coast to west coast and back.

Ms. Lane has been storytelling professionally for over a decade. She is a member of the national Jewish Storytelling Network based in New York and has guest edited its quarterly newsletter. She has performed for children and adults across the country



Marcia Lane

and has conducted many workshops. She has presented programs at the 92nd Street Y in NYC along with Peninah Schram, the "dean" of Jewish storytellers. This cross-country adventure that brings Ms. Lane to Charlotte is the second Amtrak Storytelling Odyssey, the first one to come South.

ALL programs are at Shalom Park, admission is FREE, and the community is invited to attend.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY morning

10 AM-11 AM
11 AM-NOON
(Luski Youth Activity Ctr.)

Grades K-3
Grades 4-7
Joint Temple Beth El V'Shalom/Temple Israel Religious School
PROGRAM with Marcia Lane, "Jewish Storytelling and Song"
Open to all children K-3 & 4-7 & their parents. A family education opportunity. (Regular school day)

SUNDAY afternoon
Noon-2 PM
(Board Room)

JEWISH TEACHERS' WORKSHOP
with Marcia Lane
"Jewish Storytelling: How To Get Started"
A "Lunch & Learn" mini-workshop. Advance registration required - call 366-1948 to reserve a place. (No charge for teachers of CAJE member schools.)

SUNDAY evening
7:30 PM
(Gorelick Hall)

"An Adult Evening of Jewish Storytelling & Song" with Marcia Lane
Dessert to follow the performance. This event specially sponsored by Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel Sisterhoods and Men's Clubs and the JCC.

Local arrangements are courtesy of Waldenbooks and Holiday Inns.

For further information and registration for the teachers' workshop, contact Lenora Stein, Resource Center Director at CAJE, 366-1948.

For an advance preview

of the Storytelling Odyssey, Marcia Lane's two cassettes of stories, "Tales on the Wind," and "Stories from the Enchanted Loom," may be borrowed from the CAJE Resource Center.

BBW Calendar Correction

Charlotte Chapter BBW apologizes for any inconvenience for an incorrect telephone number in Alan Oxman's ad in the community calendar. The correct number is 342-2277.

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