

This 'n That

Charlotte based pianist/singer **Carl Rosen** was named the "1991 Campus Coffeehouse Entertainer" of the year on Feb. 21 in a gala awards ceremony at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tn. The Campus Entertainment Awards bring national recognition to entertainers whose primary venue is the college market. The awards are given by the National Association of Campus Activities and nominees are chosen from a field of thousands. Schools in all 50 states choose the winners. Carl's wife, Jan, also took part in the awards show by presenting "The Country Music Award" to Mary Chapin Carpenter.



Carl Rosen

In addition to the prestigious Campus Award, Carl's third and latest album, "Firelands," features a song called "Happy Endings" which is currently being aired on the CBS soap opera, "The Guiding Light."

Carl is the son of Estelle and Murray Rosen.

Rabbi David Martin Zielonka, rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Gastonia, NC, was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa, at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on March 13. Rabbi Zielonka is observing the 25th anniversary of his ordination.



Rabbi Zielonka

He is a native of Tampa, Fl. and a second generation rabbi. Prior to his position at Temple Emanuel, he served Hebrew Congregation and Temple Beth-El in Georgia, Temple Beth El and Temple Covenant of Peace in Pennsylvania, Temple B'nai Israel in N.Y. where he was also the Chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Center, and The Valley Temple in Cincinnati.

Dr. Jessica Schorr Saxe, a physician in practice at the Neighborhood Health Center, was recently honored by the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, as one of 10 "Heroes." This was the first year the Council has done this — 10 — because this is the 10th anniversary of the Council. The awards recognize people who have found creative ways to have an impact on youth, but who have received little recognition.

Stephen Schneider, a freshman at UNC-CH, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. **Julie Schneider**, a sophomore at East Mecklenburg High School, won first place in her school's Science Fair in the biological sciences category. Her project goes on to compete in the County Science Fair at UNCC. Both are children of Lois and George Schneider.

Lisa and Joel Cohen are the proud parents of Elizabeth Rose born on Feb. 16, 1991. The proud grandparents are Irene and Manny Goldfarb of Henderson, NC. The Cohens reside in California.

Mr. Leon K. Gutmann's garden "Kroll Knoll" will be featured on the 38th Annual Mint Home and Garden Tour, April 25-28.

Rona Karacaova, daughter of Linda Karacaova of Charlotte and Sumer Karacaova of Ankara, Turkey, was named to the fall dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. with a 3.75 average.

Brian Hitt, son of Maxine and Steve Horowitz, was named to the fall dean's list at N.C. State University.

The 1991 Mecklenburg Regional Scholastic Art Competition Awards for junior and senior high school students have been presented. Winners of the national competition will be featured in the Scholastic National Student Art Exhibition in Philadelphia at the University of the Arts, July 15-Aug. 16. Nominated for "best of show" for the Hallmark Honor Prize (\$100 award) is **Lisa Sussman**, daughter of Richard and Mary Lou Sussman, a student at Providence High. Among the gold key winners are **Elisa Gellar**, daughter of Dr. Richard and Sandy Gellar, a student at Charlotte Country Day School, and **Susan Wojnowich**, daughter of Lori and Saul Wojnowich, a student at South Mecklenburg High, who also won blue ribbons and will compete in New York. Also receiving a gold key award is **Amy Cojac**, daughter of Lynne and Stuart Cojac, a student at South Mecklenburg High.

Nicole Kossove, daughter of Ruth and David Kossove, appeared as a Munchkin in the Charlotte Youth Ballet's recent production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Lisa Ett, formerly of Charlotte now living in Atlanta, Georgia, recently graduated from The National Center of Paralegal Training.



Roots and Branches

by Miriam Weiner



Organize Your Family History by Computer

Over 20 years ago in Des Moines, Iowa, I began a trek through my family history which ultimately led to New York where I met many cousins previously unknown to me. To keep track of "who's who," I began making family tree charts by hand.

There are many problems with these hand-drawn charts beginning with the obvious: in a short time it becomes necessary to tape several sheets together resulting in a cumbersome and tacky chart. Nevertheless, virtually every family historian known to me began charting their ancestors in much the same manner.

A more serious problem than "looks" with these hand-drawn charts becomes apparent each time you make significant changes/additions to your tree. I would hate to estimate how many times I had to re-draw my charts in order to accommodate the new information. However, during the last 5-10 years, a number of computer programs specially designed for sorting and charting family history data have come on the market.

Life is much simpler now — it now takes a few minutes to add a new branch of cousins to my database and produce a revised chart reflecting all the new information. Each of my four grandparents has a separate family chart and, in one case, the chart exceeds over 25 feet in length — a virtually impossible task without a computer software program.

The last few years have produced many publications, seminars, genealogy software programs and experts all focused towards educating the genealogist in computerized genealogy. As a result, many hours previously devoted to laboriously revised family charts can now be devoted to discovering new

sources of information, family reunions, visiting ancestral towns and ultimately publishing the family history.

There are many features of a genealogy software program which enable you to print standard reports such as the following:

- Family group sheets — includes everything known about each family member

- Pedigree chart — all direct ancestors of an individual (parents, grandparents, etc., with name, dates of birth, marriage and death)

- Descendancy chart — shows all descendants of an individual (name, birth and death dates)

- Ascendancy chart — shows all ancestors of an individual
- Lists — the ability to print lists from user-defined fields (categories) of information about selected persons in a sequence (alphabetically, date, place, zip code)

- Special facilities — some programs allow you to print surname indexes, birthday and anniversary lists and indexes by locality (such as all people born in Poland, buried in New York, immigrated through Boston, etc.)

As an example, I can print a listing of members of my family who perished during the Holocaust. Another report which has been surprisingly helpful to me is a listing by first name which enables me to detect duplicate entries and establish naming patterns between generations.

There is one myth I probably should dispel now. In the beginning, I naively thought by computerizing my family history data I could discard many papers which were overflowing my filing cabinets. Somehow, it didn't work that way. The reports and charts generated from

the computer have added to the paper collection, but have also simplified the retrieval of data.

Having my family charts on computer has also brought more cooperation from family members in the quest for information. Years ago, when I pestered relatives for information, copies of documents and old photos, there were times when cooperation was "limited" or, in a few cases, non-existent. However, when I began producing family trees on computer which I could send to my many relatives, suddenly I found them more receptive to sharing information. First, they were anxious to correct entries (often the date of birth which seems to come in many variations) and also to add branches of the family entirely unknown to me.

Once your family tree is computerized, you may want to send it to the many Jewish archives and libraries which collect family histories. Some years ago, I was able to track down a missing branch of my family by writing to the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati and requesting a copy of a family tree from its extensive genealogy collection.

Without question, the most important addition ever made to my family tree occurred a few years ago when my cousin, Ricardo Odnoposoff, who lives in Vienna, sent me a hand-drawn chart on cardboard which he brought from Leningrad while visiting with our mutual relatives there. The chart was compiled by Leonid Odnopozov, my newly-discovered Soviet cousin, and listed names of over 50 members of my family, all descendants of or related to my great-grandparents. It was with much pleasure and a few tears of joy that I entered this new data into my computer.

It is my intention to personally deliver copies of this 25-foot chart to these newly-discovered cousins now living throughout the U.S.S.R. On the other hand, I would be just as happy to deliver the charts in Israel.


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