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## Florida's Loss — Our Gain

Cohen begins JCC Directorship

by Ann Langman

If you have been around the JCC recently you have surely run into Harold Cohen, the new Director of the Jewish Community Center. Harold lost no time in beginning his duties as Director. A personable and warm individual he brings with him to his new position a wealth of experience. In speaking with Harold it is obvious that he loves his profession. When asked how long he has been involved in Center work his answer was, "As long as I can remember."

Harold began his career in JCC work at the age of thirteen as preschool camp counselor at the Waterbury, Conn. JCC and has been at it ever since. While in Waterbury he went on to become the Waterfront Director at the Center Camp for two years and taught riflery and archery. At the Springfield, Mass. Center Harold served as a group leader, lifeguard and finished up as a Jr. High worker and unit head of the Teen-Tween Camp. He then began his journey south to Charleston, S.C. where he served as Director of Youth Services for three and a half years. On two occasions he served as interim Health and Physical Education Director. Directing the Summer Day Camp provided responsibilities for planning, supervising and implementation of all programming for ages 3 thru 18 years. Continuing south, Harold arrived in Tampa, Fla. where he served as Program Director of the Tampa JCC and was responsible for adult programming and directing the day camp. Editing the



Harold Cohen

newspaper and major community wide events as well as supervising the physical education program were other aspects of his responsibilities there. All of this led Harold to the Fort Lauderdale JCC where he served until his arrival in Charlotte as Assistant Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale JCC. His responsibilities there included day to day operations and supervision of eleven full time staff members.

Besides having such expertise in JCC work, Harold is an outstandingly talented photographer. This being one of Harold's hobbies; his work consists of color seascapes and landscapes. You will be in for a treat indeed if you stop by his office to say "hello" and catch a glimpse of one of his pictures on the wall. Other hobbies for Harold include tennis (and I hear a pretty fair player at that), chess and reading.

The new JCC Director also has quite a list of credits to his name when it comes to volunteer work

and serving on community boards. He holds a B.A. degree and a Masters degree in Social Work Administration and Group Work. Married for two and a half years, his wife Kathy is a delightful gal whose vocation is nursing.

Both Harold and Kathy are excited and happy to be in Charlotte. Harold said, "I am looking forward to the continuing growth of the Center as well as the rest of the Jewish community. I am also looking forward to continued and increased cooperation in working with all the Jewish organizations in the community."

A thank you is in order to Harold Josephson and his committee members: Sol Levine, Marlene Goldberg and Bob Abel for a commendable job in selecting such an exceptional and qualified Director for the Charlotte JCC.

## Weinglass Interim Director of Academy

by Saul Brenner

Bob Bernhardt, president of the Hebrew Academy, announced that Eleanor Weinglass has been appointed interim director of the Hebrew Academy for the 1981-82 school year.

Mrs. Weinglass holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from UNCC. She also attend Judaica courses both at Stern College of Yeshiva University and at Rutgers. During the past twelve years the new director held secular teaching positions in Newark, Elizabeth, Winston-Salem and Charlotte, and taught Judaic subjects in Hebrew schools in Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Last spring Mrs. Weinglass was an instructor at Central Piedmont.

A Charlotte resident since 1972, Mrs. Weinglass lives with her husband.

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Eleanor Weinglass

## Project Box Score

Getting Down to Specifics

Over the past months the Project Box Scores have been generalized statements of what has been happening. This has been frustrating to readers who want to know exact details of the project and its plans. The Foundation Public Relations Committee, Bob Conn, chairman, Roz Greenspon, Robert Klein and Ann Langman, is in the process of remedying this situation. Based on their recommendation, the Foundation Board has hired the Public Relations Firm of Joe Epley to create materials and brochures necessary to make you aware of the specifics. In the months ahead you will receive brochures and read major articles in the "News" designed to tell you and show you the Project as you want to know it. So hang in there for just a few weeks — PLEASE.

Prexy Council Resumes Meetings

After an eight month hiatus, the President's Council consisting of representatives from Temple Israel, Beth El, JCC, Beth Shalom, Academy, Federation and Foundation have resumed regular meetings. Their immediate goals are: to review and submit recommendations on the site plans prepared by the architects; to prepare the letter of agreement — the official documents binding those participating institutions to the Project; to continue to address problems and issues of mutual concern to these institutions.

The Presidents' Council, the original planning body for the Project, was created long before the Project actually came into being. From fall '78 to spring '79 the Presidents of these institutions met informally to exchange information and ideas. In the spring of '79 they worked out the details of the Project in terms of the relationships between the institutions and the Project. This took from spring '80 to November '80 when the Foundation was formed. The Presidents' Council will continue to meet after the current series of task is completed and will serve its original function of a forum for idea sharing and problem solving.

Track II Rolls Into High Gear

Track II, the Foundation's concept for bringing together people from institutions and organizations who share interests in aspects of Jewish community life, has suddenly leaped ahead. Three meetings, involving almost thirty people, have been held in the area of Adult Jewish Education. The results have been new ideas and inspirations for almost every existing program, strong suggestions for new programs, new methods of publicity and some aspects of jointly sponsored programming between several of the institutions.

The word must have quickly spread concerning the enjoyable and beneficial nature of these meetings, because over 90 percent of those invited in the next two areas of Children's Education and Older Adults, responded within the first three days and meetings in those areas are being scheduled.

If you have been looking to become involved in the excitement of the Project, contact the Presidents of the organizations and institutions which you belong to and discuss how you might serve as a representative to Track II in an area of community life of which interests you.

## Civil Disorders Bill Passed

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed praise for the passage of a law banning paramilitary training camps run by Ku Klux Klan and other extremist groups. The legislation which has passed both Houses of the North Carolina legislature, was spearheaded by Senator Henson Barnes and based on a model statute drawn up by the Anti-Defamation League. Acting as a behind the scene pivotal point was Senator Marshall Rauch of Gastonia.

Senator Barnes indicated that the law is an effort to stop "...the growth of paramilitary camps where certain groups are training their members to make gasoline bombs, explosive devices, and the use of military techniques with the intention of using those weapons and trainings against other North Carolinians who are of a different religion, belief or race." The bill was opposed by members of the Ku Klux Klan, who have claimed to have paramilitary operations in the state in order to "defend themselves."

According to Senator Barnes, the bill accomplishes two things. "First, it makes it a felony to teach the use of an explosive device or weapon knowingly or intending that the weapon or explosive device will be used unlawfully in a civil disorder. Second, it is a felony, under the bill, to assemble with others to learn, make or use ex-

plosive devices or weapons unlawfully and intending to use the information in a civil disorder. A civil disorder is defined as a meeting of at least three people who assemble together for the purpose of destroying property or inflicting injury on others."

According to Ronald I. Kirschbaum, Chairman of the League's Regional Board, "The General Assembly and Senator Barnes are to be congratulated. They have recognized a clear and present danger to our system of government and have moved courageously to counter it. Those that thrive on violence and chaos should take heed that they are not welcome and will not be tolerated in North Carolina."

Norman Olshansky, North Carolina/Virginia Regional Director for the League stated; "This law should serve as a clear message to hoodlums and terrorists that their poisonous rhetoric will not be allowed to turn into civil disorder and criminal activity. North Carolina has had more than its share of Klan and Nazi violence. Criminals should be treated as such."

The ADL model statute has been introduced in the legislatures of several other states and has already been enacted into law in the State of Connecticut. The model statute, which was made public in February, was the basis upon which the North Carolina bill was drafted.

## Brad Liebl To Give Musical Informance At Temple Israel

On Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. Temple Israel will play host to a musical program of a different kind. Brad Liebl, a young, charming baritone will present an Informance — an informal concert which is both informative and entertaining. Brad's presentation includes a wide range of musical numbers, from folk songs to opera, and conversations about how he came to be a singer. He many even tell us how a young boy from a little town in Wisconsin came to sing in a Cincinnati Temple for the High Holy Days services.

Brad has been bringing his delightful Informance all over the Charlotte area during the last year, appearing in such diverse places as factories, shopping centers,

schools, offices and various civic and social organizations. He has already made a big hit at the JCC having charmed and, as he admits, been charmed by the ladies of the Chai group.

Mr. Liebl, who is from the Delton & Crange Affiliated Artists, is sponsored by the Bristol-Myers Company and is presented by the Charlotte Opera Association. He has extensive experience with a number of opera companies and has won the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions in Minneapolis. He will also appear as Dr. Folke in the Charlotte Opera's production of "Die Fledermaus" next April.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend this special, free, presentation.

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