

Hebrew Cemetery Association

By *Lorrie Klemens, Publicity*

The beautiful holiday of Passover is long gone. We have long finished reading the story of our exodus from Egypt. Passover items are packed neatly away until next year's celebration. The Passover season always gets me thinking about our historical and wondrous beginnings as a Jewish nation. I think about our freedom from slavery

and what it must have been like to be at Mt. Sinai during the receiving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah. I think about the thunder and lightning that accompanied God's first and only appearance before the people of Israel. The receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai was the most significant event in our people's history. It offered us a blue print for holiness and good living that is still adhered to today. It offered the world an example of civilization and global community founded on values of honesty, integrity, morality, faith, education, and ethics.

America has come to a point in time that requires a lot of soul searching. What has happened to our morality? To our integrity? To our faith? Every day we are bom-

barded with lapses in the human-ness that makes being human so unique. At the expense of sound-ing political, I have spent a lot of time thinking about the messages of all three political figures in the presidential race. I listen to what they have to say. I try to decide which candidate will offer the best shot for getting America back on track as the great nation that it once was. Who will be

the candidate to bridge the global gap that gets wider each day? Who will be the one to fix an economy that finds so many of us in such dire straits? Who will be the great-est supporter of Israel, maintain-ing America as Israel's strongest ally? I think about the freedoms that my family and I enjoy, and wonder which candidate will best rally for the maintenance of those freedoms for humanity at large.

In the month of May we cele-brated two holidays: Yom Ha Shoah and Yom Hatzmaut. On Yom Ha Shoah we remembered six million of our fellow Jews who were slaughtered because of their faith. Shortly after that, we cele-brated the birthday of Israel, Yom Hatzmaut. And this year we cele-brated the miracle of 60 years.

This spring we must all pray for all of the civilized world's armed forces and hope for a peaceful world. This spring we must main-tain our optimism about the healthy future of Jewish life here in America and throughout the rest of the world. This year we must pray for our homeland, Israel, as it once again faces the voracious uproar and annihilating threats of its neighbors. This spring we must commit to perpetuating the memo-ries of those Jews who preceded us in eternal life.

Make your commitment right now. Whether you are young or old ... healthy or sick ... you owe it to yourself and your family to be part of Charlotte's Hebrew ceme-tery. The Hebrew Cemetery Association of Charlotte is com-mitted to the continued provision and maintenance of a sanctified and holy final resting place for its fellow Jews. An independent Jewish institution unaffiliated with any local religious organization, the Association is made up of local Jews who care about each other ... in life and in death.

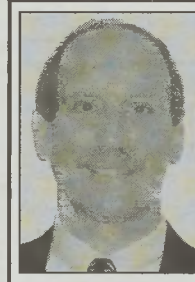
For more information about membership benefits, graves, pre-paid funeral costs, or endowment donations, call Cemetery Director Joe Kodsí at 704-576-1859 or 704-321-3537.

Directions to the cemetery: Take Providence Rd. into uptown; turn right on Graham Street and stay on Graham for about two miles; bear left onto Statesville

Avenue; the cemetery will be about ¼ mile down the road on your left. ☆



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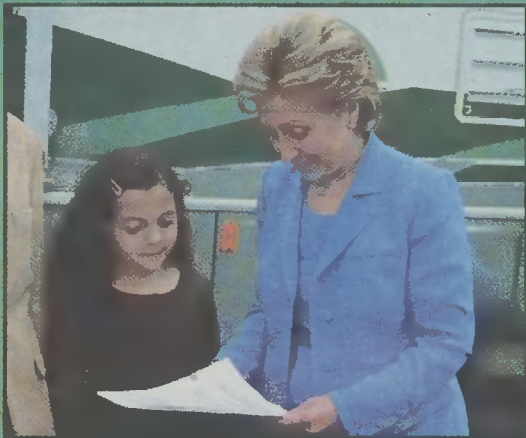
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WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO WALTER J. KLEIN

In last month's Jewish Traveler column, "There's No Place Like Home," by Maxine Silverstein, *The Charlotte Jewish News* neglected to attribute the source of Maxine's information. The story used, among others, the pamphlets and brochures of Walter J. Klein, who has gathered and written about so much of the Jewish history of the Carolinas.

The material used includes "By Street and Number: Two Centuries of Charlotte Jewish Life" and "A Jewish Tour of the Carolinas." Walter has contributed to the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society's archives, ancestry.com, *Ancestry* magazine, the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, the exhibits "Seventh Street to Shalom Park" and "The Treasures of Temple Beth El." We are all richer due to his hard work and devotion to archiving our history.



Joanna Rose is excited to get to meet Hillary Clinton when the presidential candidate made a campaign stop in Charlotte.

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