### **JCC Plants Trees in Honor of Tu B'Shevat**

By Marcia Stern, Judaic Resource Specialist

In honor of the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish Community Center planted 29 beautiful and functional trees around the Children's Playground at Shalom Park. Families gathered to enjoy seasonal refreshments and plant Leylan Cypress trees that will provide a wind block as they mature and Red Sunset Maples that will provide much needed shade.

After the trees were planted, the children gathered as Marcia Stern explained the significance of the holiday and why it is so important to plant trees here in the U.S. and Israel.

Special thanks to Scott Menaker, president of the Charlotte B'nai B'rith Lodge, and Steve Menaker, Eric Levine and Rich Osborne, Lodge members, for their help planting the trees. Also, a special thanks to the Martin, Embray, Passe and Lind families for their tree planting help.



Steve Menaker of B'nai B'rith Lodge helped to plant trees.

The Jewish Community Center gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors of the trees: Sam & Valerie Blumenthal, Bill & Meryle Elko, Robert & Cheryl Comen, Harold & Lyba Rousso, Gordon & Althea Cole, Barry & Lisa Frucht, Morris & Linda Spil, HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women, Michael & Debra Jaffa, Archadeck of Charlotte, JCC Chai-Lites, Shelton & Ellen Goldstein, Sol & Shirley Levine, Ethel Rudman, Henry Ulrich, Patty, Richard & Kate Bedrick,

Emily & Sam Zimmern, Ellen & Tim Martin, Carolyn & Stuart Hennes, Gary & Randy DeFilipp, Wendy & Frank Rosen, Kenneth & Marcia Stern, Michelle & Barry Perlmutter, Roz & Ivan Cooper, Gerald & Elise Menaker.

Thanks also goes to Sam Blumenthal for his help in obtaining the sponsors and to JCC staff members John Dixon, Nina Arten and Beth Girardier for their support and help with this program.

#### Charlotte JCC Srs. Host Weekend with Charleston Srs.

By Marcia Stern, director Senior Adults Programs

The first joint Sr. Adult weekend was held with the Charleston JCC Sr. Adults, January 18-20. The Seniors, under the leadership of Marcia Stern (Charlotte) and Mindy Seltzer (Charleston) enjoyed a Shabbat Dinner and Service, tour of Charlotte and the Mint Museum, dinner and guitar concert by Katheryn Lebeau, and a lovely brunch.

The participants enjoyed making new friends and planning our visit to Charleston. Mindy Seltzer, director of the Charleston JCC Adult and Sr. Adult programs, met Marcia Stern at a conference sponsored by the JCC Association in St. Louis. They became fast friends and tossed around the idea of an exchange program. Dates were set and the weekend became a reality. This weekend program brought over 35 Senior



Three of the lovely Charleston Srs. who enjoyed the weekend.

Adults together. Many of the participants had never attended a JCC sponsored activity. Other weekends like this are planned including a trip to Columbia and Charleston.

Many thanks to Evelyn Berger for her help obtaining donations for goody bags given to the participants, door prizes and donations for the Sunday Brunch. Thank you to Hushie Silverstein for her help during the entire weekend. A special thank you to Penny Eisenberg for the lovely dessert she baked and donated. Juanita Sturdivant, cook and kitchen steward at the JCC, and Frank Rothschild, JCC driver, were both tremendously helpful and supportive during the planning and the weekend.

# Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

Sponsored by Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, Lubavitch of NC, Charlotte Jewish Federation.

THURSDAYS, MAR. 7, 14 & 21 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Shalom Park Gorelick Hall

\$5 per lecture or \$10 for the series

The Arab-Israel State of War Guest Lecturer: Maurice Weinstein

Lecture 1: Islam vs. Israel

Lecture 2:
The Church vs. Israel

Lecture 3:
The United Nations vs. Israel

Maurice A. Weinstein, a Charlotte lawyer, has served as chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith. He also served as chairman of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations with consultative status at the United Nations. He has appeared before the Foreign Relations Committees of the U.S. Senate and also the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Operations

Committee of the House of Representatives. He has been an ardent student of the Middle East and the United Nations. Come benefit from his enthusiasm and years of study as he shares his perspective with our audience.

Dessert and coffee will follow the lectures. We're sure you'll want to stay and shmooz. All this for such a nominal fee!

## JCC/Golden Circle Theatre Present Outstanding Productions

Tickets are still available for the three remaining plays cosponsored by the JCC and the Golden Circle Theatre for their annual fundraising.

"The Lion in Winter" by James Goldman, a historical drama that recounts the passionate story of King Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, will be performed on March 14, 16, 21, 23 and 24. "Rashomon," by Faye and Michael Kamin, is an imaginative drama, based on a Japanese folk tale. It suggests that there are three sides to every story: her version, his version,

and the truth. It will be performed on Apr. 11, 13, 18, 20 and 21. "Private Lives" by Noel Coward, a comedy of sophisticated wit which is about a game of marital "musical chairs" played by a pair of newlywed couples, will be presented on May 2, 4, 9, 11 and 13.

All performances are at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall at 8:15 p.m., except Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Single tickets may be purchased at the JCC reception desk or at the door: \$10 each / \$9 each for students, sr. citizens and JCC members.

#### Senior Adult Program

- Fri. Mar. 1 "Shabbat Sharing" with Charlotte Jewish Pre-
- Mon. Mar. 4-Good Health Series continues with speaker from Presbyterian Hospital
- Tue. Mar. 5 "Out to Lunch Bunch"—Spaghetti Warehouse
  Fri. Mar. 8 Jewish Film Series continues
- Mon. Mar. 11 -Speaker: Caren Walden "At Your Service"
  Fri. Mar. 15 "Shabbat Sharing" with Charlotte Jewish Preschool
- Mon. Mar. 18 -Bill Burton's Travel Talk
- Tues. Mar. 19 Tour of the Federal Reserve Building
- Fri. Mar. 22 "Passover Bingo"

## Senior Adult Hot Lunch Program

- Fri. Mar. 1 -Soup, vegetable, pita sandwich
- Mon. Mar. 4 -Chicken chow mein
- Fri. Mar. 8 -BBQ turkey Mon. Mar. 11 -Baked chicken
- Fri. Mar. 15 -Chicken and dumplings
- Mon. Mar. 18 -Veal stew
- Fri. Mar. 22 -Breaded fish

Note: No hot lunch program March 25 through April 8 due to Passover.



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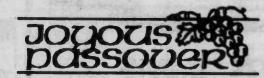


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