

# Hadassah Israeli Products Fair

## 3rd Annual Event, November 13

Charlotte Hadassah is announcing its 3rd Annual Israeli Products Fair, November 13 at Shalom Park. Last year, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah donated over \$10,000 to the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah Hospital. Proceeds from this year's event will again benefit this state-of-the-art facility, where all people - Israelis and Palestinians, Christians, Muslims, and Jews - are treated regardless of religion.

We are in the process of securing vendors and individual donors who are enthusiastic about the importance of "Supporting Israel by

Buying Israeli." Sponsors/vendors will receive publicity and exposure on promotional materials, as well as visibility on the day of the Fair. Additionally, all paid first time sponsors/vendors, and those donating raffle prizes will receive 50% off of the retail advertising rates for one ad in *The Charlotte Jewish News* (new advertisers only).

Please contact Stacy Baum at [schree@carolina.rr.com](mailto:schree@carolina.rr.com) or Amy DeLoach at [amydeloach@gmail.com](mailto:amydeloach@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about our fantastic sponsorship opportunities.

Again, we would love to have your participation at the fair. If you or someone you know has a connection to Israeli or local vendors offering Israeli made items, Judaica, Jewish holiday themed items, and kosher foods, please contact Shellie Barer at [s.barer@yahoo.com](mailto:s.barer@yahoo.com) to purchase a Fair table. Additionally, if you or your business are interested in donating a raffle prize for the general raffle, please contact Hilary Rosenbaum at [dhrose4@gmail.com](mailto:dhrose4@gmail.com). Remember, all first time vendors and businesses donating raffle prizes, are eligible to receive 50% off of a first, one-time, retail advertising rate in *The CJN*.

Thank you to the entire community for your overwhelming support of last year's Fair. We are very excited to gear up for another exciting event. See you at the Fair. ☆



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## Berlin Remembers

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the Rathaus, were Frau Kaiser, the curator of the exhibit interviewed me extensively and took photos.

The next day we went to the German Holocaust Memorial, an imposing site of a large area of black coffin-like stones raked from knee high in the front to several feet high in the back. When one stands in front of the stones, the view is to the ever larger stones, directly in view of the dome of the Reichstag. Very impressive, if one thinks of the history of the site. Any information about the memorial is available in the Museum that is located under the Memorial.

In the entrance to the museum is this quotation from Primo Levi:

"It happened and therefore it can happen again, that is all we have to say."

After every one of our excursions we of course stopped at the



Track 17- deportation track in the middle of an upper class, suburban neighborhood.

and the number of people departed from this place on October 18, 1941. There is an eerie silence in this place. The hub of the normal life of this exclusive suburb seems inaudible, as if there were a magic circle drawn around this space were many hundreds entered the cattle cars that transported them to their death. Track 17 and a second deportation location, Levetzow Strasse, the location of a former synagogue, that also served as deportation location, were the two most unforgettable sights of our journey. There were two more remarkable locations that told of the heroism of Berliners, who rescued Jews.



Memorial at Levetzow Strasse

The workshop of a blind brush maker, who by employing Jews in his workshop as "not expendable," saved a large number of lives and next to that workshop, the Museum of the Rescuers, Berliners who rescued Jews at their own and their family's peril.

next Konditore (pastry cafe) for sustenance in the shape of the wonderful Torten (of course whipped cream on top).

The next day we went to the Wannsee. It is sad that one of the most beautiful spots in the Berlin suburbs holds the spot were the most heinous crimes of the 20th century was conceived over drinks and canapés.

The house stands in the center of the carefully maintained park that borders on the Wannsee. The house is unfurnished and contains mainly documents, charts, and photographs. I provided additional information to a group of English students, who were not quite prepared to confront a real life survivor, a consequence of the deliberations of the Wannsee Conference.

After visiting the villa of Max Liebermann, Germany's most famous Jewish painter, we were on our way towards town, when Barbara, our guide, said almost, en passant, what do you know about Gleis 17 (track 17). Never heard of it, I answered. So we drove through the streets, lined with exclusive villas, and stopped at a spot, that looked like the platform for a freight train. Two sets of rails, one in each direction.

At the edge of the platform, a small marker with the word MAHNMAL (reminder, exhortation to remember). Along the two platforms in raised letters are the transport number

The rest of our trip consisted of fascinating locations, like the Reichstag, reconstructed to perfection inside and out. Also drives through parts of Berlin, that, when I lived there prewar, were the totally "wrong side of the track" and today are well-groomed young people's quarters, a fashionable area to live. And of course everywhere in the city, along the river Spree that winds through it, the blooming chestnut trees that make a park of a plain street.

The trip left us moved and exhilarated and grateful to the Senate of Berlin, who had invited us to this wonderful trip. Berlin remembers the past and honors it. ☆



Memorial sign on the lamppost. Translation: "Jews may only shop between 4-5pm. April 7, 1940."

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