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The Last Night at the Ballyhoo

November 30-December 16,
 Charlotte Repertory
 Theatre, Booth Playhouse

One of the Rep's most beloved works of the last decade returns with its message of compassion, this time for the holiday season. This recent Best Play Tony Award winner is set in Atlanta in 1939. It's Christmas, *Gone with the Wind* is having its premiere, and Hitler is invading Poland, but the Freitag household, one of the city's prominent Jewish families, is much more concerned with who is going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. Lala's heart is set on it, but she doesn't have a date, and when her popular cousin Sunny is suddenly invited by a dynamic visitor from the north, it sets off a competition with unexpected revelations. Alfred Uhry, the noted author of *Driving Miss Daisy*, has created a colorful family of eccentrics who manage to be both funny and touching, and who show us all much about discrimination and acceptance, past and present. ☆

From the Editor

Bette Midler sang it better than anybody: "You gotta have friends!" I remember singing that with my college friends, our arms draped around each other, an open carton of Jamocha Almond Fudge and four spoons on the floor between us.

It's still true today. Everyone needs friends. It seems that close ties are what is helping the families of the September 11 tragedy to cope with their losses. Studies show that people with family, friends and religious affiliations have a smaller chance of developing stress-related diseases. And while sometimes I find it pleasant to run, go to a restaurant, or see a movie all by myself, there's something to be said for the company of a good friend.

Even big entities need friends. Without the generosity of our friends in the Jewish community and the community at large, the agencies in Shalom Park would never be able to function as they do. Your generous contributions to the Federation, to the Foundation campaign, to Jewish Family Services, to the Endowment Funds and other funds of your synagogues, as well as the many funds at the Jewish Community Center are a valuable part of life in Shalom Park.

And I know you have all been generous to a fault. You might think that this would deter me from asking for your help one more time. But *The Charlotte Jewish News* needs your help now.

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And don't forget the Cultural Arts Festival starting on November 1. There's no reason for you not to attend at least one event in the myriad of programs planned for the two weeks. Books, movies, food, and educational speakers are all in the offerings. See the calendar on pages 28-29. ☆

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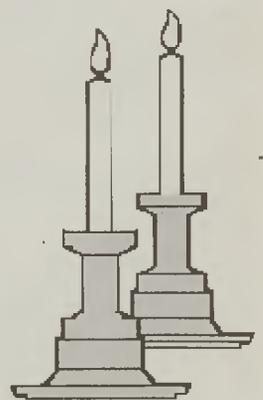
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