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Marlene Fuerstman, a student at UNCC, received the first place award in the continuing education division during the 1983 State Convention of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Listed on UNC-Greensboro dean's list for the fall semester was Cynthia Farbman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farbman.

Robbie Nabow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nabow, has received his M.A. degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech.

Scott Cohen, son of Jane (Mrs. Orrin) Nelson, has been awarded a merit scholarship for Princeton University's Master of Architecture program for 1983-84. He also will represent the U.S. at an international urban studies program in France this summer.

Spencer Friedlander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Friedlander, has been selected for the All-County 8th and 9th grade Band.

Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler was featured in the "Chaplain's Corner" of *Putt-Putt World Magazine* J.C. Honeycutt, his secretary and editor of Temple Beth El's excellent bulletin, has had several of her limericks published in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*.

Members of the American Needlepoint Guild, from the Carolinas, visited Temple Beth El to inspect its beautiful needlepoint "Chagall Windows".

Mark Lewis, son of Mrs. Betsy Lewis, for the third year in a row won first place in the Oratorical Contest sponsored by The Providence Optimist Club. He is a 9th grader at McClintock Jr. High.

At the recent Charlotte Art League's Spring Juried Show, Lina (Mrs. Herman) Levine received the Judge's commendation for her art work.

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tion of the Holocaust. The first was a Shabbat service at Temple Beth El on April 8. Rabbi Harold I. Krantzler gave a moving sermon on this tragic event in our history and the memorial candles were lit by Irving Mond, who had lived in Antwerp, Belgium during the Holocaust. Mr. Mond was able to escape from the Nazis, but his sister and 27 other close relatives met their death in the Nazi concentration camps.

On April 10 a special service, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Charlotte Area Clergy Association, was held at St. John's Baptist Church. The Service of Remembrance and Commitment was led by Dr. Gene Bartlett, interim senior minister at Myers Park Baptist Church and former president of Colgate Rochester Seminary. Other leaders of the service were: Rev. George Battle, minister, Gethsemane AME Zion; Ms. Jeanne Bohn, community relations, WSOC-TV; Dr. Julian Cave, minister, St. John's Baptist Church and president of Charlotte Area Clergy Assoc.; Rev. Sidney Freeman, minister, Unitarian Church of Charlotte; Rev. Wilbur Thomas, minister, Our Lady of Consolation; Mr. Jerry York, chairman of the Spiritual Assembly, Baha'is of Cabarrus County. Also participating in the service were the Honorable Eddie Knox, mayor of Charlotte, and Rabbis Harold Krantzler, Richard Rocklin and Robert Seigel.

The kindling of the memorial lamps for the eleven million who perished was done by men and women who were personally involved in the Holocaust experience: Boris and Bertha Wojnowich, Solomon Baicovitz, Irving Mond, Sophie Spolender, Fred Stern and W.H. (Skeet) Eskridge. Perpetual Hope Choir of Our Lady of Consolation Church with the assistance of Hulene McLean.

The evening was highly inspirational for the more than 100 who attended.

The annual Holocaust Square Memorial Service, sponsored by the Charlotte Jewish Federation, was held on April 17. Fred Meredith, director of education of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem-United

States branch, spoke at the ceremony. He reminded the crowd of about 200 that we should never forget the 11 million people killed during the Holocaust of World War II. He cited that just as Germans ignored what was happening because it did not affect them, so we must be vigilant and not ignore the injustices perpetrated today because we are not the victims.

A candle-lighting service coincided with the reading of the names of Holocaust victims who have relatives living in Charlotte. For those who heard their loved ones' names read, tears and deep emotions were evident. For those who are too young to remember, we hope that they were moved to the extent that they will see that this well never happen again.

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his first visit to a liberated concentration camp. I can only paraphrase his words, but they were to this effect: That he (Eisenhower) went through every nook and cranny of that infamous camp to make sure to commit it to memory, so that in the future, if ever someone tried to claim that these things never happened, his (Eisenhower's) words would stand as a proof of the veracity of the events. What an uncanny premonition in the light of the present scurrilous denial of the Holocaust.

After the reading of the Governor's proclamation, declaring the week of April 10-17 as Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, the Rev. John Lewis of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, read the moving sonnet, "The Smoke of Buchenwald." Six memorial candles were lit by six survivors. A memorial prayer was read by Rabbi Abraham Schoen of Temple Beth Meyer, Raleigh, and Barry Silverstein sang the "Ani Ma'anim."

Oratorio Features Jerome Hines

A seemingly unlikely combination of The Metropolitan Opera's Jerome Hines and a 40-voice children's chorus will join The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte May 7 at 8 p.m.

The concert will be in the 2,500-seat Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte. All seats are \$9, except those for senior citizens and students, for whom the price is \$5. Tickets may be obtained from the Spirit Square Box Office,

Local Woman Attended Conference

Holocaust Women: A Study in Survival, sponsored by the Institute for Research in History with a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, was attended by Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz. A crowd of 400 packed Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, on Lexington Avenue, for a two-day conference in late March.

Organizers of the conference were anxious that it be held before the passage of time and the generation of survivors makes the extrapolation of women's experiences even more difficult. Numerous questions were posed:

How were women treated differently from men and how did they respond? What kind of work did they do in concentration and labor camps, in ghettos, resistance movements and rescue missions? What risks did they take? To what medical experiments were they subjected? What kinds of relationships did they form with one another? Did they ever laugh? What did they talk about?

To that last question, Susan Cernyak-Spatz, now associate professor of foreign languages at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte responded, "Food! I never cooked as well as I did with my mouth in Auschwitz."

Relationships with other women were critical. "Bonding with other women was of supreme importance," said Susan Cernyak-Spatz, who was in three concentration camps, Theresienstadt, Auschwitz and Ravensbruck. "Without a support group you couldn't survive. Relationships were totally dependent on one's work situation, for there was no visiting after hours." Her co-workers saved her life, she said, by dragging her out of the barrack for roll call when she was too sick to walk on her own.

Older Adult Luncheon

The May Older Adult Luncheon will be held May 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El with Temple Beth El's Sisterhood as the host organization. All community senior adults are welcome to the lunch and entertainment program at a cost of \$1 per person.

Transportation to Temple Beth El will be provided for those needing it. You are asked to RSVP by May 5 by calling the JCC at 366-0357. At this time indicate if you will need transportation or if you can assist by providing a ride for someone else. If you have specific dietary restrictions for health reasons, let us know when you call.

Please remember to call the JCC at 366-0357 to make your reservation by May 5.

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