

Newcomers

Welcome to Amy Ringold

By Chelsy Woods Klein

There are many reasons that people are moving to Charlotte in droves, but one of the main reasons is that there are more jobs here that aren't available in other areas of the country. Such was the case for this issue's newcomer, Amy Ringold.

Ringold, 56, moved to Charlotte from Minnesota back in July to work as a media specialist at Oak Hurst Elementary School. "I moved here for that job because

there were no jobs for teachers in Minnesota," Ringold said. Ringold was recently laid off from her teaching job in Minnesota and she knew that if she wanted to find another job she had to look for one where the economy wasn't so depressed, plus she was sick of the snowy winters in Minnesota - Charlotte fit the bill.

Once Ringold moved to Charlotte she made it a priority to find the Jewish community and become involved. She is a mem-



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ber of the Temple Israel choir, Hadassah and was one of the cast members of Seussical the Musical. But despite being active in the community, it has been tough for Ringold to find and make friends. "I'm an odd person, being 56 and single," said Ringold. She has been seeking people to spend Shabbos with, but so far she has been lighting the Shabbat candles by herself, which makes her homesick, but not for Minnesota's weather.

"When I lived in Minnesota I had people I could call, granted, I lived there for ten years. I don't know how long it took before it

was home, but Charlotte is not home," said Ringold. Perhaps not yet.

When asked what advice she would give someone considering Charlotte, Ringold said, "Don't be afraid to do it. Keep an open mind. Explore what you can explore and enjoy what you're doing here." ☆

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Kindertransport: A Rarely Told Chapter of the Shoah

Sunday, May 4, 2008 ~ 29

Nissan, 5768

Meredith College, Jones Auditorium

3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC

Admission Free; all are invited. 1:15-2:45 PM — Panel discussion: *Being a Kindertransport Child* with David Ross and Esther Starobin, former Kindertransport children.

Student Art Exhibit: *The Kindertransport Journey -- Memory into History*, Traveling Poster Exhibit.

3-4:30 PM — Commemoration Ceremony with Esther Starobin,

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Candle Lighting by Holocaust Survivors

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The Aviv String Quartet will take center stage at 8 PM Wednesday, March 26, at UNC Asheville's Lipinsky Auditorium. The performance by the award-winning group is part of the University's year-long Cultural and Special Events Series.

Aviv String Quartet performs annually as the resident quartet at the Upper Galilee Chamber Music Festival at Kfar Blum, as well as major venues throughout Israel. These accomplished performers have made their mark at the Wigmore Hall in London; the Auditorium du Louvre, Theatre de Ville and Theatre du Chatelet in Paris; Carnegie Hall in New York; and the Library of Congress and Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Appearing at notable festivals worldwide, the Aviv String Quartet participated in the Amadeus Quartet summer course at the Royal Academy of Music in London and represented Israel at 1998 Encounters chamber music course in Jerusalem under the direction of Isaac Stern and with members of the Emerson and Juilliard Quartets.

Co-sponsors for the performance include UNC Asheville's Center for Jewish Studies and the Deutsch family, in memory of Alfred and Bernice Deutsch. Concert proceeds will benefit



Aviv String Quartet

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