

Terrible Crime

WHY WOULD... who would... who could... steal from a sacred place of worship. Temple Emanuel, a place where people come to be close to God. To ask forgiveness for their sins, no matter how large or how small. To ask understanding and forgiveness for themselves and their fellow brothers and sisters, mattering not what religion they may choose to follow.

Articles of worship that have a value far beyond money and helped to carry on a sense of tradition, a pride of possession, a closeness to our religious history. These ancient articles that were cherished by our forefathers, our children and, we had hoped, our children's children for generations to come, were so coldly and cruelly stolen from our house of God, Temple Emanuel.

I ask why? What reason could the thief have had? Of the many possible reasons, I choose to believe that it was for money.

I ask who would? What kind of person would steal from a holy sanctuary? I feel that he had to be very desperate. He might be a hard, uncaring, thoughtless individual with no sense of value, but I choose not to believe that.

I ask who could? Could it have been someone that was fully aware of the repercussions of his action? The act of stealing is an insult, a smack in the face, a scoffing of the privacy of the victim. Victimized an entire community by one act of thievery is a crime of untold magnitude.

As a member of that community, I appeal to anyone that comes in contact with the stolen articles. Let your conscience guide you in the only direction you have to choose. Call me, Anita Miller, at 867-7799 or call Temple President Charles Katzenstein at 864-8491 with any information or a location where the items can be found.

Anita Miller
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Gourmet outing

Recently we attended the Pineville Dinner Theatre to see Neil Simon's "Chapter Two." Neither of us had seen the play or the movie so we really looked forward to the evening. We were not at all disappointed with this delightful and well directed comedy and it seemed the rest of the audience felt the same.

The theatre just celebrated its 14th anniversary and is still playing to a "full house" even during the week. Since we were there last, the food has greatly improved. The hot buffet that evening included several well prepared vegetables plus rice and potatoes. Entrees were

seafood crepes, which were excellent; a type of tetrazzini and the usual steamship round of beef. But for a change, we actually had a choice of well-done, medium or rare. Disappointing was the selection of desserts, being only an ambrosia and a cobbler. These went untasted as we were quite sated; the other diners said they were good. Our ice tea glasses and coffee cups were constantly replenished. Champagne was served after the performance.

All in all, it was a fun evening and we hope to return soon. "Fiddler on the Roof" begins Oct. 7 for 5 weeks.

— Editors



Community Calendar

Courtesy of Charlotte Chapter BBW

SEPTEMBER 1980

- 1 - JCC Chai Raffle
A'Vodah Cake Sale
Devorah Hadassah-Wildacres
- 2 - B'nai B'rith Lodge Board Meeting
- 3 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Meeting
Temple Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting
ORT Board Meeting
BBYO Meeting
- 7 - B'nai B'rith Lodge Initiation Brunch
Kadimah Board Meeting
JCC Cultural Workshops
Temple Beth El Youth Group Pool Party
- 8 - Hadassah Board Meeting
All Temples Board Meetings
Ha Lailah BBW Board Meeting
- 14 - JCC - Cultural Sampler - Mint Theater
Community-wide Cemetery Service
- 15 - JCC - Children's Classes Begin
Ha Lailah BBW Meeting
- 16 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Brunch
Sr. Women's Raffle Drawing
Temple Israel Men's Club Board Meeting
- 17 - Hadassah Meeting
Devorah Hadassah Membership Meeting
ORT Meeting
Hebrew Academy Board Meeting
- 18 - Senior Women
- 21 - JCC Family Succoth Program
Kadimah Meeting
Temple Beth El Men's Club Show Nite
- 22 - Federation Board Meeting
- 23 - Temple Israel Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 26 - Temple Beth El Family Dinner & Service
- 27 - ORT - Las Vegas Nite
Kadimah - Dinner Dance for New Members
- 28 - Hebrew Academy Succoth Party
B'nai B'rith Lodge Maccabean Games

OCTOBER

- 1 - Temple Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting
Charlotte Chapter BBW Meeting
Temple Beth El Consecration
BBYO Meeting
- 4 - Beth Shalom Pot Luck Supper

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT — BINGO — JCC
EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT — Duplicate Bridge — JCC

Want Your Event On Calendar?

Community calendar chairmen must clear all dates for meetings and socials by contacting Bev Malin — 364-1635.

Books in Review

How We Lived: A Documentary History of Immigrant Jews in America 1880-1930
by Irving Howe and Kenneth Libo
Richard Marek Publishers
360 pp. \$22.50

For those who read and enjoyed *World of Our Fathers*, now Kenneth Howe and his chief researcher for that book, Kenneth Libo, have collaborated on a companion piece, *How We Lived: A Documentary History of Immigrant Jews in America 1880-1930*.

Howe and Libo have been both generous and judicious in their selections of texts and accompanying photographs. A primary purpose of the book, the editors say, is to present to us as objectively as possible the way the Jewish immigrant community lived, worked, prayed and died. Howe and Libo emphasize that this history is in danger of being lost — not because of a lack of historical sources, but because of a tendency to repress the memory of past hardships, and then to romanticize or prettify the past.

While *How We Lived* would complement any coffee table, it would be a mistake, an insult to the editors and to the world they describe, to think of this volume as a mere picture book. Indeed, *How We Lived* may be best described as an engrossing anthology of memoirs, newspaper clippings, contemporary photographs and other eyewitness accounts of the origins, growth, religion, politics, and culture of the Jewish immigrants who came to America at the end of the last century and at the start of this one.

A sketch by S. Libin describes a capmaker's disastrous attempt to take his family to the country for a picnic. A writer for *The Forward* advises a worried parent that baseball is an acceptable sport because it "develops the arms, legs and eyesight. It is played in the fresh air. The real-

ly wild game is football — the aristocratic game in the colleges. Accidents and fights occur in football, but baseball is not dangerous." More often, the texts include first-person accounts of hardships endured in tenements and sweatshops, a description of a socialist debate, a review of Jacob P. Adler as the Jewish King Lear, a childhood memory of family or religious life. Anzi Yezierska is among the many writers represented, along with *Forward* editor Abraham Cahan, sociologist Hutchins Hapgood, journalist Jacob A. Riis, and Rose Pastor Stokes, the socialist who married a millionaire. A sizable number of these excerpts are made available in English for the first time.

This book is more than just words and pictures on paper. It is a part of our memories. It reminds us of what we were, and therefore tells us who we are.

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