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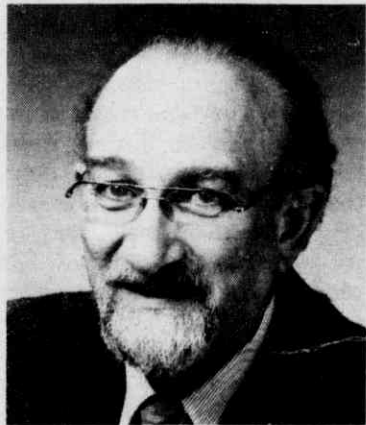
## Harvey Cohen Named As New "CJN" Editor

By Rita Mond

The next issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News* will be produced under the editorship of Harvey Cohen. Harvey, originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been living in Charlotte for the past twelve years. He has spent his entire career in one aspect or another of communications beginning with his work as copywriter with an advertising agency in Milwaukee. During the two years he lived in Miami, Florida, he worked as a freelance writer and in television production.

In Birmingham, Alabama, his first job was as education director for a school of 200 students who had all dropped out of high school. They had to be prepared to successfully complete the GED exam. When federal funding ceased, Harvey then returned to the communication field working as communications director for the Birmingham United Way where he remained for six years. He then moved to Charlotte where he became the first professional communications person for the Charlotte United Way.

Harvey has a B.A. in English from Florida International University and an M.Ed. in Adult Education from N.C. State University. He has lectured about public relations at the U. of Alabama-Birmingham and UNCC as well as for United Way



Harvey Cohen

of America in the southeast. He served as a public relations volunteer for Jewish Family Services from 1991 to 1994. Currently, he is a member of the Charlotte Public Relations Society of which he was a former board member; former member of the Public Relations Society of America; International Television Association; Light Factory (board member); and International Association of Business Communicators.

His wife, Yolanda, who has a Master of Science in Nursing degree and is employed by Carolina Medical Center in the Oncology/Gyn Dept., and he are the parents of two daughters and a son who have each blessed them with two grandchildren.

We welcome Harvey to yet another position in the field of communications and look forward to his association with the paper for many years to come.

## Israeli Withdrawal Begins; Palestinians Ready to Move In

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Though negotiations continue over the details, the experiment in Palestinian autonomy is getting under way. And a 27-year chapter in Israeli history is coming to a close.

Israeli troops are pulling out of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. And Palestinians are heading in.

The Israel Defense Force's transport corps has been trucking out trailers housing IDF district headquarters, the barbed wire that marked the bases and even the potted plants.

In a deeply symbolic gesture in April, Israel permitted the return to the territories of some 50 Palestinian deportees and fugitives.

Jails and the intifada detainees they hold have been relocated, as well.

Some of the equipment, and most of the prisoners, have been moved to inside the "Green Line" marking the pre-1967 border; the rest has been redeployed in Gush Katif, a settlement bloc at the south of the Gaza Strip, which will remain for now under Israeli control.

Outside Jericho, soldiers are pitching their tents within sight of what will be, within a short time, an autonomous Palestinian enclave.

Israeli soldiers in Gaza seemed close to unanimity in their relief at departing a posting that for many has meant humiliation and frustration rather than military glory and heroism.

The Israelis and Palestinians have agreed on all the details for the deployment of a 9,000-member Palestinian police force. They said that 6,000 Palestinian police would start work immediately after the Cairo negotiations ended and Israel completed its troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho. Another 1,000 police would assume duties soon afterward, and an additional 2,000 police would be recruited at a later date from the population of Gaza and Jericho.

The two parties also agreed on the terms of release for some 5,000 Palestinians currently held in Israeli jails, but they disagreed whether members of the Islamic fundamentalists Hamas movement would be among those released.

## Temple Israel Presents Cantorial Concert

Temple Israel proudly presents a Cantorial Concert on Sunday evening, May 22 at 8 p.m. Noted Cantor Louis Danto will be featured, accompanied by pianist Natalya Tyomkina.

Cantor Danto's uncommon vocal talents were already recognized while still a student in Rome by Gigly and Schipa, who heralded him as a major discovery in the tradition of the great bel canto tenors.

Born in Suwalki, Poland, to Russian-Jewish parents, he studied voice and cello in the conservatory of Minsk and later of Lodz. While still a child, he won first prize in the All-Russia voice competition. Louis Danto soon became internationally recognized for the rare beauty and purity of his voice, for the mastery, power and control, and for his breathtaking emotional expressivity.

In America, Danto studied Hazzanut with Leo Lowe and Herman Zalis. He expanded his knowledge of Jewish sources at the Yeshiva of Mirr, where he studied from 1950-54.

Critics and audiences find him equally impressive in the Italian, Russian and French opera repertoire, as well as in the Yiddish and cantorial music for which he is one of the world's all time



Cantor Danto

leading exponents. Danto concertizes extensively throughout North America, Europe and Israel, and has recorded 18 highly acclaimed solo albums for RCA, DaCamera, Musical Heritage Society and Cadenza. He was the featured performer in a recent gala Thanksgiving service held at the Maple Leaf Garden in Toronto, Canada. Among the 16,000 enthusiastic audience were Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Both congratulated and thanked him personally. Numerous leading contempo-

rary composers have written for and dedicated their works to Louis Danto. In addition, he is a researcher and a champion of rare and unusual repertoire: During his 1989 East-European tour, he discovered the manuscripts of many songs from the long lost original classic Jewish theater and operetta, several of which are presented for the first time on record on his recent release.

Currently Louis Danto is the Hazzan of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto. He is a distinguished member of The Cantors Assembly of America.

### Natalya Tyomkina

Ms. Tyomkina was born in Minsk, Byelorussia into a family of musicians. Her mother was an opera singer and her father played first oboe in the Minsk Philharmonic Orchestra. She began her piano studies at the age of 6 and at 9, she gave her first piano recital at the Philharmonic Concert Hall. She made her debut there at the age of 12. She has been declared one of the greatest interpreters of Chopin's music. From 1975 until 1989, she was Professor of Piano at the University and State Conservatory of Minsk. Since arriving in Canada in 1989, she has appeared in the recently opened performance hall of the Canadian Broadcasting Centre in Toronto. Many of her concerts have been recorded and broadcasted on radio and television.

Tickets for the concert are available at Temple Israel at \$15 each.

## Harry Lerner Installed as JFGC President at Annual Meeting



Harry Lerner (L), incoming JFGC president, thanks Shelton Gorelick for serving as Federation president for the past two years.



Norman Levin (L), representing Temple Beth El, extends appreciation to Shelton Gorelick, as did many other institutional representatives.



Dan Lepow (L) recognizing Rita Mond, retiring editor of the CJN, for her many years of service to the community.

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