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Rabbi's Support Community Project

The following excerpts are taken from the Yom Kippur sermons of Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel and Rabbi Harold Krantzler of Temple Beth El.

Rabbi Rocklin:

"Today here we are gathered together to unite a community. To act out the deed, to live the role of Jewish history, to engage ourselves in the marvel of a 4,000 year tradition.

"I address you as a family, we are contemplating a project involving the acquiring of land, potential structures include a Jewish Community Center, a school, two temples - Temple Beth El, Temple Israel. Is this rabbi in favor of the project? The question has been asked numbers of times to me. You have presented your concerns in my office, in fact, have said to me when will you make your statement?

"I am unequivocally in favor of this project. I believe in Jewish unity. I believe in the ultimate goal of the Jewish people to unify themselves. That does not mean to erase differences, but to stand united concerned with the ultimate

survival of the Jewish people. I stand ready to work for its implementation.

"We are a cohesive community growing together. Four major institutions simultaneously... does God have a hand in Providence? This Rabbi believes with all his heart that God was begging us to involve ourselves in the spiritual, to join together, to commit ourselves to survival. Temple Beth El, the Foundation and our Temple Israel joining together to create this project.

"There have been many hands, many voices, many ideas, many minds coming together in commonality of purpose; to exist to serve the needs of the Jewish community, to provide a viable entry into the future, to go beyond the 80's and to incorporate and cultivate Jewish values for our children for years hence. We have the opportunity; we have a future to plan... unity of Jews.

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Rabbi Krantzler:

"On this holy day I speak of our own holy Jewish community in Charlotte. An extraordinary example of what can be accomplished when we are united in purpose.

"What is the purpose of our proposed new campus project? Merely to build new and prettier buildings, stone and steel monuments to our greater glory? Hardly. Our purpose is to create physical facilities which will enable Charlotte Jews to come closer to each other, to cement understanding and respect for our differing religious practices...to diminish and eliminate artificial and superficial misunderstandings which have separated us, usually based on uninformed, outgrown stereotypical notions. The holy task of making richer Jewish educational opportunities for our children and ourselves...to share in recreational and social pro-

grams of mutual benefit.

"In a word we are seeking the means for helping us grow together in unity even as each group in the Campus maintains its absolute identity and independence, its autonomy. We pray that all of us - we, our children, our young adults, our older men and women grow together in an inviting and consciously Jewish environment.

"As a tiny religious minority in Charlotte it is wise and well for us to warm each other with encouragement, moral support and communal strength.

"What has evolved in the presidents' council is a warm understanding, mutual trust and personal friendship - the recognition that the needs and rights of each are carefully considered and respected.

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Israeli Chassidic Festival

The 1981 ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL, a spectacular musical production of songs, dance and music, is coming to Charlotte on November 12 at the auditorium of Covenant Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the Charlotte Federation with the cooperation of Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Israel, Hebrew Academy and the JCC.

The ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL is coming to Charlotte with songs which have been the prize winners over the past 13 years, with performers who have become Israel's top entertainers, with outstanding musical direction and choreography, with the opportunity to hear, feel and live the old Jewish tradition in the new Israeli spirit.

The first Israeli Chassidic Festival, which originated in 1969, was intended to be a one-time song contest; however the overwhelming response changed the course of history for this musical event.

Unprepared for such enthusiasm and encores, the performers were forced to repeat the entire performance. A week later, its winning song "Oseh Shalom", topped the record charts and public acclaim turned this contest into an annual musical event. The second Chassidic Festival gave birth to not one but three hit songs: "Yevarechecha", "Yedid



Don't expect to see long black coats and sidecurls. The word "Chassidic" in the title of this program came from the fact that the lyrics of all the songs entered in the contest were derived from the Bible or an existing prayer.

Nefesh" and "Sisu et Yerushalayim". It drew its first international attention giving rise to the idea and wishes that the Festival be performed to audiences outside of Israel as well.

The ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL adds up to 2 hours of thoroughly enjoyable entertainment for the whole family. It's the best way to experience

Israel without leaving town.

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Charlotte Federation Women's Division

By Marilyn Shapiro

The annual Special Gifts Brunch of the Charlotte Federation Women's Division will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 1982; the place to be announced at a future time. Ruth Goldberg, President of Women's Division, advises that the minimum gift for this year's Special Gifts Brunch will be \$150. Chairing and coordinating the Brunch are Ann Abel and Lina Levine.

In other areas plans are being formulated for campaign, education, and other services sponsored by Women's Division. Florence Jaffa, Campaign Chairman, announces the following appointments for the 1982 campaign: Major Gifts, Bobbi Bernstein; Intermediate Gifts, Gail Bienstock; General Solicitation, Rose Luski; Young Singles Division, Cary Bernstein.

January will be a busy month with some excellent programs planned. There will be a solicitor training session, coordinated by Sara Schreiberman. Educa-

tion Day, designed to offer valuable current information, is being chaired by Baila Pransky.

Shalom Y'all, a program designed to introduce newcomers to Charlotte and its Jewish community, will be under the direction of Sally Schrader. Included in the activities of Shalom Y'all, each new family will be sent an updated list of Temples and Jewish organizations. Information will be given con-

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Project Update

In a continuing series of meetings, the executive committees of the institutions participating in the Project have been hard at work on the Joint Venture Agreement.

This document is much like the U.S. Constitution. It establishes the basic rules and regulations, benefits and obligations, rights and considerations of each of the participants.

"There has never before been such a document,"

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