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Guest Editorial

A Rosh Hashanah Message

By Rabbi Robert A. Seigel

The High Holy Days are upon us. Another year has somehow whisked by, and we face the shofar's call to admit all our unfulfilled pledges. A year ago we were certain we would accomplish so much. Yet, that year has passed, and many of those things were not done because "we didn't have time". Now, again, we have an opportunity to revise priorities and refreshen our perspective on life.

These Holy Days press us to reflect on what we have done and what we have not done this past year, where we have not even tried. What have we done this past year to cause us a sense of accomplishment? And what are our goals in the year ahead? How many lives have we touched since last Yom Kippur?

In an English murder-mystery, a detective who had spent several days searching the scene of a crime throws up his hands in disgust. "This is the perfect crime!" he laments. "He didn't leave a fingerprint!"

That also happens to be the perfect crime against life: To go through life without leaving fingerprints anywhere — without leaving a trace of generosity, a touch of benevolence, a fingerprint of compassion, caring, concern or love. The perfect crime against life!

These Days of Awe beckon us to change, to become more like the person we want to be. Let this be a year when "I don't have time" is used judiciously in pursuit of the goals we determine for ourselves during the deep introspection of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Let this be a year when all of us leave our fingerprints on life.

The members of Temple Beth Shalom join Faye and me in wishing all of you a year of health and contentment, a year of touching the lives of those around us.

L'shana tova tikatevu b'sefer chayim: May you be inscribed for a good year in the Book of Life.

(Editor's note: Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel, Rabbi Harold Krantzler of Temple Beth El, the sponsoring institutions of "CJN" — Federation, Foundation, JCC, Hebrew Academy, and the "CJN" Staff also extend their wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.)

A Welcome to New Staff Members

Over the summer the "CJN" staff has increased. The paper is pleased to welcome volunteers Doris Edelstein and L. Edward Sizemore, a newcomer to Charlotte, as special correspondents; Lottie Goldman and Raenea Siegel who have been helping with Temple and Club news; Ted Teitelzweig, who will be assisting in editing and proofing.

Monroe Katz, who has returned to Charlotte after living in Texas for several months, has volunteered his services once again as our editorial cartoonist. We are happy that Ann and Monroe decided to come back home.

Now that vacation time is rapidly coming to a close and the staff will be doing less traveling, we anticipate that with their help, the Charlotte Jewish News will continue to grow and improve. If you are also interested in dabbling in printer's ink, just call the editor!

**From the Desk of Marty Schneer
 —JCC Executive Director**

As I am sure you are aware, September marks the beginning of JCC Fall Programs. While our two new program directors (Susan Ett - Adult Activities, Irene Komor - Children's Activities) have only been on the job a short time I think you will find they have developed an exciting and diverse schedule of programs and special events from which to choose. The staff has made every effort to find convenient and accessible program sites, as we are of course faced with the continuing problem of limited space. We greatly appreciate the community's support of our programs during this transition period, and it seems that together we have fostered a heightened spirit of creativity and ingenuity that has enabled us to effectively deal with new and changing circumstances.

The key to our program-

ing success now and in the future is the level of participation and involvement of the membership. Two events in July clearly illustrated some of what the 'J' can accomplish with the support of the membership. Our part-time Athletic Director, Nancy Segal, organized both a Coed Softball Game and Dinner and a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament. In these cases we were able to promote and coordinate activities which struck a responsive chord in many of our members, resulting in both a recreational and social occasion for all participants. We feel strongly that it is our role to bring membership together around a variety of formal and informal activities, and we expect to function in this capacity on a much wider scale when the new 'J' opens. If we are to be fully prepared for this task we need to learn from mem-



bers' experiences in center programs. The JCC phase-in process is a very structured and systematic method of planning for the future, but we must also gain feedback from the community's active participation in programs leading up to the grand opening. We ask that you either enroll in a proven and familiar program this Fall or try something new and different. Hopefully our programs will not only benefit you personally, broadening your experience or knowledge, but also help to fine-tune our offerings in preparation for our expanded schedule in the future.

One new program, worth highlighting and which we are especially excited about, is the J's After School Care Program. Our Children's Committee and staff have long recognized the need for an After School Program for working parents. We are therefore initiating a program of study and activities for elementary grade children Monday through Friday during the entire school year. The Hebrew Academy has graciously agreed to provide space for this vital new service to the community. Specific information will be mailed to the membership in the near future.

The Jewish Community Center will be moving its entire operation to the House on the new site by September 15. We are presently involved in negotiations with a Charlotte Tennis Club to provide our members with both a location for Queens City Tennis and courts for open play during most or all hours of the week. We also anticipate obtaining space for our youth soccer program for the public schools or city parks in the area. Further details will be forwarded to our membership prior to the moving date. On behalf of the staff and myself I look forward to greeting as many of you as possible at our new temporary home and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

**Deadline for
 October Issue
 is Sept. 10**

Lest We Forget!
 Shalom,
 Celia Scher



Letters to the Editor

**Public Officials Promoted
 Governors Council on Holocaust**

It is with a great deal of heartfelt appreciation that I publicly thank Jo Graham Foster, Ruth Easterling, Louise Brennan and Senator Marshall Rauch, our representatives in the NC House of Representatives and Senate.

Each of these public officials have given wholeheartedly to our effort to make the Governors Council on the Holocaust a permanent council. The slide program and speakers bureau have been presented to the area school superintendents

and hopefully we will get a substantial program into our schools. Our endeavor to bring education of this horrible time in history has been closer to a reality due to the efforts of the aforementioned people.

It is a pleasure and blessing to know them. May they continue in good health in their office and allow us the privilege of calling upon them to further our goal.

Candlelighting

- Sept. 7 - 7:23 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - 7:13 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - 7:03 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - 6:59 p.m. (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
- Sept. 27 - 6:56 p.m. (Rosh Hashanah)
- Sept. 28 - 6:54 p.m. (Rosh Hashanah)
- Oct. 5 - 6:44 p.m. (Erev Yom Kippur)

