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**Guest Editorial**

**Modern Day Women**

*Editor's Note: Since I have unfortunately been away a great deal recently, my daughter has come to my rescue. This speech was presented by her in the finals at the N.C. Modern Miss Pageant.*

She's a woman! She's a modern woman! She's a doctor, a lawyer, an astronaut. She's a wife, a mother. She's a mayor, a senator, a vice-presidential candidate. She's an actress, an artist, an architect. She's a wife, a mother.

She's a fireman, a policeman, a clergyman, but she's a woman, a modern woman.

She finds time to help in her community—at school, hospital or a club. She's a busy woman, the modern woman!

Modern women are much like our grandmothers and great-grandmothers as far as being active in the home and helping others. Modern inventions, however, have made their chores easier, giving them more time to be better informed and to pursue outside interests. The present inflation and an increasing number of single parent families have caused many women to seek employment.

They have come a long way, be they blue collar, white collar or professional. In careers that at one time were limited or entirely prohibited to them, they have exercised their rights to compete in a formerly male world. Who would have ever thought that a Sally Ride or a Judith Resnick would be astronauts? Or an Indira Gandhi, a Golda Meir or a Margaret Thatcher would be Prime Ministers? Or Dianne Feinstein would be mayor of a big city like San Francisco; Nancy Kassebaum, a senator from Kansas; Sandra O'Connor, a Supreme Court justice; or Geraldine Ferraro, a vice-presidential candidate? Many of these women have successfully combined their careers with marriage and children.

In my mother's generation there were few female physicians. Today, over 25% of medical students are women. In Russia, the majority of medical doctors are female; at least half of their engineers are also women. In Israel, the women must serve in the army along with the men.

Though women are holding positions formerly held exclusively by men, they have not lost their femininity nor their identity.

It took perseverance to come to this point. Women have fought for the right to vote, the right for equal pay. They are still fighting, however, for ERA. That, too, will come in time. And don't be surprised that before the 21st century, we will have a woman president.

Modern women can do anything! We've come a long way baby! And we're going to go even farther!

— Jodi Mond

**Candlelighting**

- Oct. 10 - 6:36 p.m. (Erev Succoth)
- Oct. 11 - 7:35 p.m. (1st day Succoth)
- Oct. 12 - 6:34 p.m. (2nd day Succoth)
- Oct. 17 - 6:27 p.m. (Hoshanah Rabbah)
- Oct. 18 - 7:26 p.m. (Shemini Atzereth, Yizkor)
- Oct. 19 - 6:25 p.m. (Simchath Torah)
- Oct. 26 - 6:17 p.m.
- Nov. 2 - 5:09 p.m.



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

The JCC's Phase-In Process Institute on Sept. 16 proved to be a major success in setting the stage for the tasks that lie ahead. Our out-of-town speakers, Mitch Jaffe, Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board, and Larry Burick, past president of the Dayton JCC, focused on the mission and unique purposes of Jewish Community Centers. Mr. Burick detailed the experiences of the Dayton community in building and occupying their center during the past five years. Mr. Jaffe presented more of an overview of the center movement in North America. While each speaker raised many crucial and thought-provoking issues, the major significance of the day was unquestionably the excitement generated for the phase-in planning process. Almost 100 people participated in this day-long institute which brought together members of 23 com-

mittees that have been formed to make policy and program recommendations in areas ranging from after-school care to membership practices to cultural arts. Harold Josephson, President of the JCC, and Mike Scharf, Steering Committee Chairman, clearly articulated the importance of involving the community in planning for the new "J". They both noted that now is the time to begin determining how the new center will function. It is the hope of our Board that in committing to this broad-based planning process we will insure that the new "J" will become a vibrant, active center bringing together all segments of the Jewish community. Anyone interested in serving on one of the ad hoc committees please contact me.

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On October 20 the Center will hold its major fundraising



event for the year. (Article is on page 1.) Since the fire the Center has lost substantial bingo revenue and has, therefore, begun initiating new fundraising efforts. Thanks to our hardworking fundraising committee, chaired by Linda Greenfeld, we anticipate both an enjoyable and profitable evening for the Center.

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As you may know, the Center has already begun to utilize tennis courts at Cedar Forest Racquet Club for Queens City Tennis and year-round play. John Bench, owner/operator of the club, has been very cooperative in making all the necessary arrangements and asks that our members introduce themselves and say hello when they first begin to use the courts.

Our youth soccer program has been granted a practice site by the city parks and recreation department at Mason Wallace Field. All games are played at the Methodist Home Park Field.

Negotiations continue in our search for alternative swim arrangements if our planned new pools are unavailable for use by next summer. Our discussion with a new club looks favorable and we are optimistic that a satisfactory plan can be worked out.

Our goal is to seek arrangements that lead to a minimum of inconvenience and dislocation to the membership during this transition period. Now more than ever, we greatly appreciate your continued support and understanding.



**On The Issues - By Ira Gissen, Director, NC/VA Region ADL**

**The Missing Members**

If you are a member of the University of Richmond School of Law alumni you probably will be missing your annual "Law Weekend." Why? The answer is simple: Law Weekend is on Yom Kippur. "What an unfortunate accident," you may think. It was no accident. When the alumni association leadership met to choose a date for the yearly event, they knew that the date that they chose was Yom Kippur. Alternative dates were considered and rejected. The fact that this schedule will serve to exclude most Jewish alumni from participating seems to have been of little concern or consequence to the decision makers. Alumni who are Jewish are not the only ones who are adversely affected; Jewish law students at the school are also injured. Because of this conflict in dates, Jewish law students at

the school are also prevented from participating and, possibly, meeting potential future employers.

If you are a member of the Virginia Jaycees you probably will be missing the Jaycees Model General Assembly. Why? The answer is simple: Your "Model" General Assembly is on Yom Kippur. "What an unfortunate accident," you may think. It was no accident. An alternative date in October was cleared with the clerks of the Houses of the General Assembly for the Jaycees program. However, the Jaycees Board refused to change the date despite the fact that by sticking with Yom Kippur, they were disenfranchising their Jewish members.

If you are a member of the Virginia Association of Realtors, you probably missed your annual convention in Virginia

Beach. Why? The answer is simple: Your convention began on erev Rosh Hashanah and continued through Sunday, September 30. The major seminars were scheduled for the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah.

These are problems that can be prevented. While most secular calendars now list the Jewish holidays, they do not indicate their significance or the manner in which the holiday is observed. An excellent source of that information is "Your Neighbor Celebrates," a pamphlet which has been used successfully by the Anti-Defamation League for many, many years. A more detailed list of our holidays (and one that will not be filed away and forgotten) is contained in ADL's popular Memo & Date Book. Both are available from your ADL Regional Office.