

## More Impressions of Israel — (Part III in August)

### It was "More Than A Dream Come True" For Me

By Marilee Kodsi

For me, the UJA Mission, March 3 - 13, was more than a dream come true. Prior to that date, I was proud of Israel because of what I had read and been told. However, actually setting foot on her soil, planting trees, meeting Ethiopian immigrants, visiting Project Renewal neighborhoods, standing on Masada, walking through the Israel Museum and the Jewish quarters of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting with Prime Minister Peres... the emotional impact of these and so many other experiences will be with me as long as my heart beats.

I am so proud of Israel's ideals and accomplishments!! Her people care so much about each other, and they have a deep sense of commitment to survive, for our sake as well as theirs. Agricultural, medical and architectural achievements were all around us.

When Neil, our 18-year-old



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son, spent eight weeks working in a kibbutz on Neger last summer, he wrote us a card a few days before returning to Charlotte. I can't help referring to his note at this time. "Dear Mom, Dad and Matt, although I miss you and am anxious to share with you my experiences in Israel, I am leaving here with sadness in my heart, as I feel that I must leave home to come home." My feelings are very much the same.

### Hadassah Hospital

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sleep. You may be there all night because you have come from another country and your family is cared for as well as you are. Your room is for two - no matter - it's medically private because an invisible curtain between the beds keeps germs from infecting the other patient. In every department there is an intensive care unit.

Now at the peace talks, we hear of the hopes of friendly relations between the Egyptians and Israelis.

Arabs have always been treated at Hadassah Hospital, having kept their green patient cards for 19 years.

When I was there they were trying to arrange a professional exchange.

In the outpatient department they deal with 800-1200 patients a day, at a minimal fee. If medicine is prescribed it costs from 5 - 7¢. Some of the superlatives about your hospital:

- It is one of six International Research hospitals in the world. If you read your Hadassah Magazine, you are constantly seeing new breakthroughs in medicine that come from Hadassah Hospital.

- It's the biggest nuclear medicine facility between Tokyo and Paris. It was then

in the last stages of readying the Betatron, costing one million dollars and one of ten in the world. It took two years digging into a mountain. When in use, hopefully by now, it will be all computerized. In the cobalt unit, the treatment and the patient are watched on a TV screen. The therapeutic bath, one of six in the world, is absolutely marvelous.

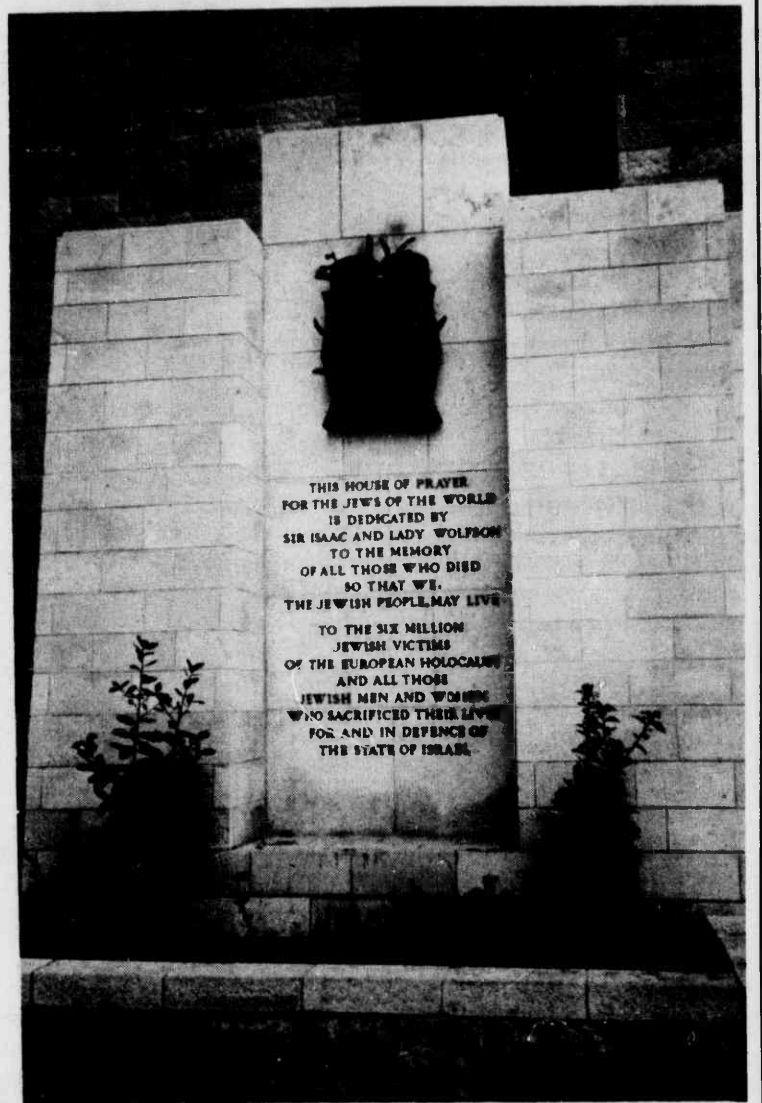
But so much for the medical side of the hospital. There is another aspect of the hospital, particularly Scopus, it is truly beautiful. I'm sure everyone has seen reproductions of the Chagall windows, but when you are in this lovely little synagogue with the sun shining through the vivid glass and reflecting myriads of colors, and you see the two holes made by bullets before they were dismantled, it is soul stirring. As you walk through the hospital, there is art work everywhere.

There is the feeling of pride when you touch the word "Charlotte" on the wall near the hospital entrance and know that you have had a part in this. When you go to Israel - when you reach Hadassah hospital - you can say, I am part of this, this is part of me, I did everything I could for it.

#### Architectural Beauty:

Blanche and Walter Yarus spent Passover this year in Israel. This was one of several trips they have made over there. Their daughter Carol, her husband and children have been living in Ra' Annana, Israel since 1981. These photos, taken in April '85, are of two views of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue.

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