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Community To Celebrate Israel Independence Day

The Jewish Community Center and the Charlotte Jewish Federation will be co-sponsoring a community-wide Israel Independence Day Celebration in conjunction with the synagogues and other local Jewish organizations. The festivities will begin at Randolph Junior High School with Maccabian games (mini-olympics) at approximately 12 noon on Sunday, May 6 for youngsters in grades K-6. (Lunch will be provided for all Maccabian participants.) Following the games, at 2 p.m. an Israeli Fair will take place highlighted by booths and exhibits provided by local Jewish organizations depict-

ing their connection with Israel and their role in the local Jewish community. Special events will be scheduled throughout the afternoon including musical and dramatic performances, lectures, dancing, films, slide shows, etc. An Israeli style cafe will be set up to serve Israeli delicacies at a nominal cost.

Featured entertainer will be Ohela Halevy, one of Israel's most popular folk singers. She sings in many languages: Hebrew, English, French, Yiddish, Russian, Spanish and Greek. Miss Halevy's special talent lies in her ability to convey the meaning of her songs and in her warm presentation.

This Israeli extravaganza has the support of the entire Jewish community and promises to be a most memorable salute to the state of Israel on its 36th anniversary. Further details concerning this special Yom Ha Atzmaut program



Ohela Halevy

will be mailed in the near future. The steering committee for this event includes: Co-Chairpersons, Peggy Gartner and Simon Estroff, Sandy Berlin, Rabbi Robert Seigel, Nancy Segal, Donna and Michael Gins, Floyd Patten, Morey Sheffer, Ben Massachi, Bennett Lyons, Marcia Simon, and Harvey Cohen.

Ten Return From Mission to Israel

From February 12 - 22, ten members of the Jewish Community traveled the roads and streets of Israel studying and learning how their Federation/UJA dollars are being put to work. Participating with 46 others from around the Southeast were Floyd and Brenda Patten, Gerson and Wilma Asrael, Ralph and Nettie Smith, Herman and Anita Blumenthal, Phillip Blumenthal and Marvin Bienstock, Federation Director.



Mission to Israel group front row (l to r): Wilma Asrael, Brenda Patten, Anita Blumenthal, Nettie Smith, Marvin Bienstock. Back row (l to r): Gerson Asrael, Floyd Patten, Herman Blumenthal, Phillip Blumenthal, Ralph Smith.

Their mission took them into diverse settings including a Moshav (cooperative farm settlement) trying to reestablish itself on a piece of sandy ground just 30 km. north of its old homesite in the Sinai. The inhabitants had to give up their fields and orchards when the Sinai was returned to Egypt. Also visited were a tank corp base on the Golan Heights, a hospital for severely disabled children and Nazareth Illit (Upper Nazareth), the neighborhood with which over 30 SE cities are twinned for Project Renewal, the cooperative self help program designed to meet the special needs of immigrants.

The Mission balanced the modern with the historic in the form of tours around the new excavations at the foot of the

Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the reconstructed old Jewish Quarter of that city along with the famous fortress sites of Masada, Herodian and Caesaria.

Included among the many outstanding speakers presented to the group were members of the Knesset, scientists, economists and Mr. Simcha Dinitz, former ambassador to the US and now Chancellor of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus.

While the Mission was in progress, the annual Campaign for Federation/UJA continued to press toward completion in Charlotte. The total

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JCC To Hold Annual Meeting

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual meeting and board elections on Monday, April 9 at Temple Beth El at 8:00 p.m. Harry Swimmer and Bill Gorelick, executive officers of the Foundation, and nominated JCC Board members will provide project update focusing on the Center facilities. A wine and cheese reception will follow the induction of officers and new Center board members.

The JCC nominating committee consisting of Chairman Bob Abel, Florence Jaffa, Gil Portnoy, Claire Putterman, Marshall Rosenfeld and Lynne Sheffer have nominated the following slate of officers and board members for 1984-85.

President, Harold Josephson; Vice President, Peggy Gartner; Vice President, Miles Levine; Vice President, Michael Scharf; Treasurer, Larry Gerber; Corr. Secty., Linda Greenfeld; Rec. Secty., Hal Levinson.

Three (3) Year Term: Harry

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Young Leaders Attend Washington Conference

By Geri & Steve Lit,
Sara Schreiber,
Marvin Bienstock

President Reagan, a dozen Senators, twice that many Congressmen and the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. met with 13 Jewish Leaders from Charlotte — and with 1,987 other active and involved Young Jewish Leadership from around the country.

The occasion was the biennial gathering in Washington, D.C. of the UJA (United Jewish Appeal) Young Leadership Cabinet and Membership.

The following 3 reports capture the sense of what these three days accomplished. Those attending from Charlotte were: Sam and Emily Zimmern, Mike and Sara Schreiber, Steve Alper, Dr. Jessica Schorr, Bob Salvin, Geri and Steve Lit, Sandy Berlin, Mark and Eleanor Weinglass, and Richard A. Klein. Accompanying the delegation was Marvin Bienstock, Federation Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

• "Ladies and gentlemen, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

I remember standing and cheering as loud as I could along with two thousand other Jews. It didn't matter whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, this was the president of The United States, our

president. I can't think of a time when I have felt a greater sense of awe as I felt that moment. It didn't matter that we had to stand in line for an hour or that the Washington Hilton was buzzing with secret service and security personnel or that we all had to go through metal detectors and women had their bags searched. Unfortunately it was necessary and we were going to see the President.

The fact that the President realized the value of talking to a conference comprised of over two thousand committed American Jews filled me with an overwhelming sense of pride. Every statement of support for Israel was received with enthusiastic applause reinforcing our united stand. Even though there was some disagreement on parts of the speech, the mere fact that the President came to speak to us represented recognition of our concerns. Agree or disagree, the respect for the office of the President and the pride of being an American was apparent as the audience cheered.

• 2,000 strong we stood on the steps of the Capitol to express our support for Jews caught in the grip of restrictive Soviet emigration policies. 2,000 strong, Jewish men and women from across the coun-

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