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Federation, Foundation, Social Services Move To Project Site

The Foundation, Federation and Social Services will relocate this month from their temporary quarters at 506 W. Summit to the former Armstrong House on the site of the Community Project. The new facilities overlook the extensive work being done readying the land for the construction of the joint education-recreation facilities.

The official address for the new facilities is 921 Jefferson Dr. The phone number is 366-5007. The facilities can be reached from Jefferson Drive which can, in turn, be reached from Providence Road, Lansing Dr. or Preston Lane. The entrance to the road leading to the house is marked with a street sign reading "SHALOM." The sign was made by Mrs. Ann Yudell in

honor of the Groundbreaking Ceremony held at this location last December. Because this short drive is also the access for construction equipment, caution is advised in driving to the new facilities.

In the Fall, the JCC will move its operation to the same location in order to be able to take advantage of the facilities at the house and of the extensive outdoor facilities scheduled for completion by that time.

"In our new quarters we will be able to schedule meetings and events which will allow people to come and see for themselves just how much work is being done in getting the project built," said Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director.

For the past ten months, since the destruction of the

JCC main building by fire last August, the Foundation, Federation and Social Services have occupied the Summit Ave. facilities through the cooperation and efforts of H&S Lumber and its Charlotte President, Steve Lit. Mr. Lit extended the offer of the facilities the same day as the fire and the office was opened the following day. Much of the current office furniture and equipment was loaned to the three institutions by H&S.

"We are in need of furnishings and equipment for the house," says Bienstock. "Any contributions will be gratefully received and added to those generous contributions which were made and have been used since the tragic fire. Contributors can call 372-4688 or 366-5007."



The Armstrong House.

Academy Has Gala Affair

The wildlife and the scientific exhibits on Discovery Place's lower level formed a dramatic setting for this year's successful Hebrew Academy Gala.

Ninety-two patrons paid \$125 per couple to attend the



Sarah and George Ackerman won Israel Trip.

Photo/Alan Goldberg

May 12 affair and to gain an opportunity to win a 10-day deluxe trip to Israel arranged by Mann Travels.

Patrons viewed the museum's newest aquatic displays and ordered drinks at the "Trading Post," a center for trading minerals and other collectables. They danced to Larry Farber's lively band and were treated to lavish kosher hors d'oeuvres and desserts, all prepared by parents and friends of the Academy.

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Project Renewal

Federation Board Accepts
Goal Of \$250,000

A 30-year-old grandmother; an afterschool shelter for children who cannot go home for fear of being abused; an 80% dropout rate for boys after 10th grade; a group of 13 and 14-year-old mothers yearning to learn English and children age 5 who are born in Israel and have to be taught to speak Hebrew when they enter school....these are just some of the problems of the residents of the Shalom neighborhood of Upper Nazareth (Nazaret Illit). To help to correct these situations, the Board of the Federation adopted a goal of \$250,000 to be raised for Project Renewal as a separate campaign in 1985. Pledges will be made in the '85 campaign but can be paid over the next 5 years. Some \$70,000 in pledges have already been made for the unique work in building people in problem neighborhoods in Israel.

Simon Estroff, chairman for

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Over 500 Attend Israel Independence Day Celebration



Temple Israel preschool children sing and dance.

A crowd of over 500 people joined in the afternoon of sports, food, arts and entertainment on May 6 as the First Annual Israel Independence Day Celebration came to fruition.

As the blue and white ribbons, flags and balloons were placed and the tablecloths were draped for the organizational booths, Randolph Junior High started looking more like an Israeli fairground than a school.

Outside, Scott Edelein blew the shofar and the games began. The Maccabiah (mini-olympics) included about 100 children in the traditional festivities which celebrate Israel's vitality. Teams from BBYO "peanut butter and jellied" for more than an hour making lunch for the athletes to eat when they came off the field.

Lynn Cojac opened the stage programs with the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hati-

kva." Adults and children filtered into the auditorium to listen to guest officials. The Charlotte Yiddish Troupe made a brilliant local debut starting the show with "Havehnu Shalom Aleichem" followed by poetry reading and the singing of other Yiddish and Hebrew favorites.

Israeli guest performer Ohela Halevy had the crowd singing and bell-ringing to Middle Eastern melodies. Also, the Hebrew Academy and Temple Israel preschool and religious school performed

songs in Hebrew to a large audience.

Elsewhere in the building special events included Naomi Rosenberg speaking with Temple Beth El teenagers on behalf of the Israel Aliyah Center and films and slides on Zionism and life in Israel. Ron Cohn, from the American Jewish Congress, was on hand to answer questions of a political nature.

Falafel, hummus and salad were the fare in the cafeteria proper. Lubavitch of Charlotte and Simon Baruch prepared the traditional delectables. In addition, Israeli candy and the family atmosphere were enjoyed by all.

Much hard work went into the day. A steering committee brainstormed the idea for several months and then coupled their ideas with those of the Jewish organizations. Booths included artifacts, slide shows on Israel, computer games, a display on industry, and paintings by individuals in the community.

Steering committee members were Peggy Gartner, Simon Estroff, Sandy Berlin, Morey Sheffer, Donna Gins, Michael Gins and Floyd Patten.

(See more pictures on P. 8 & 9)

Project Update

Bid opening date for the construction of the new facility is June 21. The grading for the construction site is more than 85% complete. They are laying sewer lines now and moving dirt.

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