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JCC Children's Fall Class



Everything from arts and crafts, to gymnastics to puppetry are available.

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Remember Venezuela

A year has passed since the memorable visit to Charlotte of more than 60 young athletes and their accompanying adults from Hebraica, the combination Jewish School and Community Center, of Caracas, Venezuela. There was much talk then about Charlotteans making a return visit, but the effort never came to life and perhaps many thought it had been forgotten. Not so! There has been a steady stream of communication between the two communities in an attempt to put together the winning idea which would make possible not only a trip to Caracas but also a return visit to Charlotte by our South American friends.

The Jewish community of Caracas is many many times the size of our own and it became

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Community Plan

A group of public-minded citizens have been working on a plan which would afford an opportunity to Temples Beth El and Israel, the Jewish Community Center and the Hebrew Academy to relocate their facilities on a 41-acre tract of land on Providence Road. They have also been discussing raising funds to construct a community educational facility and a gymnasium.

Herman Blumenthal, a member of the group, announced that consideration was being given to the formation of a community foundation to acquire the 24-acre tract of land now owned by Temple Beth El and an adjacent 17-acre tract presently owned by an investment group.

It is hoped that sufficient funds could be raised by the foundation to pay for the cost of a joint educational facility designed to provide for the educational needs of the participating institutions. The construction of a gymnasium for the JCC is also being considered. The Boards of Directors of Temple Beth El, Temple Israel and the JCC have voted to endorse the concept in principle. However, meetings are now being held with representatives of these institutions and the Hebrew Academy to explore in greater detail the basis of their participation. After these meetings are completed, a determination will then be made whether the project is feasible. Mr. Blumenthal estimated that it would probably be a few months before his group would know whether the concept was acceptable to the participating institutions, its scope, and the probability of its success.

Educators Hired

Temple Israel

A new educational director has recently been hired by Temple Israel. **Arthur Tirsun** and his wife, Rosalyn, will be moving to Charlotte soon and will reside at Knob Oak Lane. They have two sons, the older one, Daniel, is married and is a nuclear engineer; Stuart resides in Washington, D.C. and is an assistant analyst.

Mr. Tirsun has a strong background in Hebrew education having had 20 years experience in children's education. For the past seven years he has been in charge of the Hebrew School at Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights, New York where he was also advisor to the USY group. Prior to that he served as educational director from 1965-1972 at Harzeon Congregation in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University of New York and has a B.S. degree from Long Island University. He has a teacher's diploma and license from Baltimore Hebrew College and a teacher's license and principal's license from the Board of Education of New York.

While a member of the Principal Association of Washington, D.C. he served terms as secretary, treasurer and president. He is a member of the United Principals' Association of Greater New York and has served as treasurer of that organization. He is also a member of the Long Island Hebrew Principals' Association and the Educational Assembly for Educators.

Mr. Tirsun has written various articles for Hebrew School publications and has many outside interests such as singing and dramatics. Mrs. Tirsun is interested in the arts; she paints and sculpts.

Hebrew Academy



Nancy Goodman of Seaford, N.Y. will join the Hebrew Academy this fall as a general studies teacher. Nancy has been teaching general studies, including math and science, language arts and social studies, to a fifth grade at the Hebrew Academy of West Queens in Jackson Heights. She also tutored Israeli and Russian students.

An elementary education graduate of State University of New York College at Oswego, N.Y., class of 1978. Nancy is also a summa cum laude graduate of Nassau Community College, Garden City, N.Y. Her practice teaching experience included kindergarten through fifth grades and remedial reading. Active in student affairs at Nassau and Oswego, Nancy enjoys reading, writing, camping, needlepoint and cooking.

Nancy is a member of the Conservative synagogue in Seaford, reads Hebrew and identifies strongly with her Jewish heritage.

"I am very excited and looking forward to the new experiences at the Academy," she

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Federation Funds Pilot Program

Vocational services and geriatric casework will be the two key components of a pilot program being funded by the Charlotte Jewish Federation. This program which will run through June 1981 will involve the hiring of a qualified social service caseworker on a full time basis. Recruitment to fill this position is now being conducted nationally. While looking for someone capable of handling the normal range of family and children's counseling, the Federation is specifically seeking someone with extensive skills in the two areas of job counseling and service to the elderly.

In a report submitted by a committee consisting of Pearl Kier, Judy Strause, Aaron Gleiberman, Gail Bienstock, Sally Schrader, Stan Greenspon and Ellis Berlin these two areas were specifically underlined as priorities. The report cited the large number of members of the Jewish community who are transferred to this area and who subsequently lose employment through no fault of their own. There are also those whose difficult individual or family ad-

justment to the move results in loss of job. There are those entering the job market for the first time and finally there are those long standing residents who find themselves either unemployed or seeking better employment. In all these instances the people may want to remain in Charlotte but need two basic kinds of assistance in order to do so. The first form of aid is supportive counseling designed to help the person clarify their skills, their concerns and their problems with the aim of making the best presentation to prospective employers. The second is to uncover employment opportunities in the Jewish and general community and bring together employers and prospective employees.

The report went on to discuss the second area of concern - the elderly, their needs and the needs of their families. The retirement years are seldom the period of quiet reward they are reputed to be. Instead they are

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Bridge For The Blind

Sunday, June 24th, **Roy Levine**, President of the Charlotte Bridge Association, presented a check from the Blind Association to the Metrolina Association for the Blind in the amount of \$100. This money was derived from a special charity game held for the blind.

The JCC presented the Blind Association with a complete set of duplicate bridge boards purchased from proceeds of a charity game held in April at the JCC. These boards consist of a

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Abe Bober supervises at bridge session. (Photo by Sam Wallace)

**Coming In Sept. Issue - JCC Adult Class Schedule of Registration
Classes Begin Week of Oct. 8th**