

Looking Forward to Our New Home

As early as April, 1986 the Hebrew Academy will move from its present location to the new facilities on the Shalom Park campus.

By Peggy Gartner, Academy President

The new Hebrew Academy is located on a beautiful 54-acre site on Providence Road in southeast Charlotte. One enters The Blumenthal Jewish Educational Building turns to the right and walks down the Hebrew Academy corridor. On the right hand side are the primary classrooms which will house the kindergarten through third grades. Each of these classrooms will open onto a lovely landscaped play area where children can enjoy outdoor activities. On the left side of the corridor are the Director's office and the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classrooms. In the youth activities room, the Academy will hold its worship services in a chapel area, and in another part of the room will set up for lunch and special events. Many new and exciting opportunities will be available to the Hebrew Academy students in our new home. The sweetest of sounds will be heard in the music room; study and lectures will be presented in the well stocked library; creations of all kinds will be made in the arts and crafts facilities. A complete physical education program will be provided in one of the first sports facilities in the area, including the use of Leon and Sandra Levine Jewish Community Center Building.



Preschool children being creative at the "New Academy."

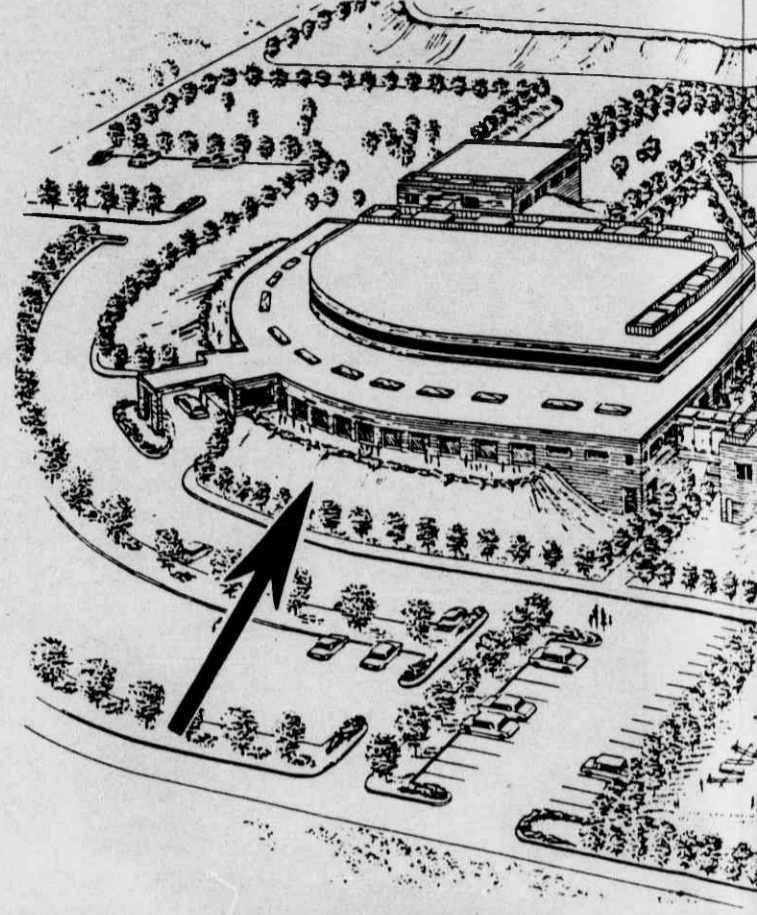


(L to R) Leah Pickholtz and Leigh Davis display their "arts and crafts" projects at Imagination Tour-II.

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Hebrew Academy Graduates Remember When....

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(L to R) Daniel Brenner, Eric Lerner, Julie Lerner, David Asrael.

On October 27 a good portion of the Charlotte Jewish community came to view the Shalom Park facilities, to see for themselves, just how far the construction has progressed. Also attending were many graduates of the Hebrew Academy, who came to help with the community orientation and tours. A few of these graduates offered their thoughts about their school years at the Academy.

Julie Lerner, daughter of Sam and Lynn Lerner, reflected on her years at the Academy. "I remember," she said, "learning Hebrew and being exposed to ideas and thoughts from the Jewish people. I remember the Hebrew we studied in the classroom and the blessings after the meal. The Hebrew Academy taught me about being a Jew, and I have retained much of it since I left. My years at the Academy started my educa-



Dalya Massachi

tion off on the right foot. Right now I go to Country Day and I am active in Jewish youth groups. I am currently serving as president of BBG." Lynn Lerner speaks well of the years her children spent at the Hebrew Academy. She explains, "My children all loved it at the Academy. They really enjoyed the Hebrew course work and could conduct service such as the Passover Seder. I even remember one humorous episode when Julie's rabbit died and the entire school said "Kaddish."

Joel Asrael, son of Dr. Gerson and Wilma Asrael, recalls: "I think the main thing I remember is being close to people. It was like being in a great big family. Because I went, I got a strong Jewish background. I am very proud of being a Jew. I try to go to Temple as often as I can. I am a member of BBYO and USY.



Keith Greenspon

Dalya Massachi, daughter of Ben and Rose Massachi, spent this past summer in Israel and had these thoughts about the Hebrew Academy. "Academically it was a very good school and I had very unusual experiences there. I remember a Purim carnival which was a very happy time for me and we all enjoyed it very much. I also remember that on Tu B' Shevat we would go outside and plant trees just like they do in Israel, and then we came inside and made traditional foods.

David Brenner, son of Dr. Saul and Martha Brenner, recently graduated from the Hebrew Academy and is now attending Charlotte Latin. "I am now continuing my Jewish education by taking Hebrew courses with Ziva London," (Hebrew instructor at the Hebrew Academy), he said, "and I am studying about the



Joel Asrael



David Brenner

great Jewish commentators. I liked going to the Academy and I wish that there was a Jewish Junior High and High School so that I could continue my study pace. At the Academy, I learned both Hebrew and secular subjects and it has been a real help to me."

Compiled by Arny Pickholtz

"Why are you sending your child to the Hebrew Academy next year?"

Here are some answers from committed future Academy parents: "Ruth wanted to be a Rabbi from the time she was 18 months old..... There wasn't a question about the fact that we were going to send her, it was a natural thing to do.....As a people we have endured 5000 years of pain and suffering. It's an obligation to give the kids a strong Jewish identity....."

These are comments from parents of new students who will be attending the Hebrew Academy in the fall of 1986.

Peter and Deborah Telem moved to Charlotte from Israel. They previously had lived in New Jersey. Peter's father is a professor of Hebraic Studies at Rutgers University and Deborah was born in Israel. Next year, the Telems will enroll their daughter Adee in the Academy because they want a good Jewish/Hebrew education to complement her secular education. Peter explains, "Our kids spoke Hebrew when we arrived from Israel but they have since lost most of it. I grew up in New Jersey and didn't receive much Jewish education. When I went to Israel, I was really behind because I didn't have the background. I was the only Jewish person in my school and it was good and bad. I feel

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