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Charlotteans Return From Mission To Israel



Mission participants meet recently arrived Ethiopian children at an Absorption Center Preschool.

Fourteen Charlotteans returned home March 13 from a 10-day UJA Mission to Israel, highlighted by a dinner with Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

The itinerary also included a visit to Charlotte's sister community in Israel, Nazaret Illit—and an absorption center in Ashkeon to meet with Ethiopian Jews.

The group of about 50 on the Southern Regional Mission was led by Charlotte's Richard A. Klein. The group experienced Purim being celebrated at Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan near the former Syrian border, Nazaret Illit and finally in Jerusalem.

Others on the Mission included Ron, Ellie and Joanne Katz, Vicki Hopkins, Estelle and Sidney Goozner, Laurie and Simon Frohman, Carol and David Jordan, Marilee Kodosi and Nettie and Ralph Smith. Libbie Katz, mother of Ron Katz and a resident of New Haven, CT., joined the group in New York.

Prime Minister Peres welcomed the group and two other UJA Missions at dinner on Saturday, March 9, at the Hilton in Jerusalem. Other speakers during the trip included Charles Shiffman of the Jewish Agency, archaeologist Fran Alpert, Dead Sea planner Shlomo Drori and Menachem

Perlmutter in Arad.

Other stops along the way included Beit Hatefutsoth (Museum of the Jewish Diaspora), the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, the historic ruins of Caesarea, the hot springs of Chama Gader—one of Israel's popular new resorts, Masada and the nearby Dead Sea, the brilliant new settlement of Netiv Ha'asara and Yad Vashem.

(Editor's Note: Starting with this issue and continuing for the next few months, the "CJN" will run articles by individuals who went on this mission and other missions to Israel. You will find that some are brief, while others are lengthy; all will express their own opinions and experiences while in Israel.)

JCC Looks Forward To A Busy Summer

Idlewild Pool To Open May 18

The JCC has been informed by the management of the Idlewild Olympic Club that the tentative pool opening date has been set for Saturday, May 18. All JCC members, the swim team and the camp will be utilizing the pool facilities at Idlewild this summer. A member simply needs to bring his JCC membership card to gain admission to the pool. Pool hours

and other pertinent information regarding our use of the Idlewild Olympic Club will be mailed to the membership in the near future. The facilities at Idlewild are excellent and we look forward to a very successful and pleasant swim season.

Camp Maccabee

This year our Shaliach, or ambassador from Israel, is Sharon Kling, from Ramat Gan. Sharon is twenty-one

Foundation Elects New Board Of Directors

Mark Bernstein Is President

Mark Bernstein, whose years of work with the President's Council resulted in the creation of the Joint Venture Agreement which serves as a basis for the Community Project, was elected president of the Foundation Board of Directors at the April 22 meeting. Vice presidents are Leon Levine and Harry Swimmer; secretary, Harry Lerner; treasurer, Shelton Gorelick.

Elected for two year terms to the Board are Morris Speizman, William Gorelick, Abe Luski, Harry Swimmer and Sam Lerner. Don Bernstein was appointed for one year to complete the two-year-term of Alvin Levine. As outgoing president, Mr. Levine will automatically serve an additional three-year-term.

The officers are drawn from the membership of the Board which consists of two appointed representatives from each of the five participating institutions: The JCC, Temple



Mark Bernstein (L) and Alvin Levine (R).

Beth El, Temple Israel, Federation and the Academy. In addition to these 10 members, 10 additional members are elected from the community-at-large. Also on the Board are the rabbis and, as already noted, the past presidents serve three additional years.

In recognition of his outstanding services as president, Alvin Levine was presented a plaque which read, in part, "He built better than he knew,

the conscious stone to beauty grew." The reference is to the substantial beginning of the physical construction of the new facilities during his two-year-term of office.

As incoming president, Mark Bernstein will preside over the completion of the facilities and the exciting first year of use. Facilities are scheduled for completion by April of '86. (See page 20 for photos of progress).

Federation Pursues Multi-Faceted Programs

"So much more than a knock on your door." That was the caption of a Federation full page ad in the "Jewish News" last fall. Now, with the 1985 campaign in its final stages, the full attention of the 50+ members of the Federation Board of Directors is turned to many other areas affecting the daily lives of every Charlotte Jewish family.

The Outreach Project, under the leadership of vice president, Ruth Goldberg, is actively pursuing the results of its

recent study of the unaffiliated. The Joint Adult Institute, now in its second semester, is drawing raves from the more than 100 different students who have been participating. Plans for the 1985-86 semesters, to begin in the fall, are now under way. Also under way, are efforts by the Temples to reach out and welcome potential new members and then to keep up that level of warm outreach among current membership. Finally, an initial group for interfaith

couples is being cosponsored by the Federation Social Services and the JCC. The positive responses from the participants will lead to more such groups in the near future. In fact, a waiting list has already been established.

The Community Relations Committee, Mike Schreibman, chairman, is active in both visible and less visible ways. Thanks to their work, Mayor Gantt will, as you read this, be attending an international conference of Mayors in Jerusalem. He will be learning about Israel's accomplishments and needs first hand.

Holocaust Memorial Services, held on April 21, were backed by active, ongoing efforts to create a permanent Holocaust curriculum in the public and private school systems. Through CRC there are weekly speakers about Judaism in the city's churches and civic groups. The activities of cults are monitored and exposed. Israel is kept prominent in our minds and in the media through speakers such as the recent scholar-in-residence, Judge Isaac Braz and through personal contacts.

years old, and currently completing her military service in Israel. In addition to her native language of Hebrew, Sharon speaks English and Arabic. She has taught Hebrew as a second language to pre-teens and has worked as a boy scout leader. Sharon's specialties are singing, painting and "pioneering" (camp craft and outdoor skills). The staff of Camp Maccabee is looking forward to working with Sharon, as she brings her musical, artistic and camp craft talents to campers.

Camp Maccabee is well on its way with help from its director, Irene Komor. Summer staff has been hired and supplies have been ordered. If you haven't received a camp brochure (or lost yours) give the "J" a call at 366-0357. Spots for all sessions are filling up, so register NOW!

A new committee, Jewish Education, is headed by Harry Berzack. Concerned with the overall question of the quality of Jewish education and Jewish life, this large group of appointed representatives and professionals from all the In-

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