



**JEWISH
COMMUNITY
CENTER**
OF CHARLOTTE

The Jewish Community Center

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, premieres a special section featuring various perspectives of being a JCC member.

For many members, the JCC has become a focal point for them and their entire family. The value of belonging and participating at the "J" is something that can best be understood by reading about someone's personal experience at the JCC of Charlotte.

"Sharing Our Stories"

A JCC Member's Perspective
- by Alan Becker

Almost 41 years ago, my life began, in San Francisco, CA. At a very early age my family moved to Mexico, where I spent 38 years of my life, growing up in the middle of a very tight Jewish family.



When I look back and I remember episodes of my childhood, the Central Depostivo Israelita (CDI) and the JCC always appears with sweet memories. I can assure you that I spent half my life in that sports center where I made incredible friendships. I learned through sports how to be part of a team. Most of my Jewish principles were also learned on those great grounds, but the most important thing to remember was that feeling of belonging. Whenever I was there, I felt right at home, between family, among my people, and pretty much secure.

After many years of receiving, I felt a certain need to give something back to that great place, so I started a career as a volunteer, working for the soccer "5" committee. I was then named president of the newly created sport, indoor soccer, where I made an impact on some chairpeople, until I was named vice-president of sports. I served for 6 years and during that period, I was introduced to the JCC Maccabi Games. I attended 3 sets of games as the head of The Mexican Delegation. I had the pleasure of meeting Barry Schumer in the summer of '99 and many people whom with I developed great friendships.

My wife and kids, pretty much had the same experience that I had, they spent a lot of time at the JCC, in sports and cultural activities, always at the JCC.

In the summer of 2000, I moved with my wife Lilian and my 3 kids Daniela, Alex and Andrea, to Charlotte a great community, an excellent place to start all over again. My family found at Shalom Park, the same things we left behind in Mexico's CDI. Good people, great activities, the same Jewish values and a place where we feel as an extension of our home. I wish to extend my gratitude to everybody at Shalom Park for welcoming us to the community, for making us feel that same old belonging feeling.

Thanks! Volunteer Youth Soccer Coaches



The JCC is proud to recognize the following Maccabi Youth and Micro-soccer coaches from the Fall 2001 season. *Thanks for a job well done! We appreciate all you do!*

Mark Argosh
Matt Cobin
Jeff Ditesheim
Jerry Gitlitz
Jerry Goldberg
Barry Greenblatt
Ken Katz
Jon Lahn
Steve Menaker
Michael Molinari
Paul Scharf
Mike Stier

Larry Brown
Laura Cragg
Erik Fine
Ellen Goldberg
Todd Gorelick
Paul Hirschmann
David Klein
Gene Marx
Scott Menaker
Lane Ostrow
Jonathan Schott
Steve Wasser



Have you noticed the NEW! Oasis Store?

Tucked into the hallway of Gorelick, the arts and crafts for sale are "made by seniors with love!" The displays will change as the arts and crafts are sold and new ones are created.



Sales will benefit Oasis programs with much needed funds! The store is always open and you can purchase items by calling Nicole at 704-944-6730, or coming by the Senior Adult Services office.

Nicole Korne,
Senior Adult Services Coordinator, shows some artwork of the OASIS store.

Congratulations!

Charlotte's Grand Prize Winner!

Linda & Morris Spil
2 Round Trip Tickets on USAirways

Big Ticket Raffle Winners!



Morris Spil

Tucson Winners!

David Thrash [S. family]
DVD Player



Tammy & Scott Menaker
CD Boombox



Other Charlotte Winners!

Dana Ditesheim & Gail Baron [not pictured]
Year's Worth of Magazine Subscriptions



Jennifer Lahn
One Free Hour of Personal Training at the JCC



Ken Golder
One Free Hour of Personal Training at the JCC



Julie Slann
\$100 Gift Certificate Towards the JCC's Camp Mindy Programs



Lane Ostrow [Elly pictured]
\$100 Gift Certificate Towards the JCC's Camp Mindy Programs



Maxine Silverstein
\$100 Gift Certificate from Diamonds Direct



Susan Stafford [not pictured]
\$100 Gift Certificate from Diamonds Direct

Jodi Valenstein & Marilyn Fishel [not pictured]
\$100 Gift Certificate from Diamonds Direct



Evelyn Berger [S. husband]
\$100 Gift Certificate from Diamonds Direct



Heidi Rotberg [not pictured]
\$100 Gift Certificate from Diamonds Direct

Congratulations to All the Winners and Thanks for Supporting the Jewish Community Center!

Pickle Ball® was bound to be successful!

When Bob and Sheila Peltzer move to Charlotte from Vienna, Virginia, they brought with them the enthusiasm of a very active community center. Bob also brought Pickle Ball®! What is Pickle Ball®? Ask the twelve diehards that play every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm in the gym of The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte.



Pickle Ball® players on defense and ready for action!

Is this Pickle I served Kosher?



The Pickle Ball® enthusiasts that play here at the JCC are a co-ed group ranging in age from 60 years and up. The game is, of course, for the whole family. Players use wooden paddles to hit the "wiffle" ball over a tennis net. Because the wiffle ball is lighter than a tennis ball, strategy comes into play.



2001 "JCC Pickle Ball® Team"

If you are interested in joining the Pickle Ball® gang, please call Bob Peltzer at 704-540-8555 for more information. Let's help Bob reach his goal of playing three times a week on two courts! Maybe even a tournament!