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Women's Division Holds Two Events

Lt. Colonel to speak at Major Gifts Luncheon

Lt. Colonel Ruchama Hermon of the Israeli Defense Forces will be featured speaker at the Women's Division Major Gifts luncheon on Thursday, March 5.

The luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. Lynn Lerner and is open to women whose contribution to the Charlotte Jewish Federation Women's Division 1981 campaign is \$100 or more.

The event will begin with a champagne brunch highlighted by a question and answer dialogue with two Israeli students (see story p. 5). The touring students will discuss life in Israel from an adolescent perspective as well as their view of the United States.

Lt. Colonel Hermon is a fourth generation Israeli and one of ten children. As an officer of the Israeli Defense Forces she was Director of the office of Chief of Staff for both General Yitzhak Rabin during the Six Day War and afterwards for General Bar-Lev.

She went on to serve in Washington for two years as Executive Assistant to Ambassador Rabin. After Colonel Hermon's Washington Tour, she returned to the army and became Chief Editor of the publishing house of the Defense Ministry and then was placed in charge of Public Relations for the Israel Defense Forces.

Colonel Hermon represented Israel in the Parliament of Sweden in the "Year of the

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Sol Jaffa

Receives Award

by Beverly Greenwald

The room radiated very warm feelings despite the chilly temperatures outside as almost 100 people gathered to honor Sol Jaffa. The occasion was a luncheon sponsored by Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women at which Sol was awarded the chapter's 1980 Human Relations Award.

Stan Gertzman, in his keynote address, spoke of Sol's contribution to the cause of equal rights and opportunity. He spoke at length of the world chaos of the last 50 years and the importance of instilling the proper values in our children and ourselves if we hope to perpetuate Judaism and democracy.

David Berryhill, City Council Member, presented Sol with a proclamation from Charlotte

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A very special event just for you

"An Evening With Shalom Aleichem"

by Rita Mond

"An Evening with Shalom Aleichem" sponsored by the entire Jewish community promises to be a happy, symbolic, positive event to be shared by the total Charlotte community.

Saturday evening, April 4, 1981, 8:15 p.m., has been specially reserved for the Jewish community. Following the performance at Spirit Square by a cast from the N.C. Shakespeare Festival, there will be a gala reception with the players.

Never before has such a unique and exciting undertaking been done. In addition to Saturday, the two performances on Sunday, April 5, which will be open for a general audience, are being sponsored by the Charlotte Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center, N.C. Hebrew Academy, Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Israel. Tickets are available through each of these groups.

The reception is being sponsored by a large number of host and hostess couples. If anyone would like to be a sponsor they may call Patty Gorelick, chairperson of the reception, at 366-5134. All sponsors will receive two tickets for Saturday evening.

"An Evening with Shalom Aleichem" not only gives the Jewish community a chance to



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get together for a look into its past but the tremendous and joyful opportunity of sharing its

heritage with the community at large. This can only be a positive approach for a better

understanding with people of all faiths.

The play was originally performed on Broadway (circa 1950) and had an extensive run. The play consists of dramatizations of three classic Yiddish stories depicting the comedy and tragedy of Jewish life during the days of the *shtetl*.

The N.C. Shakespeare Festival received high critical acclaim and performed to capacity houses during the Fall 1980 Spirit Square season. Their rendition of "An Evening with Shalom Aleichem" has been presented in other cities and was very well received. The performance in High Point last year was extremely successful.

Chairperson for this splendid event is Brenda Meltzner. Committeepersons are: Judy Perlin and Louise Bernstein, tickets; Roz Greenspon and Elsa Multer, publicity; Patty Gorelick, Carol Speizman and Jill Newman, reception; Larry Horwitz, special groups; Gloria Lerner, invitations; Paula Mulser, arrangements for company.

A hearty thank you is in order for the community sponsors, the reception sponsors, the committee persons and all the others who have made "An Evening with Shalom Aleichem" possible. *Don't delay.....pick up your ticket(s) today!*

Begin Cabinet Member To Speak At Academy Dinner

by Martha Brenner

Harry Hurwitz, the former South African Zionist and journalist who serves as Minister of Information in Menachem Begin's cabinet, will speak at the Hebrew Academy Patron's Dinner on Sunday, May 3, 1981, at Temple Israel.

As Secretary-General of the Zionist Revisionist Party of South Africa and as editor of *The Jewish Herald*, the major Jewish newspaper in South Africa, Hurwitz has earned a reputation as a dynamic speaker. He often is compared with Abba Eban, another South African native.

Hurwitz made aliya to Israel three years ago to serve as advisor to Begin when the Prime Minister took office. A year ago Hurwitz was appointed Minister of Information.

Academy patrons will have the opportunity to meet Hurwitz at a reception preceding the

dinner at 6 p.m. in I.D. Blumenthal Hall. They will also be able to greet the honorees of this year's dinner, seven women who have contributed their services to making the Academy an outstanding school. Called "The Magnificent Seven," the women to be honored are: Wilma Asrael, Martha Brenner, Beryl Fishman, Ruth Goldberg, Maxine Levine, Rita Mond and Sally Schrader.

Food arrangements for the kosher reception and dinner will be prepared and supervised by Academy parent Peggy Gartner, who is a partner of Pegme Caterers.

The annual event is open to a limited number of patrons. Patron tickets, \$100 per couple, are tax deductible. Early reservations may be made by calling either Mel Berzack, Dinner Chairman, at 554-7584 or Dr. Stephen Fishman, Academy President, at 537-0220.

Project Box Score

"Wishdays" Scheduled

With the hiring of Wilber, Kendrick, Workman and Warren, Architects, the Foundation has embarked on the most exciting phase of the project.

In order to obtain the best perceptions of the needs of each of the participating Institutions, the architects, headed by Gene Warren, have been meeting with officers, directors and Rabbis to schedule a series of meetings which have, imaginatively, been titled "Wishdays."

Under the wishday concept, all interested members of an institution will be invited to attend a mass meeting. This meeting would begin with a brief outline of the agenda by the architects. Those present will then break into small groups in order to discuss the members' ideas, concerns and wishes with respect to the physical needs of that institution at the community project.

Areas for member input would vary for each institution but items to be discussed at the various meetings will be school classrooms, adult education space, sanctuaries, social halls, kitchens, gymnasium, pools, sports areas, library, day camp, etc.

Individuals not affiliated with a particular institution but interested in attending that institution's wishday should call for a day, date and time.

The material gathered at the wishdays will be processed by committees appointed at each institution. The final results will be transmitted to the architects who will translate the collective community "wish list" into a master plan.

Each and every member of the Jewish community is urged to attend one or more wishdays. As was said by William Gorelick, Chairperson of the Foundation Building Committee, "Wishing can and will make our dreams come true!"

Foundation Selects Executive Director

The position of Executive Director of the Foundation and the Charlotte Jewish Federation has been offered to and accepted by Marvin Bienstock. In assuming this new position, Mr. Bienstock has relinquished his Directorship of the Jewish Community Center.

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