

Women's Division of Federation

Shalom Y'all Hosts Wine & Cheese Party For Newcomers

A delightful wine and cheese party highlighted the latest Shalom Y'all get-together held November 20 at the Armstrong House. Shalom Y'all, a project of the Women's Division of Federation, introduces Charlotte newcomers to Charlotte and our Jewish community. The guests spent the first half of the party getting to know each other and the many representatives of the various organizations present. After this informal portion of the evening everyone sat in a large circle and told their stories.

John and Barbara Rosenberg, the first couple to arrive, have been in Charlotte since August. Jon is a large animal veterinarian setting up his practice in the Union County area. Barbara has been very busy keeping up with Jesse, 10; Oren, 7; Molly, 3; and Gabriel, 9 months.

Sharon Hayes also arrived in Charlotte in August. She is a programmer for a firm that designs software for the banking industry. She admits she is confused by the everchanging street names in Charlotte.

Michael Katz, originally from New Jersey, is not new to the South. He comes to Charlotte by way of Fayetteville and Savannah. He is single and is in the building materials business. He finds Charlotte to be a good location for this kind of work.

Susie DeSarno moved here from Greensboro with her husband Jack, who was not in attendance. They have been in North Carolina for five years and have a son, Michael, 2.



(L to R) Morris Hausen, Robert Widis, Susan Hayes.



(L to R) Marvin Bienstock, Mischa Mattia, Michael Mattia.

Mytzie and Hy Rosenblum have been in Charlotte since September. He works for Electronic Data Systems. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. They are finding people here very friendly.

Gen Elliot, here since June, is from Cleveland, Ohio. She is an electrologist with an office in Colwick Towers. She plans to enjoy the weather in Charlotte, especially this winter.

Michael and Mischa Mattia are from Jacksonville, NC. Michael works for Harris Teeter and Mischa is a private duty nurse. They came to

Charlotte for the people and the city life.

Morris Hausen, here since late summer, works for Unijax and Biggers Brothers. From Boston, he will be here for about three more months, then will go to Jacksonville, Florida. He feels Charlotte is not cosmopolitan enough. He also works at American Health and Fitness as a masseur and is single.



Mytzie and Hy Rosenblum



Susan De Sarno (R), with her Israeli cousin Nurit.

Glen Nadel is a first year resident in pediatrics at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. He is single and is from Atlanta.

Steven Smith and Roz Mickelson have been in Charlotte about four months. Steve is writing his dissertation. Roz is a noted sociologist at UNCC. They came from Detroit with their daughter Ginny, 9 and son David, 7.

Robert Widis is not new to the area. Originally from Charlotte, he has "come home." He has opened an endodontic practice and is also single.

Marvin Bienstock, Executive Director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, formally welcomed the group. He spoke about the new facility, focusing on its unique open-door potential between the Jewish and general communities. Then, representatives of each organization

spoke briefly. Bobbi Bernstein, President of Women's Division, encouraged everyone to speak with each representative individually after the program for more information. Representatives present were: Adrienne Rosenberg, Director of Social Services; Linda Binick, Charlotte Chapter B'nai B'rith Women and Temple Israel; Sandi Carlsh and Judy Sutker, Temple Beth El and the Blumenthal Foundation; Jack Levinson, President of Pizzazz-Charlotte Young Jewish Singles; Bobby Damsky, B'nai B'rith Men. Sheryl Gordon, hoping to start a Jewish Newcomers Club, requested interested individuals to sign a list and plan for future activities.

Thanks go to the Shalom Y'all Committee: Helene Nathanson, Chairperson; Jody Pinion, Cochair; Maxine Hitt and Diane Rosenberg. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

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