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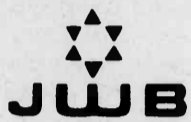
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## Jewish Books in Review

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**Good If It Goes.** By Gary Provost and Gail Levine-Freidus. Bradbury Press, 2 Overhill Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. 1984. 121 pages. Ages 10-14. \$10.95.

Reviewed by Doris Orgel

No ifs about it: This book is good. It's as good as the hero's winning shot, right into the basket. It takes you through the trials of being short, Jewish, and almost thirteen. It says big things, in a non-preachy way, things that will sink right in — about being a son and brother; about bearing the impending loss of someone greatly loved; and that it's possible to be a committed Jew, even — no, especially — in the absence of belief in God.

David Newman has a passion: Basketball. Eighth grade is his last year in the Shrimp League. He's sure that when he goes to high school he won't make the team, on account of being so short. He'd rather play basketball while he still can, than go to Hebrew school to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah, which he rally doesn't want. He confides this to his grandfather, Max Levene, "one guy I could always turn to for help." Max Levene (who always refers to himself by his full name) happens to be an agnostic. David is sure he'll come up with sound advice.

In a time of many maudlin grandparents in children's books, this grandpa is forceful and refreshingly unsentimentalized. Other characters are well realized, too: Rabbi Kauffman, a man of rare, non-abrasive humor, tact and modesty; Markie, David's music-mad, and maddening but also dear, kid brother. And Kelly O'Neil, David's delightful girlfriend — almost, almost! Her perky curiosity about things Jewish occasions a stirring tour of the temple and glimpse of the Torah in its majesty. Only one character verges on being a stereotype: Nana, always cooking, or else insisting that everybody "eat, eat."

### Good If It Goes

by Gary Provost and Gail Levine-Freidus



To return to Max Levene: He does come up with advice concerning basketball and the Bar Mitzvah. It's both sounder, and tougher, than David anticipated.

How David resolves the conflict — and in resolving it transcends it — is the substance of this lively, honest story of young and ex-young readers, Jewish as well as non-

Among Doris Orgel's many books is The Devil in Vienna, and Risking Love, a young adult novel to be published in the fall.

### Faith in Humankind (cont'd from p. 12)

should be the place of the Righteous Gentiles in our history books? Does their conduct during the Holocaust alter the relationship between Jews and Christians? How should knowledge about their behavior during the Holocaust help to shape decisions today?

The US Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to foster remembrance by coordinating nationwide annual civic commemorations of Days of Remembrance; by holding major national and international conferences; and by creating in Washington a memorial museum that will be devoted to bearing witness to the Holocaust and to integrating commemoration, remembrance and education.

## Community Calendar

Courtesy of Charlotte Chapter BBW

### AUGUST 1984

- 6 - Chai Meeting
- 9 - Jewish Social Services Meeting
- 13 - Hadassah Board Chai Meeting JCC Board Federation Executive Board Meeting
- 14 - Ha Lailah BBW Board Meeting
- 15 - Hadassah Meeting Hebrew Academy Board Meeting ORT Meeting
- 16 - B'nai B'rith Lodge Meeting
- 18 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Pool Party
- 19 - JCC Open Pool Day
- 20 - Chai Meeting Charlotte BBW Board Meeting Federation Board Meeting
- 21 - Ha Lailah BBW Meeting
- 22 - Federation Women's Division
- 23 - Avodah Council BBW Meeting
- 25 - ORT Dessert Party
- 26 - Federation Orientation
- 27 - Chai Meeting Foundation Board
- 28 - Community Relations Committee Meeting
- 29 - Charlotte Chapter BBW Meeting

If you want your events on the community calendar call Vicki Hopkins, 554-1324.

### Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

#### Temple Beth El

Aug. 25 - Randy Hitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Hitt.

#### Temple Israel

Aug. 24 - Rachel Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klein.

### Holiday Baskets Needed For Special Families

Ha Lailah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women will once again provide holiday baskets to those Jewish families who for various reasons are unable to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover with the traditional items that make these holidays so special.

By coordinating our efforts with the Department of Social Services of the Federation, we are able to learn of the families that will benefit from this project while maintaining their anonymity.

As in the past we are asking you, the Jewish Community of Charlotte, to help provide the funds necessary to include the foods and special touches that make the holidays so meaningful.

By donating to the holiday baskets, you can not only share the joy of the holidays with your families, but know in your heart that the Mitzvah you have performed has allowed others to share in that joy.

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## THE JEWISH CALENDAR

#### Candlelighting

- Aug. 3 - 8:06 p.m.
- Aug. 10 - 7:59 p.m.
- Aug. 17 - 7:51 p.m.
- Aug. 24 - 7:43 p.m.
- Aug. 31 - 7:33 p.m.



#### Holidays

- Fast of Av - Aug. 7
- Tisha B'Av - Aug. 9

### CORRECTIONS

In last month's "Salute to the Graduates" it should have read: Michele Baum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Baum, a June graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, will be attending Boston University School of Public Communications.

Lizann Boxer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boxer, a June graduate of East Mecklenburg, will be attending the University of Jacksonville.

The Jewish Singles Weekend sponsored by Temple Israel of Norfolk, Va. will be held at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, August 24-26.

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