

# Our Organizations

## HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women

The Soviet Jewry Rally held December 11 was a big success with 250 people attending. HaLailah thanks those who contributed gifts for Refuseniks and those who supported the program and helped make it such a special evening. Watch for information concerning the next "letter writing campaign" in support of Soviet Refuseniks.



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"Pictionary Yourself with HaLailah" will be the theme of this year's Membership Dinner on February 21, 7 p.m. at Maddie Joffe's, 6225 Heritage Place. RSVP to Maddie, 554-6705, or Lauren Lassman, 846-3310.

On January 17, HaLailah members gathered at the home of Meredith Glazer for a program, "Garnishes and Knives." Many thanks to Lillian Matthews who taught participants how to wield their knives in making eye-catching decorations. Thanks to Meredith for organizing this pleasant evening.

Hunter House was the scene for a cooking experience with Chef Penny Eisenberg on January 26. While HaLailah members babysat, residents learned several economical, easy, but delicious preparations for chicken. The ladies enjoyed the lesson and the break from their routine. Thanks to all volunteers and to Penny for her culinary leadership.

Three future HaLailah programs need your support:

1. Donations of baby clothes, toys and books for the March baby shower at Hunter House. To donate items or to participate in the program call Laura Reich, 542-2788, or Becky Goodman, 374-4695.

2. Monetary gifts in support of HaLailah's annual Passover Baskets to the com-

munity's elderly, shut-ins and needy would be welcomed. Donations may be mailed to Penny Eisenberg, 9554 Hunting Court, Matthews, NC 28105.

3. New or useable washcloths are being requested to support a joint program with BBG and Crisis Assistance in providing toiletries for the homeless.

HaLailah welcomes its newest members: Marcia Saltz, Stacy Vines, Cheryl Landis, Nicki Levine, Rosalind Taranto, Susan Block, Roberta Malton, Michele Perlmutter, Jan Goldfarb, Emily Chatham and Randy Defilipp.

Much thanks to BBG for their hard work in two jointly planned programs. On December 21, members of both chapters sorted clothing for Crisis Assistance. Also on December 24, HaLailah and BBG ladies volunteered babysitting time for the members of Christ Episcopal Church so that they might better enjoy their Christmas Eve services.

PINE NEEDLE order forms will be available at the JCC the end of this month. For information call Jackie Stutts, 364-8360.

— Lisa Pharr

## B'nai B'rith Men

The Annual Christmas Substitution Program was again a huge success. Over 80 volunteers gave about four hours each of their time to work at all four hospitals and the county jail on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that non-Jewish workers could have time off to spend with their families. The response to our call for volunteers was tremendous; we thank all for helping with this special project. Special thanks to Steve Menaker, Jim Meadows, Eric Levine, Jeff Meyer and Scott Menaker for coordinating the volunteer assignments. Steve

also gave a "great performance" on WBTB's "Top of the Day" program.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, members of B'nai B'rith Men and AZA participated in a joint program honoring Tu B'Shevat. To commemorate the Jewish Arbor Day, dogwood trees were planted in Fourth Ward Park as part of our community service projects. The manual labor was spread out among all those participating. Once the trees were safely planted, the group then went out to lunch to celebrate.

— Scott Menaker

## Charlotte Chapter BBW

The Charlotte Chapter BBW held its annual new member social on Jan. 21 at Providence Square Clubhouse. The evening was hosted by Valerie Blumenthal, membership vice president. Over 50 people attended.

The BBW Human Relations Award Luncheon held on Feb. 1 at the Marriott Executive Center honored Ellen Rhyne, the executive director of the Charlotte Student Exchange Board. Ms. Rhyne has over 25 years of service with the Student Exchange Program.

On Feb. 12, 12:30-5:30 p.m., the Charlotte Children's Mental Health Fair will be held at SouthPark. Thirteen

organizations will participate, promoting better mental health programs for children in Charlotte. BBW members are needed to help at the information booths. Please call Linda Goldberg, 362-7304.

Amblyopia screenings are under way at area preschools. No prior experience is necessary; call Pearl Hyman, 365-5460.

Tape-a-Tale is a Mitzvah! Record a cassette tape while reading a story for a child in the hospital. People are needed to do this service. Contact Helen Rosenbaum, 541-3037.

— Nina Haas

## BBYOers Attended Regional Convention

On December 23 at 10:30 a.m. 35 excited teens gathered in the parking lot of Shalom Park. A bus was prepared to take them to the Greensboro Marriott for B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's Eastern Region Convention. Lasting for four days, Jewish teens from all over North Carolina and Virginia had the time of their lives participating in programs and contests.

Two hundred teens, grades 9-12, started the weekend off right with ice breakers and "shmoozing." After Shabbat services, a program on "how to relax" helped everyone in dealing with our high paced society. With the theme, "Making Your Way in the World Today," the participants learned everything from "Who is a Jew" to "Drugs in Sports."

Composed of nearly 20 chapters, Eastern Region BBG and AZA naturally competed in such events as chapter song, impromptu oratory, skits.

Chai Chaverim BBG of Charlotte won the "Member-in-Training" song and Mickey Barak Aberman AZA won chapter cheer and chap-

ter video. In individual awards, Scott Silverstein won creative arts competition and Scott Cohen won 2nd place in oratory. The most prestigious award, "best chapter" was presented to Chai Chaverim BBG.

Regional elections were also held and Charlotte BBYO did better in this category than it has done in years. Elected as Eastern Region BBG mit-mom was Sherry Seitlin. Eastern Region AZA's newly elected board includes Richard Rosenfeld, administrative assistant; Scott Cohen, secretary; Rael Gorelick, president.

The annual convention finally came to an end on December 26. Everyone left the convention with smiles on their faces and loads of new friends from all over the region.

If you are interested in joining BBYO or if you know somebody who is eligible to join but has not been contacted, please call Julie Dautmit, BBG president, 366-8693 or Kevin Besnoy, AZA president, 366-0845.

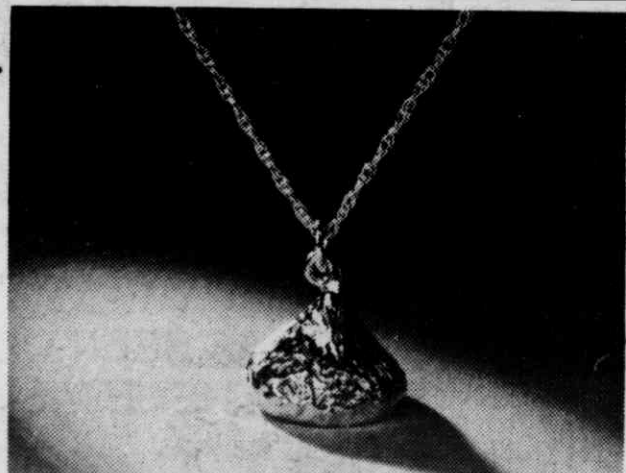
— Rael Gorelick



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Sunday, Feb. 19  
7:30 p.m.

Shalom Park  
Gorelick Hall

Public Invited

Tickets: \$5

Refreshments

To purchase tickets: Margie Goldstein, 366-1084  
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