



Consolidated High School
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CHS Post Confirmation Students Question Rabbis

By Sue Brodsky, Director

Thirty juniors and seniors gathered on Sunday, November 3, 1995 at Temple Israel for dinner and "Ask The Rabbis, Part II" led by Rabbi Jim Bennett and Rabbi Murray Ezring. Students formed small groups to write unguided questions to pose to the rabbis, who answered each question candidly and openly. "Do you prefer soft or crunchy tacos?" Was the question to open the forum. Rabbi Bennett prefers crunchy, Rabbi Ezring soft..

How do you think the assassination of Rabin will affect the peace negotiations?" was question number two. After giving their opinions, the rabbis posed the same question to the students. According to the students, even though the assassination of a public figure was a first

premarital sex?" Both rabbis agreed that Judaism teaches that sex between a husband and wife is a blessing and a joy, and that teenagers should not engage in premarital sex. The way Christians and Jews view sex is very different, because Christianity's view is based on the stow of the Garden of Eden where sex is the root of sin Further interesting information was given by the rabbis concerning the writings of Maimonides, and about the orthodox laws relating to marital relations.

"Why are tattoos forbidden?" was the most commonly asked question last year during "Ask the Rabbis, I", and it came up again. The answer: God has given us our bodies for safekeeping; when a per-



CHS Post Confirmation students with Rabbis Ezring and Bennett at Temple Israel on November 5, 1995

in Israeli history, it was not much of a shock, that violence is becoming a common phenomenon in our society.

Question number three, "How does Judaism view Jesus? Is he the son of God?" The rabbis agreed that Jesus was a Jew who sought changes in Judaism, and who was not a mainstream Jew. They both felt that Jesus would probably be a Hasidic Jew if he were alive today. A discussion followed about how Christians are able to accept all the teachings of their religion, especially when the basis for many of the teachings are a mistranslation of the Old Testament. The rabbis said it is important for questioning Christians to distinguish in their own minds between the Jesus of history and the Jesus of faith

How often do you rotate your ties?" Everyday.

"What's the basic ruling on

son changes his body, it shows dissatisfaction with what God has given us. The same answer would apply to elective cosmetic surgery.

The final question for the evening concerned the state of affairs at Shalom Park. "why does there have to be so much division between the two temples?" Both Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Ezring felt that compared to other Jewish communities they have lived in, Charlotte was the most harmonious. They pointed out the success of the joint high school, the joint preschool, adult education programs, post confirmation, the frequent joint celebrations for holidays and speakers, and the joint trip to Israel they are planning.

Although there were several additional questions to address, time ran out. These will have to wait for "Ask the Rabbis, Part III".



CJP PTO Hosts Family Spaghetti Dinner

Over 50 families attended The Charlotte Jewish Preschool PTO Spaghetti Social on October 11. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize with old friends in the Preschool family. Beverly Grey, CJP board member and chairperson of the event said, "We had a great turnout with more families than expected. Everyone had a wonderful time."

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool PTO is only in its second year. PTO Board Members include Sherri Leonard, President, Anita Biederman, Vice President, Ann Parker, Treasurer and Jenny Stern, Secretary. Linda Hindel, President of the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Board, commented, "The PTO exceeded our expectations for their first year, the 1994-95 school year. The events they sponsored brought a new level of excitement and activity to the school. And, the financial contribution they were able to make toward CJP was unparalleled. I have heard from many CJP parents and teachers who are thrilled with what they have accomplished."

Sherri Leonard, who is returning as president this year, commented, "We are very proud that the CJP PTO was able to contribute over \$ 13,000 to special projects at CJP and at the JCC. We have an extremely active and enthusiastic group of parents that bring an ex-

citing level of involvement to our PTO." These projects included:

← Contribution toward the fund for the JCC campus playground.

← Funds distributed to each classroom for new toys, games and other materials.

← Funding for special activities such as field trips to Spirit

school year and interested volunteers can feel free to call the PTO board members about ideas.

One of the most successful social and fund-raising activities last spring was the annual Auction. This spring's auction was so successful that co-chairpersons, Beverly Grey and Ann Sinsheimer have agreed to continue to organize this event and



Parents enjoy CJP spaghetti dinner

Square and class participation in Creative Movement.

← Funding for listening centers for each room.

The CJP PTO reports they have almost 70% of the families participating as members. CJP has a number of activities planned for the

are already seeking volunteers and ideas. This year's auction has been set for March 6 and everyone is anticipating more exciting activities. If you would like to be on the committee or have items to donate, please contact the Preschool office at 366-5007.

Darryl Rice to Entertain Families at Latkes & Lullabies

Charlotte Jewish Preschool will host a Pre-Chanukah celebration and Book Fair on Sunday, December 3, 1995 from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. Singer - songwriter, Darryl Rice, known as the "Lullaby Lady", will entertain families with a variety of children's songs and Chanukah tunes. This is an afternoon your family will not want to miss! Everyone is invited and admission is free.

Latkes & Lullabies provides a terrific opportunity to do your Chanukah shopping. A large variety of reasonably price children's books will be available at our Book Fair. Children's clothing, musical tapes and Chanukah giftwares will be available to meet your holiday shopping needs. Register your family for a special Door prize drawing during the Latkes & Lullabies and win \$25 dollars in books for your child and \$25 in books for his/her classroom.

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