

— In And Around The JCC —

CB's Handle

By Cary Bernstein
Director of Youth Services

The camp committee and I are currently working hard to put together the plans for Summer Day Camp 1986. We are planning a camp reunion for a Sunday afternoon in February at which time camp registration information will be available. If you have any input, please call me at the JCC with your ideas.

The children's committee and I are also trying to revitalize Club 23 & 46. These clubs, for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-6th graders, meet on Sunday afternoons. Club members plan and participate in a wide variety of activities. For the months of January-May, club dues are \$20 for JCC members. The fee includes admittance to all club activities and outings. Please call the JCC if you would like to enroll.

Brief Update on Mother's Morning Out

The JCC MMO program meets on Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for 6-month through 29-month-old children. Helena Spencer has replaced Margaret Irwin as a MMO Lead Teacher. Helena has been a pediatric nurse for 18 years and has served as a substitute teacher in many of the preschool programs in the Charlotte area. Patsy Langford is still involved with the program and she and Helena make a great team. Helena and Patsy spent several hours the first week in December cleaning and redecorating the MMO rooms; the place looks great. Please come by and introduce yourself to Helena and see the new decor.



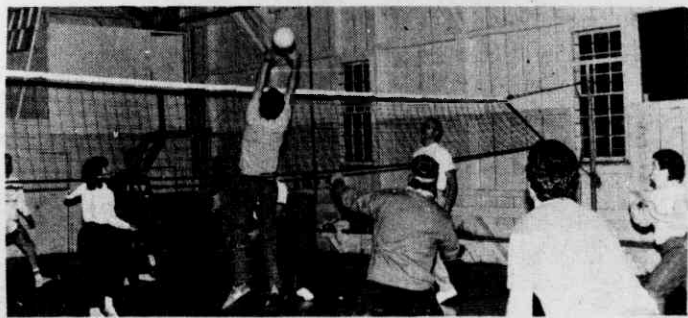
Join The JCC

The JCC needs a volunteer staff photographer. We'll pay for film and processing if you and your camera have some flexible time and would like to be invited to lots of JCC events. Call Jackie Fishman at the "J", 366-0357.



The 6-8 year old Soccer team: At this season's banquet trophies were received by team members (top L to R) — Casey Neumann, Craig Kirsch, Jordan Bienstock, Eric Bregman, Ilana Kavadlo, Matthew Burstein and (bottom L to R) — Evan Kirsch, Phillip Schreiber, Mollie Neumann, Ben Bailey, Dan Gromet.

PIZAZZ



Volleyball game in November which resulted in the grudge match scheduled in January.

- Jan. 18 — Volleyball rematch 7-9 p.m. It's a grudge match, but additional players can come and pick sides. You can choose the winning team or the underdog. Either way, it's an evening of fun on the court. The game is at Hawthorne United Methodist Church with dinner afterward at the Red Blazer. Admission: \$1.00
 - Feb. 1 — Trip to Ski Beech. A day on the slopes in the North Carolina mountains. Space is limited, so sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For those of you who DON'T ski, there's ice skating, shopping, or mingling at the lodge. Registration forms are on back of Dec. newsletter. The trip is \$6/members; \$11/guests.
 - Feb. 21 — Wine tasting, 8 p.m. Come relax with us after a long, hard week. Educate your palate or enhance the knowledge you already have on wines. Jackie from Arthur's at Eastland Mall will guide you through the subtleties of wine varieties, labels and origins. The best part is, you get to try for yourself! We'll have bread and cheese to nibble on. Free to members, \$2/non-members. Location: TBA.
 - March — Girls Night Out...Pizazz's Treats! It's an opportunity for young, single, Jewish women to meet each other in a warm, friendly atmosphere. What better way to do that than on the house. But let's not forget the guys; they're more than welcome to join in! Details to follow; keep an eye out for flyers. Also: Purim party, movie night.
- Contact JCC, 366-0357, to receive notices and additional information.

Special for Single Parents

Join us on Sunday, January 19 for an informal get-together for single parents and their kids. From 3-5 p.m., we'll gather at the Armstrong House to discuss ideas for support groups, social activities, educational topics, etc. Our focus will be on determining an initial organizational structure, but most importantly, on discovering new friends who perhaps share some of the same problems and same joys. Refreshments and activities for the kids will be provided. Please RSVP no later than January 15 to Lorraine Bailey at the JCC, 366-0357. We look forward to seeing you there!

January 13 - Family Sabbath Dinner - Call JCC for details.

Summer Day Camp 1986 - It's only 4 months away!!!

A Note From JACKIE

By Jackie Fishman
Adult Program Coordinator

In mid-November, the JCC's Board of Directors afforded me the opportunity to attend a Public Relations Institute in St. Louis sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board. There I had the chance to meet and share ideas with over 40 P.R. professionals from JCCs all over the country. Session topics ranged from Graphic Arts and Printing to Planning and Promoting Special Events to Crisis Communications. Robert A. Cohn, Editor-In-Chief of the weekly *St. Louis Jewish Light*, spoke on "How to Work Effectively with the Jewish and Community Press." The conference offered a wealth of information not only on P.R., but also on resources available to Jewish professional workers.

I spent a morning kibbitzing with Ken Weintraub, Director of Family and Group Services for the 12,000-member St. Louis JCC. We discussed, among myriad program ideas, what he considered the bottom line for top quality programming — top quality staff. The Charlotte JCC is fortunate to have Cary Bernstein as Director of Youth Services, and as of January 1, Stu Epstein as Health and Physical Education Director. Our Administrative Assistant, Lorraine Bailey, and Linda Aresco, our bookkeeper, are valued for their professionalism and their excellent support services.

As the Charlotte Jewish

Community Center grows and flourishes, we will be adding additional staff from Executive Director to receptionist to instructors to camp counselors. It is vital that the best possible persons for the jobs be found, and that a productive, healthy and respectful partnership between professional staff and lay persons be nourished.

The Senior Adult Committee of the JCC, chaired by Evelyn Berger, has been activated and is on the move. At the November 13 meeting, the committee decided that in addition to its volunteer duties as drivers for several members of the Chai-Lites, the JCC's senior adult group, members would begin attending their meetings on a rotating schedule. There is much work to be done for the senior citizens in Charlotte's Jewish community. Is this the time and place for you to begin volunteering? As firm as our commitment to our children, the Jewish community of tomorrow, so should our commitment be to the elderly among us, our predecessors.

The JCC eventually hopes to include a Senior Adult Department offering a full range of services to participants. If you can offer ideas, support or legwork, call us. Volunteer and act upon the best impulses of a Jewish ethical duty to our elderly citizens.

"Culture Vultures"

Wednesday, November 21 and Sunday, December 1...do these dates stand out in your mind? Perhaps it will help to remember that it rained buckets both days! Nevertheless, a crowd of faithful JCC "Culture Vultures" attended the Charlotte Symphony Pops concert on November 21 and a tour of the newly renovated Mint Museum on December 1. Picnic dinners, catered by Mom or Dad or Palatable Pleasures or even by the Colonel were spread out on red and white checkered table cloths and enjoyed by various groups of

families, friends, assorted mispocha and lots of kids. After a 45-minute concert of light classical pieces and Broadway favorites, Jordan Tang, conductor, and the Symphony members joined us for an ice cream sundae extravaganza.

The December 1 Mint Tour found Stu Schwartz herding a delighted group through the galleries of what appeared to be a brand new museum. We hardly recognized the place.

Kudos to the JCC's Cultural Arts Committee for planning these lovely fall events.

Preview of Coming Attractions

So what are you doing Sunday, January 26 from 3-5 p.m.? Busy? Well, how about Wednesday, January 29 from 7-9 p.m.? We know you can make one of these dates to get a peek at some of the action that will be going on at the new JCC.

Previews will include mini-sessions conducted by selected instructors of adult and children's classes. Detailed schedules of activities will be available by calling the JCC office, 366-0357.

The preview series will continue in February and March. Now aren't you just a bit curious?

WANTED: Summer Day Camp Staff - Call Cary Bernstein, 366-0357.