

Tweens and Teens

BBYO's Regional was a Blast

By Jon Simon

BBYO's yearly Regional Convention, comprised of North Carolina and Virginia councils, turned out to be an all around terrific convention. The convention was held on Dec. 23-26 at the Winston-Salem Hyatt Hotel. This was the last convention with a regional board, since it has now been abolished.

The first night we attended the final State of Eastern Region. State of the Region is when the regional AZA and BBG presidents give a speech about the progress the region has made in the past year. The last Eastern Region AZA president was **Brian Shuman** of Greensboro and BBG president was **Sherry Seittlin** of Charlotte. The State of the Region was followed by a Mr. AZA contest and a friendship circle.

The following day started off with a program which dealt with Jewish humor. We watched a video of different famous Jewish comedians explaining how Jewish humor is different from regular comedy. Later in the day, chapters which won contests at the contest conventions in the fall performed again in front of the region. There was a talent show following the contest. Charlotte's **Melissa Monosoff** and **Mara Jacobsohn** gave some fantastic singing performances. Later that eve-

ning there was a program on "March of the Living" which is a tour through concentration camps and other places which deal with the Holocaust in Germany.

Tuesday included programs on the homeless, project earth, BBYO education and the regional oratory contest. **Scott Blacker** from Charlotte won the oratory contest and a video tape of his speech will be sent to the international contest. In the evening there was a dance where many dates were made for the upcoming Sweetheart Beau in Charlotte. At the AZA and BBG split up, the seniors told stories about their four years in the region.

We had our final regional business meetings. At AZA's meeting they passed a vandalism policy and elected **Ashley Simon** from Virginia as the regional Sweetheart.

At the awards banquet held at lunchtime, awards were given to the chapters winning the regional contests and the regional board was discharged. A friendship circle was held prior to our leaving where we sang some traditional BBYO songs and said our goodbyes. It was off to the buses to return home. You can always tell if it is a good convention if people are sad about leaving. This time they really were.

BBYO Adopts New Logo, New Look

BBYO is kicking off 1991 with a new look and a new logo. Designed with two heads inside a menorah, similar to the traditional logo, the new emblem features a more modern look expressing the vibrance and youthfulness of BBYO and its members.

The old BBYO logo was created nearly 50 years ago, after BBG was established. "We've been considering a new design for some time now. While there is a lot of history and tradition associated with the old symbol, it looked outdated in this modern day and time. The new logo keeps the original concept intact, but brings a fresher look and image with it," explains BBYO International Director **Dr. Sid**



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In addition to a new design, the logo will feature new colors. The emblem is gold with the words "B'nai B'rith Youth Organization" written in a teal blue.

The new logo was unveiled at the 1990 International Staff Conference this fall and use of the new emblem throughout BBYO has already begun.

Focus

Focus, a teen theatre company sponsored by Planned Parenthood, will be at the JCC on Monday, Feb. 25 to perform scenes about teen life from the teenager's point of view. The issues dealt with in the scenes are varied. Topics may include peer pressure, divorce, teenage pregnancy, drug or alcohol abuse, parent/teen relationships, low self-esteem or loneliness. The actors and actresses are teenagers. Come out and hear firsthand what is on most teenagers' minds. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teens. Please preregister for this program. Fee is \$3 members; \$5 non-members.

College Seminar To be Held for High Schoolers

Now is your chance to meet with representatives and alumni from various colleges and universities across the U.S., on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1-4 p.m. Be sure you jot down all of your questions and concerns to ask these individuals at the seminar. Colleges and universities that will be represented are: Tulane University, N.C. State University, American University, Boston University, Jacksonville University, and more...! Plan for your future today! Students in ninth grade and above and their parents are encouraged to attend. Please preregister for this program at the JCC front desk. Fee is \$5 members; \$7.50 non-members.

For more information contact Shelah Mendelson, 366-5007.

BBYO AIT/MIT Hold Dinner

Dressed in an official AIT garb: shorts, sports coat, tie and sneakers, the AITs of Mickey Aberman Barak AZA introduced the evening with a gourmet meal of matzoh ball soup and pizza. The MITs of Chai-Chaverim BBG followed the meal by supplying a vast array of delectable desserts such as ice cream sandwiches and homemade brownies by chef **Jaimee**

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After a wonderful case of indigestion, the AITs and MITs separated for their chapter meetings to discuss upcoming events such as Sweetheart Beau and fundraisers. Everyone then got together for a meaningful candle service in which each person had an opportunity to share their thoughts about BBYO.

— Chad Levy

Teens: Have a story, poem, cartoon you'd like to see printed? Submit by the 5th of the month preceding month of issue to Shelah Mendelson, JCC Teen Program Director.

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As the prom season approaches, there are many responsibilities that our teens must undertake. The JCC is sponsoring a program, OPERATION SAFE PROM, that will be conducted by professionals from Safe Drive. This program is not only for those who drive, but for those who are passengers of the driver. OPERATION SAFE PROM is one of nine national awards that was presented from the National Commission Against Drunk Driving. Together the JCC, Safe Drive and you can make the prom season an enjoyable one for everyone.

Please preregister for this program.