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Tu B'Shvat Celebration

The Foundation will be holding its first community event on the Providence Road side of the Project site, and you are urged to attend. It will be in commemoration of Tu B'Shvat (Jewish Arbor Day) on Sunday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tu B'Shvat is a time for renewal and a time for beginning. The highlight of the brief program will be the planting of two fig trees at the front of the property. Between the trees will be the location for the eventual sign identifying the Project. We hope to have a sign which

will incorporate a living grape vine thus reminding us of the Biblical lesson:

"Everyone neath their vine and fig tree shall live in peace, and none shall make them afraid." (Isaiah)

All our religious school children will be joining us. We do hope your family will participate in this memorable first event.

Rain/Snow date is February 14.

Schedule of Events

11-11:15 a.m. Arrival on the Foundation site with parking arranged along Providence Road.

1. Children attending Temple Israel will be picked up early by parents and brought to the site.

2. First session children at Temple Beth El will be brought by bus to the site. Parents should meet them there at 11:15, attend the program and then take first session children home.

3. Second session Beth El students will be brought to the site by parents. Parents should remain. Children, following the program,

will go to Beth El by bus and be picked up there, as usual, by parents at the regular time.

4. Those children who attend the Academy, Temple Israel Hebrew School (but not on Sunday) and those who attend Beth Shalom are invited and encouraged, to come with their parents to the program. 11:15 a.m. Welcome and remarks by the Rabbis.

11:30 a.m. Planting of the two fig trees. All those present are invited to add soil to the planting of the trees.

11:45 a.m. Departure.

Temple Israel Plans Special Weekend

The first Ben Adam or Mensch Award sponsored by Temple Israel will be presented on Friday evening, February 19 at Shabbat services. The entire community is invited to join in on this occasion: a beautiful Oneg Shabbat will be held directly after services.

The Saturday night dinner has been cancelled.

Super Sunday



ON SUPER SUNDAY 51 VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED 683 CALLS. THE GRAND TOTAL RAISED WAS \$44,632.50! THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF \$11,700 OVER LAST YEAR FROM THE SAME CONTRIBUTORS. PICTURED ABOVE ARE SUPER SUNDAY COCHAIRPERSON, STU SCHWARTZ CONGRATULATING VOLUNTEER MIKE SCHREIBMAN WHO OBTAINED THE LARGEST SINGLE PLEDGE. ALSO SHOWN IS PHYLLIS (MRS. STU) SCHWARTZ WHO DELIVERED DINNER FOR THE WORKERS.

"Hold Onto Your Shoes — It's The Klezmerim."

The Klezmerim, a musical group which plays a special kind of Jewish music that dates back to Eastern Europe of the 16th century, will be appearing at Spirit Square on April 18 at 8:15 p.m. This performance will be sponsored through the cooperation of Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Israel, Federation, JCC and the Hebrew Academy. The \$7 tickets may be obtained at any of the Temples, the Academy or the JCC.

Sergei Prokofiev, New Orleans Jazz, Kurt Weill, Benny Goodman, George Gershwin and Betty Boop soundtracks have one thing in common — all were influenced by klezmer music. A Yiddish folk tradition which flourished for centuries throughout Eastern Europe, klezmer music was

renowned for its unorthodox tonalities, complex ornamentation, and wildly interlocking rhythms. Immigrant musicians brought klezmer music to the New World at the turn of the century where it exchanged influences with ragtime and vaudeville to become an important historical component of American jazz and popular music. Klezmer music — it's been underground for 50 years. Now it's back!

Though often unschooled, the klezmerim frequently reached extraordinary heights of virtuosity. These musicians, making music on whatever battered instruments they could get hold of, travelled from town to town entertaining at cabarets, weddings, fairs and festivals. Serving as a cultural bridge between the ghetto and the world outside,

they amalgamated the tunes collected on their travels into their own distinctive musical idiom. Wedded to Yiddish folk tunes and Jewish cantorial tradition are waltzes from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, military marches from the Czar's army band, and rhapsodic solo improvisations inspired by Gypsy fiddlers whom the klezmerim met in their travels.

Klezmerim played by ear, passing, down modes and melodies from generation to generation. It is not surprising that they seldom wrote down their tunes — conventional musical notation can not do justice to the unorthodox tonalities, complex ornamentations and crazily-interlocking rhythms of klezmer music.

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Project Update

In December of 1980, the Foundation Board retained architects to prepare possible site plans. At the same time, the Board became aware that, in addition to the Beth El property (24 acres) and the 17 adjoining acres being donated by a group of Jewish businessmen, an adjacent parcel of 13 acres might be available for purchase.

The architects were asked to include this additional 13 acres in their considerations. They did so, and they reported to the Board that, in their opinion, this additional land was essential in order to fulfill the needs of the Project at the most reasonable cost for construction.

The Board accepted the architects' report and authorized them to draw up the site plan to include the 13 acres. At the same time, the Board began negotiations to obtain this land. Of necessity, these negotiations had to be conducted as unobtrusively as possible.

In September, your reactions told the Board how pleased you were with the architects' preliminary site plan which included this additional acreage.

Negotiations have been successfully completed and the Foundation has purchased the property from Dr. B. W. Armstrong, prominent Charlotte physician and founder of the Charlotte Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Included on this land area is a small lake and the doctor's home.

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