

Purim Rally Held at Chabad House

Children in Charlotte experienced the time of their life when they attended the Purim rally at Chabad House on Sunday, March 12. The youngsters were treated with an afternoon of fun and games. They made their own delicious hamantaschen, created costumes and crowns. A delicious lunch was served to all participants, who also received freshly baked hamantaschen from New York.

The older children participated in a Purim talent show depicting various characters of the Purim story.

Rabbi Binyomin Weiss sang with the children and told them exciting Purim stories. Chanie Weiss led the



Preschool students performing in Purim play.

children in arts and crafts projects. There were prizes galore, many winners and many smiling faces. Each child received a Purim kit to be used on Purim day. These kits included hamanta-

schen, snacks and tzedakah (charity) for the poor.

A special thanks goes to Kim Doobrow, Dina Sanderson, Susan Doobrow and Debbie Maslov for helping with the Purim rally.



Children listening to Rabbi Binyomin Weiss's storytelling.

A Wedding to Remember

They came from Charlotte, Pittsburgh and San Paulo, Brazil to celebrate the wedding of Frank and Flora Levin. The friends and family of Norman and Donna Levin of Charlotte and the Chmelinik family of San Paulo joined the bride and groom in a wedding they won't forget.

The wedding, which took place in Brooklyn, NY, was set in the heart of the Lubavitch community, where Ephraim attends Rabbinical School. As tradition has it, the Chupah Canopy was placed outdoors and the actual ceremony was held under the clear but cold skies of New York.

A Chassidic wedding has two parts, the first is rather serious. The second is joyous and happy. During the first part, the bride receives guests in a royal setting. The groom (in Hebrew it is

"Chassan") recites a Chassidic dissertation on the Kabbalistic meaning of marriage. After the recitation and signing of the contracts, the groom enters the chambers of his bride and covers her with a white satin veil which she keeps on her until after the Chupah ceremony.

The second part of the wedding includes the meal and much singing and dancing. The guests enjoyed delicious New York cuisine and danced the night away to the music of the Piamenta Band. In the tradition of Chassidic

weddings the men and women sat separately, divided by huge live plants which decorated the hall.

The Charlotte guests included many of the Levin's friends. For many, this was the first Chassidic wedding they had experienced and were very taken by the joy and liveliness of the community.

The final day of the week of celebration was held at the Chabad House in Charlotte with a full Shabbat Kiddush.

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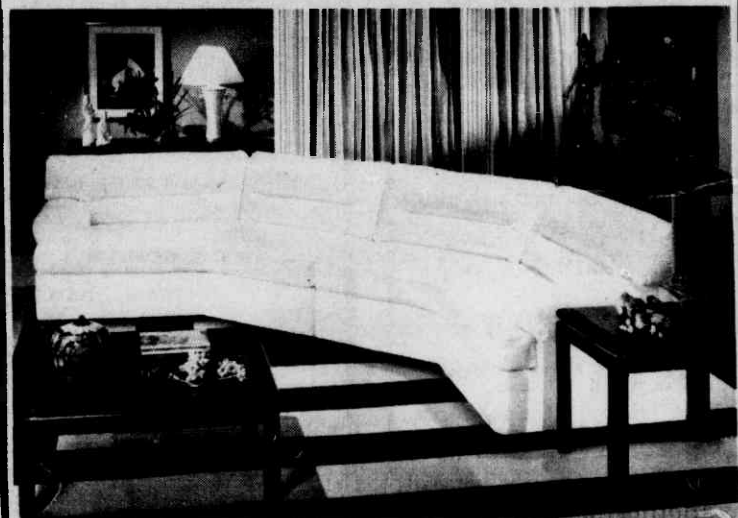
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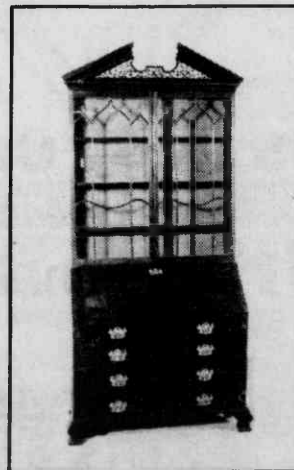
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