

New Academy Family Wins Israel Trip At "The Gala"

By Martha Brenner

The Hebrew Academy Gala, held on April 27 at historic Morrocroft, was a grand evening of surprises and delights. The grandest surprise went to Beverly and Jim Seiferheld who won the drawing for a 10-day deluxe trip for two to Israel arranged by Mann Travels. The Seiferhelds, who will travel to Israel and Egypt in the fall, plan to take their daughter, Sarah, an Academy second grader. "We want her to see the things she is learning about in the school," says Beverly.

Among the evening's other surprises, Dr. Saul Brenner was honored for 14 years of outstanding service on the Academy's Board of Directors. Peggy Gartner, Academy president, presented a plaque to him. Saul served as cochairman of the education committee, 1st vice president, publicity chairman, and cochairman of two "Gala" fund raisers.

"The Hebrew Academy provided an intellectually challenging education to my two sons and to the other children in Charlotte," remarks Saul. "The school offers a secular education as good as that of Charlotte Latin (where my sons also attended school), yet fosters Jewish pride and knowledge. The school is clearly one of the major achievements of the Charlotte Jewish community."

Just short of 100 patron tickets were sold to the 'Gala.' Patrons mingled, danced and dined their way through the elegant rooms of Morrocroft, home of Charlene and Richard Muller. Richard also serves on the day school's board.

In the long dining room, a spectacular bird of paradise floral arrangement reigned over the table as gala-goers sampled mock lobster salad, baked brie, raspberry mousse, chocolate crepes and other delights, all prepared by parents and friends of the school.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Dr. Stephen Fishman, whose colleagues in the UNCC's Philosophy Department and other friends served as bartenders and waitresses. Once again Charlotte retailers and restaurateurs generously donated prizes for the drawings. The following patrons won gift certificates: Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Baicovitz (Black Forest Book Store); Jerry Frucht (Haagen-Dazs); Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hannes (Marriott Executive Center); Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kier (Bakers' Unlimited); Dr. Jay Kirsh (Ricchio's); Mr. & Mrs. Sam Kaplan (The Party Store); Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Levin (Stip-O-Gram); Shelton Gorelick (Money Business); Mr. & Mrs. Arnie Pickholtz (Bennigan's); Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Taylor (The Lamplighter); Simon Wojnowich (Phil's Deli).



Dr. Saul Brenner and wife Martha enjoying festivities. Hugo Rosenberger is in background.



(L to R) Academy teacher Lynne Tarleton, Ben Jaffa Jr. and host Richard Muller.



Peggy Gartner (L) presents hostess Charlene Muller with gift certificate to Giorgio's Restaurant.

Peggy presented Charlene Muller a gift certificate for a dinner at Giorgio's in appreciation for the Muller's hosting the Gala.

Special patrons at the Gala were Mr and Mrs. Robert Brodsky, who flew in from Connecticut. Sue was cochairman of last year's Gala. Chairman Patti Weisman,

who was pleased to welcome many new patrons among the annual supporters, was assisted by Charlene Muller, Peggy Gartner, Florence Widis, Marilyn Cohen, Sara Schreiber, Ruth Goldberg, and a host of others.

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