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JCC Swim Team Wins Championship Again

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The JCC swim team has done it again — an unprecedented third consecutive championship season! Under the outstanding coaching of Shaun Wallace, Jennifer Cohen and Karen Carlson, the 95 swimmers have won the regular season championship, the league relay championship and the all-star championship. The annual swim team awards banquet was held at Gorelick Hall on June 29 and a special treat of the evening was the appearance of Olympic swimmer, Melvin Stewart, of Fort Mill, who spoke to the swimmers and showed

slides from his trip to Seoul, Korea. After presentation of special awards, videotaped highlights of the swim season rounded out the evening.

Award recipients for Most Valuable Swimmer: 8 and under, **Frances LaMarsh** and **Lauren Palefsky** (tied) and **Jason Kaplan**; 9-10, **Ilana Kavadlo** and **Jason Gold**; 11-12, **Amy Widis** and **Josh Manes**; 13-14, **Amy Goldman** and **Chris Tritten**; 15-18, **Ruthie Abel** and **Richard Rosenfeld**. Overall most valuable swimmers were **Ilana Kavadlo** and **Jason Kaplan**.

The Team Spirit Awards went to: 8 and under, **Holly Stone** and **Andrew Coen**;

9-10, **Miriam Biber** and **Phillip Cathcart**; 11-12, **Erin Collins** and **Jay Lurie**; 13-14, **Lauren Weisman** and **Jason Cathcart**; 15-18, **Carrie Campbell** and **David Fox**. Overall Team Spirit Awards went to **Stephanie Rouso** and **Casey Neumann**.

The Coaches' Awards went to **Josh Manes** and **Cher Fox**. The awards ceremony culminated with the announcement of **David Fox** as the recipient of the Musler Award. This award is given annually to the swimmer with outstanding leadership, citizenship and athletic qualities.



Some of The Winners: 1st row (L to R) **Frances LaMarsh**, **Lauren Palefsky**, **Holly Stone**, **Andrew Cohen**, **Stephanie Rouso**; 2nd row (L to R) **Ilana Kavadlo**, **Casey Neumann**, **Josh Manes**, **Jason Kaplan**; 3rd row (L to R) **Carrie Campbell**, **Ruthie Abel**. photo/T. Hoffman

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Welcomes New Cantor

Temple Beth El V'Shalom welcomes Cantor Morris Chotin to their Temple family, to serve as Cantor-Educator.

Cantor Chotin is impressed with both the city of Charlotte and the Jewish community. "The Jewish community has been very receptive to my being here. People seem interested in my input. Many have been helping me adjust to this new situation. Each community is different, and I have appreciated the help making the transition to Charlotte," he remarked. "I'm also impressed with the dedication and level of volunteerism I've seen."

Coming from St. Louis, Cantor Chotin is also impressed with Charlotte's southern hospitality and warmth of the people, as well as the cleanliness of the city. "I love the abundance of trees and shrubbery. And the roads, except in rush hour, seem to make all areas of the city reasonably accessible."

He is very touched by Rabbi Seigel's assistance and help. "From the very first time we met, he's been most helpful and has made things as pleasant as possible for me. I look forward to assisting Rabbi Seigel in his various clergy duties."

Cantor Chotin's long and short term plans include assuring the children get the best available in Jewish education. "I'd like to imbue them with a positive attitude toward Judaism and inspire more lay members to serve with our fine faculty."

"I'd also like to make the congregation aware of the vast resources of Jewish music available for the synagogue. I feel, too, I'm here



Cantor Chotin
circa 1970

not only to make a contribution to the music part of the service and to education, but as a member of the clergy to minister to the needs of the congregation for all life-cycle events and special needs."

Cantor Chotin hopes to create warm memories, inspire the congregation to take an active part in the musical liturgy of the service, and to lead and interpret the liturgy for their positive religious experience.

He expects his family to join him in Charlotte in January.

— Patti Winters

Community-Wide "Honor the Teachers of Our Religious Schools" Was A Success

Over 350 students, parents and friends turned out on Sunday evening June 4, to honor the teachers of our community's Jewish schools. Sponsored by the Charlotte Jewish Federation (CJF) and the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), an entertaining program of music and video was presented by the students of Temple Israel Preschool, Lubavitch of NC, the Consolidated High School, Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel. Over 60 teachers, representing their respective schools, were individually recognized for their hard work by their education directors and pre-



Gorelick Hall was filled by students, parents and friends who came to pay tribute to their teachers.

sented with a gift book on behalf of the CJF and CAJE. The evening was capped by a make-your-own ice cream sundae party that was enjoyed by the huge crowd. Organizers **Ruth**

Goldberg, Education Committee Chairperson of CJF and **Lenora Stein**, Resource Center Director, CAJE, noted that they hope this event will become an annual, end-of-school-year program.

Bernstein Participated in UJA Task Force



Bobbi Bernstein (L) and Oscar Mendeleev, longtime Soviet Refusenik, at Mevaseret Zion, an Absorption Center in Israel. photo/Robert A. Cumins

Bobbi Bernstein, Charlotte Jewish Federation President, was selected to participate on a special UJA Task Force to visit Israel this past May. This mission included 30 leaders from around the U.S.A. and had as its theme "Israel, Now More Than Ever." The 50 hours spent in Israel included briefings with high level officials, visits to a Youth Aliyah village, an absorption center and touring the new excavations along the Western Wall.

Mrs. Bernstein returned "exhausted, but exhilarated." She has made a renewed pledge to promote missions to Israel in the Charlotte community.

The next community mission to Israel is June 24, 1990 and it is hoped that there will be a large contingent going from Charlotte. For information on this mission and others, call the Federation office, 366-5007.

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