

Women's B & P Group Plans Special Events

The Women's Business and Professional Committee is sponsoring a special "No Agenda Network" Dessert Reception on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Shannon Crystal, 5215 Tanneron Place.

This program is an extension of the successful "No Agenda Lunch." The evening will reach women who have a daytime conflict with the lunches. Our

next "No Agenda Lunch" is Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m. at Providence Cafe.

"We anticipate a whole other group joining us in the evening," comments Nancy Kipnis, B&P cochair, "and hope this will grow into another successful continuing program."

B&P Committee Cochairs Shannon Crystal and Nancy Kipnis along with committee members Dottie Coplon, Roslyn

Greenspon, Sherrie Kantor, Donna Lerner, Matti Ordan, Melissa Raphael, Lisa Scher, Jennie Stern and Marcia Stern extend an invitation to all working women.

Please RSVP by January 7 to the Federation office, 366-5007, ext. 209. If you have any questions, contact a committee member or Audrey Krakovitz at the Federation.

BJH Volunteers Decrease Distances and Add to Lives

By Sue Clein

As Director of Volunteers at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, I meet people of all ages, with varied backgrounds and interests who all share a common desire. They wish to add a new focus to their lives through giving something of themselves to others. How, when and where this volunteer giving is implemented varies for each person. Often I have the pleasure of seeing the results expressed through the volunteer's pleasure or satisfaction in their work, even the discovery of an interest or ability to be pursued. Always, I have the reward of knowing the joy volunteers bring to the residents, through daily activities, friendship, special programs, through reaching out to give another person a touch of themselves.

Volunteers are an important part of the social, emotional, religious and recreational aspects of life for residents at BJH. The volunteers can be seen daily at the Home. The men, women, children and youth who volunteer at BJH are an invaluable resource to the Home and to those who live there.

Not being able to mention each of them, I would like to highlight four recent programs, varied in format yet alike in that these caring volunteers shortened distances, between ages and between cities, to add to people's lives.

Thirty residents of BJH and Fair Oaks ventured out to visit the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston Salem in October. A "fair" day became a great day filled with sunshine, food and fun thanks to the team effort of staff, student nurses and caring volunteers. Fourteen volunteers who came from Winston-Salem and Greensboro allowed each resi-



Fil Yeskel and his son and daughter chat with BJH resident Virginia Brown following the service.

dent to receive a personal escort and guaranteed a great time for everyone.

Students and teachers from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro visited the Home in November to entertain for the monthly birthday party. The auditorium was packed with residents who came to enjoy the party, classes of students who came to entertain, and Greensboro volunteers who sponsor the party and make it all happen. The students presented an outstanding program of songs in Hebrew and English, enhanced with interpretive movements. This beautiful performance was followed with students serving refreshments and getting to meet the residents.

Steve Huyser of Charlotte drives to BJH the third Sunday of the month to present an informal piano concert for the residents, held in the Fair Oaks living room. Sunday afternoons are not lonely days but bright ones when Steve Huyser arrives, bringing a warm smile along with a sparkling performance. Steve also accompanies Rabbi Scott White of Temple Israel at his monthly Rabbi's Hour for residents, where Steve and Rab-

bi White present a program of Jewish music.

An intergenerational Shabbat service recently held in the BJH Synagogue was sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Israel in Charlotte. The service included participation by men, women and children. Residents delighted in this multi-generational dimension to the regular Shabbat service at the Home. The Kiddush which followed, sponsored by the Men's Club, provided residents and visitors a time to mingle and share Shabbat greetings. A special thank you to Filip Yeskel who coordinated the visit and to Alan Sussman, who provided the challah and wine for Kiddush, and to all the participants who came to share Shabbat with the residents.

Visitors and volunteers are welcome on Shabbat and throughout the week at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Individuals or groups are invited to participate in a service or assist with varied programs. Being a volunteer means giving a little and gaining a lot. For information about participating at BJH call Sue Clein, 910-766-6401. If you are not volunteering in your own community, try it, you'll feel better.

Women's Division Leadership Meets with National W.D. President



Lion of Judah Luncheon: (L to R) Emily Zimmern, Pearl Kier, Gloria Lerner, Lee Blumenthal, guest speaker Yona Goldberg, Patty Gorelick, hostess Carol Gorelick, Bobbi Bernstein.



Women's Leadership Forum: (L to R) Amy Marx, Melissa Raphael, Phyllis Schiffman, Stacy Miller Gorelick and Lori Sklut.



Sara Schreiber, JFGC Women's Division president, and Yona Goldberg (R).



Yona Goldberg (L) and Tammy Cohen.

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