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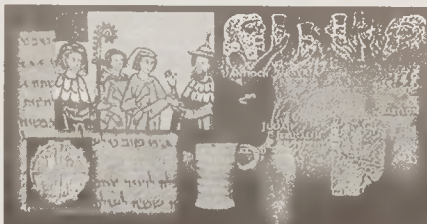
WNET-NY Awards Heritage Grant to CAJE

WNET/Thirteen, PBS flagship, and the Educational Broadcasting Corporation in New York City have awarded a Heritage:

Heritage: Civilization and the Jews premiered in 1984 on PBS-affiliated stations. The series has been re-mastered and enriched for

airing the series during that time as well to highlight the new DVD release.

Civilization and the Jews outreach programming grant to the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE). One of only 24 grants awarded nationwide, the grant provides a set of the just-released interactive DVD/DVD-ROM version of Abba Eban's ground-breaking nine-hour video series *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews* for the CAJE Resource Center collection; a set of specially designed Resource Guides that accompany the series; and funding for a demonstration and lecture program during May 2002. Additionally, CAJE has been named a Community Outreach Site for the Heritage series.



the digital interactive environment in 2002. PBS affiliates will be re-airing the series during the year in celebration of the new release. WTVI, Charlotte's local educational broadcasting station has already signed on as the media sponsor for the local CAJE event which will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 PM in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. WTVI will be re-

CAJE is collaborating with the Program Development Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte as co-sponsors of a lecture on the Southern Jewish experience which will be given by Dr. David Goldfield, Robert Lee Bailey Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on May 9. The lecture will also

be in conjunction with "Seventh Street to Shalom Park: Celebrating Our Jewish Heritage," a photo exhibit which returns on display in the Speizman Galleries at the JCC for a run during May. This exhibit, which consists of 31 photos that narrate the history of the Jewish community in Mecklenburg County was curated by the

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Charlotte Jewish News on Microfilm

As *The Charlotte Jewish News* (CJN) begins its 24th year of publication with this January 2002 issue, we are delighted to announce that the complete run of the newspaper from its inaugural edition in January 1979 up through the December 2000 issue is available on microfilm in the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park. We also have a microfilm reader in-house for one-stop learning and research.

The actual microfilming work was done gratis in a collaborative project by the NC State Library and Archives in Raleigh. The Library is committed to including in its collections, community newspapers and local publications of historic interest. When it

became evident that the CJN was not already part of its archives, there was much interest in acquiring the issues of the newspaper for microfilming for archival purposes. Made possible by the Arts & Science Council of Charlotte/Mecklenburg, Inc. grant in the 2000-2001 fiscal year, which enabled CAJE to add a part-time archivist to the staff for the duration of the grant, all the original issues of the CJN were processed and sent on to Raleigh for microfilming. Most of the original newspapers were donated to CAJE by Rita Mond, the founding editor of the CJN. The remaining issues were duplicated from existing files or came from the current archive of the CJN maintained by Amy

Krakovitz Montoni, current editor. All the original newspapers were returned to us for archival use. The original silver microfilm master is in the NC State Archives. Two working copies of the microfilm are available for in-Resource Center use at Shalom Park, with one set of film stored in the secure fireproof safe where precious originals from the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society collections, a CAJE project, are housed.

The Charlotte Jewish News is the single consistent historical record of the Charlotte Jewish community's growth, development and comings and goings for the past 23 years. To view the microfilm, call 704-944-6780 to make an appointment. ☆

Donations to CAJE in Memory of Herman Blumenthal

The following donations were received during November 2001:

In memory of Herman Blumenthal and in grateful appre-

ciation of his dedication to Jewish education in Charlotte by the Advisory Board of the Consolidated High School of

Jewish Studies of Charlotte.

In memory of Herman Blumenthal and in appreciation of his work on behalf of Jewish education by Harry and Gloria Lerner.

In memory of Herman Blumenthal, and in appreciation for his support of the work of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a CAJE project by Sam Eneman and Cordelia Williams.

The complete list of 2001-2002 school, family and corporate CAJE memberships will be published in the May 2002 issue of the CJN. ☆

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Groundbreaking of the Amity Club on Sharon Amity Road in 1949. According to author Morris Speizman in his book *The Jews of Charlotte*: "Ground for the Amity Club was purchased ... shortly after World War II, with the original plan of having a place for the Jewish War Veterans ... to gather with their families, play tennis and picnic. It quickly developed into a 'Southern style Jewish country club': a building with a restaurant, card rooms, two outdoor handball courts, and a swimming pool. It also included (in a total of about 19 acres) a baseball diamond and play area. Much later on, tennis courts were added." The Amity Club opened in 1950 and was the hub of Jewish social life until 1974 when the club's interests were turned over into the current Jewish Community Center. Who is the little girl wielding the shovel in the photograph? Call CAJE at 704-944-6780 or email us at lsstein@vnet.net if you know. This photo is from the digital image archives of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education at Shalom Park.

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