



# Jewish Family Services



## New Staff Member Hired

Iris Madison, MSW, has recently joined the counseling staff of Jewish Family Services. Iris has been a family therapist at counseling and mental health centers. Her most recent position was as a social worker in the adolescent program of Charter Pines

Hospital. In addition to handling clients at Jewish Family Services, Iris will be working on Jewish Family Life Education Programming and helping to promote public relations for the agency. She is married and has a pre-school age child.

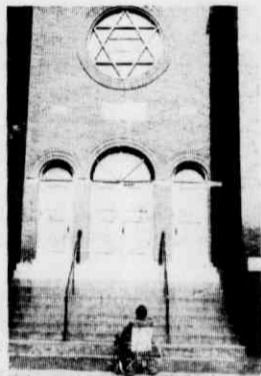
## Substance Abuse Task Force Has Monthly Meetings

The Substance Abuse Task Force of Jewish Family Services meets monthly. At the last meeting, representatives of the Mecklenburg County Substance Abuse Task Force were present. The sharing of

ideas and future mutual programming were discussed. Also discussed was a report on the Second National Conference on Addictions and Jews, held in Philadelphia in December.

## Barrier Awareness Day Will Be Held at Shalom Park

On Sunday, February 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be a Barrier Awareness Day held at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall. This will be for both children and adults and will present an opportunity to experience first hand what it means to be physically disabled. Metrolina Independent Living Center will be in charge of the program which is free of charge to members of the Jewish community.



Cosponsors of the program will be Jewish Family Services' Task Force on the Physically Disabled, the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, HaLailah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, the Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel. HaLailah will provide a free lunch at 1 p.m. An award will be given to the person in the Jewish community who has done the most for the physically disabled.

The purpose of this program is to sensitize all of us into experiencing the needs of the physically disabled in our Jewish community. Through sensitization comes better knowledge and acceptance with awareness of planning our community needs and growth around all.

For further information, please call Ellie Katz, 364-7757; Linda Klein, 372-9263 after 5 p.m.; Penny Eisenberg, 847-4037 or Adrienne Rosenberg, 364-6594.

## Thoughts from Adrienne

By Adrienne Rosenberg, JFS Director



I recently rediscovered a file of articles I had saved. Most of these articles went back over twelve years ago when I was teaching college. The following one seems appropriate to share with you as we reflect upon another year.

"Once upon a time the animals of Careyland Forest decided they must combine their efforts to meet the problems of 'a new world.' Better education was felt to be the answer. So they elected a school board consisting of a bear, a badger and a beaver. The school board, in turn, hired a porcupine as the principal; competent instructors were hired in all subjects.

"The curriculum consisted of running, climbing, swimming and flying. To make it easier to administer, all the animals took all the subjects.

"The duck was excellent in

swimming, but he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was so slow in running, he had to stay after school to practice. This was kept up until his web feet were badly worn, and he was only average in swimming.

"The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of the treetop down. He then developed a pulled muscle from the exertion. He ended the year with a C in climbing and a D in running.

"The eagle was a problem child and often had to be disciplined. In the climbing class, for example, he beat all the others to the treetop; however, he insisted on using his own way to get there.

"The rabbit began the year

at the top of the class in running. But he had a nervous breakdown because of so much frustration in swimming.

"At the end of the year, an abnormal eel that could swim exceedingly well, could also run and fly a little, had the highest average. He was elected valedictorian.

"The next year the prairie dogs boycotted the school. They fought the tax levy because the administration would not add digging and burrowing to the curriculum. They apprenticed their children to a badger and later joined the groundhogs to start a successful private school.

"It wasn't too many years after that the animals of Careyland Forest decided to close their school. Combining efforts had proven to be not so successful after all."

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