

Music Festival To Be Held At Temple Israel

A Jewish Music Festival will be held at Temple Israel on Sunday, March 17 at 8 p.m. Guests artist will be Cantor Louis Danto from Toronto, Canada. Participating in the program will be Dr. Albert Kossove, pianist; Cheryl Ackerman, flutist; and members of the Charlotte Symphony: Dennis Spring and Ali Kavadlo, violinists; Jan Daugherty, violist; Carol Bjorlie, cellist; Leo Bjorlie, on the

double bass; Eugene Kavadlo, clarinetist; John Pickett, pianist; Alan Kaufman, percussionist.

Al Rousso is chairman of this event and Cantor Frank Birnbaum is the musical director.

To make the evening even more exciting, the raffles will be drawn for Temple Israel's "Italian Connection". The entire community is invited to attend.

Advanced Educational Loans

Atlanta-based Jewish Children's Service, through the Charlotte Jewish Foundation, is making available interest-free educational loans to qualified Charlotte Jewish students.

Last year \$5400 was made available for Charlotte youth, as interest-free loans for the 1984/85 school year. This year, the federation is promoting this program through all local high schools, CPCC and UNCC.

Formal application is to be submitted no later than May 17, 1985.

For further information and determination of qualifications, contact Adrienne Rosenberg, Director of Jewish Social Services, at 364-6594 or 366-5007.

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A Spy for Freedom: The Story of Sarah Aaronsohn. Ida Cowen and Irene Gunther. E.P. Dutton, 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1984. Ages 10 up. \$11.95 (cloth).

Reviewed by Sue Barancik

When Judaic librarians, gathered at a conference, clamored loudly for more biographies of Jewish heroes and heroines for their young patrons, E.P. Dutton listened. The publishing company initiated the Jewish Biography Series as a component of their Lodestar Books division. This book being reviewed is one of the first offerings.

Sarah Aaronsohn was extremely advanced in her thinking for the time period in which her brief life was lived. A sabra from the turn of the century (her parents were among the first pioneers), she rejected the traditional women's role of hearth and home for the far more dangerous role of spy.

Authors Cowen and Gunther bring to life the stirring story of a young woman's strong-willed determination to fight for a cause which she believed to be right. The reader learns in this fictionaliz-

ed biography about the terrible plight of Palestinian Jews under Turkish control. The courage of Sarah, her older brother, Aaron, her love, Absalom, and the other fervent Jews they gathered around them is well depicted.

The creation of their espionage group, NILI, established to sneak intelligence information to the British so that the British might capture Palestine and free the Jews from Turkish domination, is explained in simple enough terms for the young adolescent to understand.

The authors' experiences tracing the footsteps of this courageous young woman, going to her home in Zikhron Yaacov and living there for awhile, talking to such important people in Sarah's life as her sister and former members of NILI, enhance the telling of the story and bring additional credibility.

I do think, however, that the publisher's age group recommendation may not be quite appropriate. It would take a very special reader under the age of 13 or 14 to select and enjoy this book.

Our Jewish youngsters need



A Spy for Freedom

THE STORY OF SARAH AARONSOHN
BY IDA COWEN AND IRENE GUNTHER

role models. Sarah Aaronsohn takes a place of importance among Jewish heroines such as Hannah Senesh and Anne Frank. The moral values inculcated in biographies provides a needed aspect to our religious school curriculums. Thank you, E.P. Dutton, for meeting the challenge!

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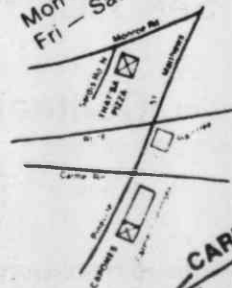
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