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Eight Charlotteans Attend National CAJE Conference

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Seven Jewish educators and one community lay leader from Charlotte joined with 1,900 teacher colleagues from across North America at Indiana University in Bloomington, during August for the Nineteenth Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), a week long celebration of Jewish teaching. The four and a half days of the conference and two days of shabbat experience pre-conference were crammed with over 770 sessions dealing with curriculum, pedagogic methods, text study, storytelling, classroom and school management and imagining the future of Jewish education.

During the Conference, participants visited the Educational Resources Center to view the latest in teacher-made materials; the Computer Center for the latest in Judaica software; the Media Center where an ongoing festival of the best of Jewish video and meet-the-filmmaker sessions continued around the clock; and to supply themselves and their classrooms with the newest in teaching materials for the coming school year they shopped the CAJE Exhibits for texts, games, kits, tapes and handicrafts.

Focus Israel, a hands-on experience to highlight teaching about the land and the people of Israel was a new CAJE feature in 1994 - a day/evening long event that combined the spirit of a Midwestern state fair with an ethnically diverse Israeli artisan's fair, an Israeli museum experience, an opportunity to explore educational trips to Israel, to study Israeli politics, literature and history, and to enjoy an Israeli-style picnic, music and dance. Denise Sussman, second grade teacher at Temple Israel Religious School and Roz Cooper, Educational Director of Temple Israel honed their Hebrew skills during the daily Israeli-style Hebrew Ulpan classes that are always a popular CAJE study option. First-timer Consolidated High School teacher Vicki Neumann, spent time in Bezalel's Workshop learning new art and craft techniques that connect American students to the people and geography of Israel so she could bring a new dimension to her classes during the new school year.

Sue Brodsky, Director of the Consolidated High School and a CAJE Conference veteran, explored workshops that focused

For Ourselves, For Our Children, For Israel, Forever Federation Campaign '95

Harry Lerner, president of the Jewish Federation, Sara Schreiber, Campaign Chairperson and Adam Bernstein, Chairman, Marketing and PR Committee Chairman, announced the theme for this year's campaign. Consistent with the demands made on the dollars raised, it was felt by the Campaign Leadership that this embodied the spirit of giving.

A pledge made to the annual drive goes to help all the many agencies that we use every day. From the upkeep on the JCC building to support for Jewish Family Services, a contribution enables our agencies to improve the quality of our Jewish life in Charlotte. Our children benefit from the campaign's support of the educational facilities that allow the Temples to keep their facility costs down and spend their limited dollars directly on educational programs. Support for CAJE helps educate our children's Hebrew school teachers raise the quality of Jewish education being provided by our Temples. While Israel is beginning to experience the benefits of peace, it continues to struggle with providing the necessary services to its refugee population. We are called upon to look beyond the issues facing us here in Charlotte and continue to extend our hand to all Jews. It is hoped that the spirit of our new theme will stay with us forever. Every year we face the issues of raising our children, caring for our elderly, rescuing Jews in distress and building a strong Jewish home from which we can prepare for our tomorrows. Our goal is to reach every Jewish person in our community with this message:

"For Ourselves, For Our Children, For Israel, Forever."

on teaching strategies and creating dynamic classroom experiences which she could share with her staff both individually and through in-service

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Eight Charlotteans attended the CAJE 19 Conference at Indiana University during August: (l-r; front row - Denise Sussman, Temple Israel; Lenora Stein, CAJE; middle row - Roz Cooper, Temple Israel; Vicki Neumann, Consolidated High School; Ellen Dubin, Temple Israel; back row - Sue Brodsky, Consolidated High School; Susan Lepow, Temple Beth El; Randy DeFilipp, Temple Israel.

Into the Future: Jewish Women Approaching the 21st Century

A special two day seminar, Into the Future: Jewish Women Approaching the 21st Century, will be held in Charlotte on October 11-12, 1994. Dr. Ellen Cannon will be guest lecturer at this exciting seminar sponsored by the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

Dr. Cannon has lectured around the country and will be returning to Charlotte by popular demand. She is a professor of political science at Northeastern Illinois and Roosevelt Universities, a Wexner Scholar and a lecturer at the Dawn Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning. She is a political commentator and producer for National Public Radio (WBEZ). Ellen enjoys her Judaism to its fullest potential and has spent her career sharing with Jewish communities worldwide, the most current concerns, trends and issues of primary importance to Jewish communities today. Her education and experience have made her a premiere and sought after speaker.

Rising to the Greatest Challenges Facing the Jewish Community is open to all community members. This program will be an opportunity for Dr. Cannon to address the entire Jewish community. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 8:00 p.m. at Temple Israel. Committee Chairs Lynne and Morey



Dr. Ellen Cannon

Sheffer and committee members Resa and Jon Goldberg, Ellen and Shel Goldstein, Jill and Ed Newman, Diane and Jared Schwartz, Judie and Michael Van Glish, invite the entire community to a special wine and cheese gathering at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Israel, prior to Dr. Cannon's lecture.

Dr. Cannon's first session: Jewish Women and the Workforce is the opening program for the Women's Business and Professional's Division, it will be held on October 11, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Traci Taylor and Stefanie Weiner, co-chairs, along with committee members Gail Kronovet, Donna Lerner, Stacy Levinson, Janice Nalibotsky, Toni Pagnatta, Linda Spil and Lisa Taub invite all interested women to attend.

Jewish Women and the Family, the second session, will be held on October 12 at 9:30 am in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. Cindy Crane, chair and committee members Jill Balick, Amy Bennett, Bari Gorelick, Liz Mann, Amy Marx, Tammy Menaker, Gale Osborne, Lori Sklut and Marci Willenzik extend an invitation to all women to join in a light breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and meet with Ellen prior to her discussion.

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