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Charlotteans Attend CJF's 56th GA "CJN" Wins Two P.R. Awards



(L to R front row): Vicki Hopkins, Bobbi Bernstein, Adrienne Rosenberg, Rita and Irving Mond. (L to R back row): Sandra Weinstein, Mike Minkin, Evelyn Berger. Not pictured: Sandy Berlin, Ron Katz, Berry Zander.

By Rita Mond

The Charlotte delegation, headed by Mike Minkin, executive director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, and comprised of Sandy Berlin, Evelyn Berger, Bobbi Bernstein, Vicki Hopkins, Ron Katz, Rita Mond, Irving Mond, Adrienne Rosenberg, Sandra Weinstein and Berry

Zander (Greer, S.C.), attended the 56th CJF General Assembly at the Fontainebleau-Hilton Hotel, Miami Beach, November 18-22. The theme was "Dor L'Dor - From Generation to Generation".

We were awarded 4 P.R. Awards: Gold Award for the Campaign brochure which was actually the series of post-cards done by the marketing

committee. Besides the certificate, the gold awards this year received a small sculpture. A Silver Award was given for one of our invitations. A Silver Award was also received by *The Charlotte Jewish News* for an advertisement done for Campaign and an honorable mention was also received by *The CJN* for best newspaper with advertising. We were the only small city to be recognized for its paper.

The days were not long enough to take in all the wealth of information that abounded. There were many forums and workshops that each of us would have liked to have attended, but it was impossible to be in 2 or 3 places at a time. Except for the Plenary sessions, we never really got to see one another, as each of us was busy at different sessions: some at social services forums; others at community relations meetings. We attended such forums as Soviet Jewry; Catholic-Jewish relations; Jewish education; the Jewish teenager; intermarriage. There were over 300 Forums and Workshops.....something for every one of the 3500 delegates attending from the U.S., Canada, Israel, South America and other parts of the world.

For a capsulated coverage of the GA please read this month's centerfold. Hopefully it will give you some insight as to what transpired.

JCC Hires New Staff Member

Jessica Kranz has been hired as Youth Programming Director for the Jewish Community Center. She was born in Washington, D.C. but came to North Carolina to attend Guilford College in Greensboro, from which she received a B.S. in Psychology and Sociology in May, 1987.

While attending college, she was a resident assistant, supervising seven houses on campus, and worked with the housing staff and counseling center. She also worked with the Family Life Council in Greensboro as an intern with the Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy. During the '85-'86 school year, Jessica was a religious school teacher at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. During the summers of

Ostrow Athletic Field Has Dedication Ceremony



(L to R) Barry Hantman, exec. director of Foundation & JCC; Joel and Cindi Ostrow; Harry Swimmer, Foundation president.

On Sunday, November 1, approximately 175 people were in attendance at Shalom Park for the Ostrow Athletic Field dedication ceremonies. It was a beautiful sunny day and fittingly the JCC Soccer teams had a soccer game in progress. Through the generosity of Cindi and Joel Ostrow, the athletic field was named in memory of Stuart Ostrow, son of Connie and Paul Ostrow, who lost his life a few years ago as a young man in an automobile accident.

Harry Swimmer, president of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, acted as Master of Ceremonies; Mark Bernstein, past president of the Foundation, delivered the historical perspective of Shalom park. Robert Phillips introduced

Roman Gabriel, NFL Hall of Famer, who is currently a TV sports commentator in Charlotte, as the keynote speaker. Gabriel spoke about the importance of athletic programs building character and perseverance. He commended the Jewish community for offering such fine facilities for today's youth and thanked Cindi and Joel for making all this possible.

Highlight of the ceremonies was when Harry Swimmer presented Cindi and Joel Ostrow with a special-made memento of the occasion - a professional soccer ball mounted on an engraved stand.

Appreciation is extended to Sol and Ada Shapiro who helped in planning the program.



Jessica Kranz

'84 and '85, she was a head counselor for the Jewish Community Center Camp in Rockville, MD. This past summer she accompanied 37 high school students from the JCC of Greater Washington, D.C. (Rockville, MD) and the AZYF. That alone takes a great deal of stamina.

Jessica received the Guilford College Student Development Leadership Award, 1987, is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and was a graduation speaker. Her college activities included: Peer

Counseling, Co-Coordinator; Student Senate; Judicial Board; Psychology Club, v.p.; Hillel, president; Socio-Anthro Club. She has traveled throughout the U.S., Israel, Europe and spent a semester abroad in 1985 at the University of London. She finds time to pursue her hobbies of photography and sailing, though the latter may be a little difficult in Charlotte.

When asked why she decided to move to Charlotte, she stated that she always liked N.C. and that the Charlotte community is growing and she wants to be a part of that growth. She finds that her position offers many challenges and hopes to introduce new innovations in programming for the youth.

Jessica is young, enthusiastic and motivated. Why not stop by her office and introduce yourself to her? And by all means watch for the new programs which she will be starting, one of which will be the expansion of the "after school" program.

—Rita Mond

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