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## Hebrew Gala Set For Discovery Place

By Martha F. Brenner

There will be crab, octopus, shark and eel at the 1984 North Carolina Hebrew Academy Gala, but they won't be on the menu.

Instead, they will be part of the dramatic setting for the school's fund-raiser at Discovery Place on Sat., May 10. The lower level of the two-year-old science museum has been reserved for the Academy.

"Last year's gala at Morcroft, the home of Charlene and Richard Muller, was a grand party at a special place," says Academy President Michael Shapiro. "We

raised more money than any other event in the 14-year history of the day school and the patrons had a marvelous time. This year we sought another exciting place to hold the gala. We are pleased that we were able to secure Discovery Place."

In addition to dancing to Larry Farber's band, Academy patrons will be welcome to view the new aquatic exhibits at Discovery Place. The museum's Trading Post, where minerals and collectible objects are traded, will be transformed into a bar for the evening. Hors d'oeuvres and a dessert table will also be offered. The festivities will

start at 8:30 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be a drawing for a five-star hotel, 10-day trip to Israel for two arranged by Mann Travels. All patrons will be eligible for the drawing. Dress for the Gala is black tie, optional.

Tickets are \$125 per couple and can be obtained by writing to Florence Widis, 5238 Seacroft Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210; Her home phone is 525-3957. Checks should be made out to the N.C. Hebrew Academy.

Chairing the gala are Patti Weisman, Arlene Shapiro, Fania Greenwood and Peggy Gartner.



Discovery Place. Photo/Nancy Pierce

## CRC To Hold Political Workshop Congressman Britt to Speak

The Community Relations Committee of the Charlotte Jewish Federation will sponsor a Workshop on Political Involvement on Sun., March 25. The Workshop will be held at the Federation offices from 10 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

U.S. Representative C. Robin Britt, Democrat, from the 6th N.C. Congressional District (includes Greensboro and High Point) will be the keynote speaker. Congressman Britt, a strong supporter of Israel, will address the topic of U.S.-Israeli Rela-

tions from a congressional perspective.

Workshop participants will divide into three groups, each covering one of the following topics: Lobbying Effectively in Support of Israel and Other Significant Issues; Israel's Standing in Washington - The Importance of Political Action; Elements of a Political Campaign. Each group, on a rotating basis, will address each of the workshop's three topics.

Group facilitators include: Dennis Winner, a N.C. State Senator from Asheville; Leslie L. Levy, the legislative liaison from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Steve Hockfield, prominent local attorney active in CRC and political affairs. Participants will also hear from local leaders recently returned from the National Federation Young Leadership Mission in Washington.

Registrations are to be mailed to Federation, P.O. Box 220188, Charlotte, NC 28222. The \$10 fee includes a box lunch and workshop materials. For information: Vicki Hopkins, 554-1324.

## Work Underway at Project Site



Deep in the woods, special equipment removes trees and stumps to make way for athletic field of Project.

Stop by the Project site on Providence Road and you'll see evidence of the determination of the Charlotte Jewish community. You'll see work that has been done since the Groundbreaking Ceremony in May bringing our dream a step closer to reality.

Look closely and you'll see boulders moved and trees lifted by their roots by heavy equipment that leaves gaping holes in the new barren sur-

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## Israel Ballet Sponsored By Temple Israel

By Evelyn Berger

The Israelis are coming! And the Charlotte Community will be a better place because of it!! Temple Israel is sponsoring the Israel Ballet for a gala performance at Ovens Auditorium on Thurs., March 15 at 8 p.m.

The Israel Ballet, Israel's highly acclaimed ballet company, has received such reviews as "breathtaking", "impressive" and "stunning" by American critics and will appear in 40 cities in the United States during 1984.

The miracle of the survival of the State of Israel is somewhat parallel to the creation, acclaim and success of the Ballet; both emerged with vigor and dedication from the hardship of 1967. At that time the Ballet's founders Hillel Markman and Berta Yampolsky, decided to end their dance diaspora which took them to Holland, Switzerland, the United States and finally to the renowned Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo with which they had to return home and were compelled to end their traveling in order to build the Israel Ballet.

Using their life's savings, they gathered the best dancers in Israel and from throughout the world. They rehearsed in basements, on beaches, in gyms and finally on stages.

The first part of their dream came true when they were finally accepted to dance at Israel's noted Habima Theatre (now the Israel National Theatre).

Eventually some of the world's greatest choreographers participated in the growing success of the Company. Internationally acclaimed dancers realized the Ballet met their standards and started guesting with them on special occasions. The "emerging dance force" now plays several long Habima seasons, about 150 shows yearly in Israel, and the Company of Markman and Hampolsky have evidently ended their need to worry about where their next shows will be. Now they are concerned with retaining their reputation as what one critic called them, "the new jewel in the dance world's tiara".

This event holds great significance for Charlotte as this will be the Company's only appearance in the Carolinas. This is an outstanding opportunity for the citizens of our area to come together and have a better understanding of the rich culture of the land of Israel.

A limited number of tickets are being offered to Patrons,

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## '84 Federation Total Tops '83

"The community understands the needs and has responded."

With those words, Stan Greenspon, Charlotte Jewish Federation President, announced that the 1984 campaign has already exceeded the 1983 level. "We are past \$800,000 and still moving on our goal of the highest campaign of all time," said Greenspon. The reason for giving for some is the crisis in Israel; for others it is the desire to make certain that our local institutions remain strong; still others dig deep in their pockets for the special needs of the elderly, the blind or the unemployed. Federation/UJA raises funds for all these causes and people, and you, the donors, are our only resource."

The 1984 campaign by both the Men's and Women's Divisions have seen many changes over the previous year. The Women's Division has sponsored more events designed to educate and show appreciation for givers at all levels. The Men's Division has also increased their special events including programs and speakers aimed at the medical and

legal groups. "Most important of all," said Ron Katz, Men's General Campaign Chairman, "we have had direct contact with more people than ever before." Katz was referring to the more than 635 individuals reached during last December's Super Sunday, for pledges totaling \$44,000. "I am also proud," Katz went on, "that almost without exception, givers of \$500 and above were seen face to face. When we called them, they responded by inviting us into their offices and homes so we could thank them in person for their philanthropy and explain and discuss this year's goals and concerns."

Greenspon reported that goals are already being set for 1985. These goals will emphasize the need to reach and educate and develop more donors. Greenspon said, "In 1985 we expect to gain at least 250 new donors. We are also setting a goal of moving at least 100 more donors to a giving level above \$500. If we can accomplish these goals we will be able to assure ourselves of being able to meet our growing responsibilities here and around the world."

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