

Hadassah Celebrates 60 Years of Providing Community Directory

This year's Hadassah Community Directory commemorates 60 years of providing the Jewish community with a single source for connecting with our friends and loved ones. These directories reflect the rich history of our city, our Jewish community, and the women of Hadassah. A complete collection of all 60 directories is housed in the

Charlotte Jewish Historical Society at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center.

This year's directory is available for purchase at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center. To ensure that you are listed in the next year's and all future directories, please contact Judy Kaufmann at 704-847-1022. ☆



Attention Bridge Players

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah is pleased to announce the formation of a marathon bridge group. Each bridge couple will play once a month for eight months and will choose the time, date, and the home to be played in. You may pick your partner or be paired by the bridge committee. In May of 2008, there will be a luncheon and prizes distributed to the winners. Buy-in for the eight months of play is only \$20.00, \$25.00 for non members. Part of this money will go towards Hadassah, and part will go towards prize money. This is a wonderful way to contribute to Hadassah, have fun, and meet new people.

There will be an organizational meeting to answer any questions and to distribute all forms before we officially begin in September.

Please RSVP to Sandy Hoagland at tzepora@carolina.rr.com or 704 543 6338.

Looking forward to hearing from you. ☆



Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center

What I Learned from Youtube, Two Rabbis and a Middle East Studies Scholar

By Amalia Warshenbrot, Director Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center

Last month I received an e-mail from a very respected librarian. The subject line said, "FW the book on YouTube." I clicked on the link and saw a video titled, "Introducing the Book." It is a joke about people who are afraid of trying new technologies.

A young monk is sitting on a bench in a dark basement. An older monk enters.

Monk 1: Today I was unable to do anything. It has been lying here all day. (*He points to a large old book.*)

Monk 2: I apologize. Everyone needs help with new systems.

Monk 1: I was unable to open it.

Monk 2: Let's see. (*He takes the book and opens it.*) Have you tried opening it?

Monk 1: What do I do now?

Monk 2: There are about 100 pages. (*He starts reading.*)

Monk 1: (*starts to read, gets to the end of the page.*) It stops here.

Monk 2: Take hold of the page like this. (*Turns the page.*)

Monk 1: Wow. You can turn pages. And how do I go back?

Monk 2: Take hold of the page and turn to the other side.

Monk 1: (*turns the pages back and forth in amazement.*) Wow. It continues. (*He proceeds to read and then he closes the book. He turns it to the other side, like a Hebrew book. He then tries to open it from the spine side. It does not open.*)

Monk 2: (*turns the book to the other side.*) Now it is easier to open.

Monk 1: Will I lose the information?

Monk 2: It is saved.

I saw this video after Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's lecture. Six

hundred people came to learn about Jewish values, and many books were sold. This is a perfect example of the advantage of the book over the internet. Rabbi Telushkin did not turn his book into an indexed e-book. People enjoy sitting on their comfortable sofas and reading. They can turn back and forth to previous pages for referral. I know it can easily be done on a computer, but then you will have to save and pray that it will not be lost. It simply is not the same.

Children's books bring reality to life in a much more meaningful way. Many children visualize biblical heroes after reading a book themselves or when an illustrated story is read to them. Most of the children's books in the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center teach the same values that Rabbi Telushkin was presenting at Federation's Main Event.

On the day following the lecture Rabbi Telushkin met a group of lay people and professionals for breakfast. He said, "Libraries hold the past. Without the past there is no future."

A few days later about three hundred people came to hear the middle east studies scholar Ken Stein talk about Jimmy Carter's book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. What became evident at this presentation was that to be aware of Carter's semantic tactics one need to be informed. My fear is that a high school student (Jewish or not) will read a biased book (such as Jimmy Carter's) and accept those lies as truth. That's what happens when you take information from the internet.

On the weekend after Ken Stein left, Rabbi David Forman was the scholar-in-residence at Temple Beth El. During the last lecture of his visit he expressed concern about our children when they are in college. Are they getting unbi-

ased information both about Israel and our heritage? If each one of them would read one well-written book, or if they would read powerful fiction or biographies, it is unlikely that they would be persuaded by false claims, but they would have the tools for refuting biased statements and obtaining further knowledge.

One final thought: A teacher had an experiment. He divided his class into two groups. He gave them the same assignment. One group would use the internet and the other was required to use textual sources. The second group finished first with much more detailed and accurate information. I would lie if I told you that I never turn to the internet for information, but I am a strong believer in books. The YouTube video scared me. Can you imagine a day when a student will not know how to open a book? ☆

Kids Take Over Shabbat Service at Lake Norman

On Friday, May 18, the Lake Norman Jewish Congregation will hold Shabbat services at the Cove Church, 197 Langtree Road, Mooresville. But unlike other Friday evenings, this Shabbat service will be led by religious school students, aged 5 through 13. The service marks the culmination of the first year of the religious school.

The Lake Norman Jewish Congregation was established in August 2006. The religious school opened in the fall of the same year. "We projected an initial enrollment of 15 children, but were pleasantly surprised when the numbers swelled to 30 students," said LNJC school administrator Stacey Simms.

"The children do not just learn the how of Judaism," says the

school's religious director Dr. Barbara Thiede, "but the why. Their lessons go beyond learning the Alef Bet to understanding the meaning of the Judaism they practice. They will demonstrate that fact at their service - and they'll have great fun doing so."

All members and non-members are invited to attend the Shabbat services that begin at 6:30 PM, and join in as the *Kids Take Over*. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner for themselves to be enjoyed post services, and we encourage you to bring a dessert to be shared with others at our Oneg at each Friday night service. For more information about the 2007-2008 Sunday morning religious school or services call 704-987-9980 or visit us on the web at www.lakenormanjc.org. ☆

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