

Charlotte Jewish Preschool News

Temple Happenings

Beth El V'Shalom

- Aug. 5 - Temple Board Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Aug. 30 - Family Retreat at Wildacres (thru Sept. 1)
- Sept. 2 - Temple Board Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 8 - Rosh Hashanah Evening Service, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 9 - Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Children's Service, TBA

Israel

- Aug. 5 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8 - Nosh 'N Drosch (formerly BTL) with Rabbi White, noon-1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 9 - Family Night
- Aug. 18 - Sisterhood New Member's Tea
- Aug. 23 - Shabbat/Dinner
- Aug. 27 - Executive Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 31 - Selichot - Havdalah & Late Brunch, 10:30 p.m.
Installation of Officers & Board of Trustees, 11 p.m.
Midnight - Selichot Worship

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

Temple Beth El V'Shalom

- Aug. 3 - **Brian and Sharon Ostrower**, son and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ostrower
- Aug. 24 - **David Shuart**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Shuart

Temple Israel

- Aug. 10 - **Ilana Klein**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Klein
- Aug. 31 - **Ilana Kavadlo**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kavadlo

Services Held Again at Moscow Schul

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time in 53 years, services were conducted at the Poliakov Synagogue in Moscow.

The building, confiscated in the prewar Stalin era, will soon be officially restored to Jewish ownership, according to Lishkas Ezras Achim, a Brooklyn-based organization connected to the Chabad Hasidic movement that ministers to the religious needs of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The occasion for the revival was the Shavuoth holiday. The Orthodox service was attended by 1,200 worshippers, said Rabbi Moshe Levertov, spokesman for the group.

He said he recalled vividly the day in 1938 when, as a boy in Moscow, he saw the authorities seize the synagogue. They distributed its Torah scrolls among shoemakers but allowed the Bibles and prayerbooks to be

transferred to other synagogues, he said.

Levertov said that after Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev introduced the liberal policies of glasnost, the Chabad community in Moscow applied for the synagogue's return to its former owner.

The transfer was approved in mid-May by the Moscow City Council and will be completed in three months when the shul becomes the property of Agudas Chabad.

Meanwhile, the community was allowed to conduct services in the building. "Word got around, and 1,200 people showed up," Levertov said.

According to Levertov, Lishkas Ezras Achim has been active for 28 years on behalf of Soviet Jews. Until the glasnost era, it operated underground, he said.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool celebrated the graduation of its outgoing class of four-year-olds and pre-kindergartners. Parents, teachers and students gathered for a special ceremony during which the children sang a selection of thoughtful Hebrew and English songs for the visiting parents. Preschool teachers presented an emotional, compelling slide show of the students involved in a variety of activities throughout the year. The day's events concluded with a graduation cake and refreshments for all.

The Preschool thanks its outgoing board of directors for the 1990-1991 school year for an outstanding year of progress and education. The board includes Becky Goodman, chair; Liz Fromkin, treasurer; Larry Farber, Ellen Goldstein, Merry



Pajama Party: Even the 2-year-olds get in on the fun as they "camped out" in the JCC gymnasium.

Imbrey, Iris Madison, Ellen Martin, Lisa Placock, Nancy Segal and Jackie Stutts.

The new board of directors for the 1991-1992 school year are Jan Weinstein, treasurer; Irving Brenner, Jerry Howard, Rhonda

Nestle, Paul Putterman, David Ransenberg, Morris Spil and Kaye Yaffe. Trish Fleishman-Gooder and Laura Knight, who served on the board last year, will continue this next year.

— Amy Carroll

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies

This year has been a complete success with much accomplished by the Student Advisory Board. For Chanukah, we decorated the Jewish Community Center and also put up banners and posters throughout the Blumenthal Education Building.

One of our year-long goals

was to send each member of the school a birthday greeting from the board. Karen Schuller, our corresponding secretary, was in charge of this project.

Toward the middle of the year, we adopted three needy families through Jewish Family Services. Each grade (eighth

through tenth) took one family and brought in any supplies they needed.

In February, we organized a seminar with Seymour Rossel. We each called ten to fifteen people from the school and invited them to hear Mr. Rossel talk about his books and religion. Each student brought in something to contribute to the pot-luck supper.

We also planned the teacher appreciation dinner. We served the teachers salad, lasagna and turtle cheesecake. Each teacher was presented a bottle of wine and a thank-you note. We even surprised Mrs. Brodsky with her own card.

On June 6, Ms. Schultz, owner of Ben & Jerry's in Charlotte, donated a Vemonster to the board. A Vemonster is 22 scoops of our favorite ice cream on top of rich brownies. On top of the ice cream there are bananas, strawberries, whipped cream, chocolate fudge syrup, chopped nuts, M & Ms, and sprinkles. Pure enjoyment!!! Thank you very much, Ms. Schultz.

The 1990-91 board, Amy Goldman, Courtney Blacker, Stacie Katz, Karen Schuller, Scott Katowitz, Rebecca Hockfield, Alan Schulimson, James Schatz, Dodie Brodsky, and Shara Grifenhagen, has done so much. None of it would have been possible without the help and assistance of Mrs. Sue Brodsky. Thank you so much for everything...let's do it sooner next year!

The board wishes everyone a great summer.

—Shara Grifenhagen

Temple Israel Welcomes Rabbi White

Temple Israel welcomes Rabbi H. Scott White as its new spiritual leader. Rabbi White, his wife Civia and their infant son, Jacob, arrived the second week in July and are residing temporarily in the Rachel House.

Rabbi White comes to Charlotte from his position at Temple Am David in Warwick, RI where he served for four years. He was raised in the Kansas City area and later attended Kansas University where he received a B.S. in Journalism in 1979. From then until 1981, he pursued his career in journalism in Kansas City. From 1981-1986 he attended The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, receiving his M.A. in Rabbinics and his Rabbinical Ordination. He served as Assistant Rabbi of The Seminary Synagogue prior to assuming his position in Warwick.

Rabbi White is already hard at work acquainting himself with the activities at the temple and the coming High Holidays. He is enthusiastically looking forward to being a part of the new era in Temple Israel's long



Rabbi White

history.

Among Rabbi White's goals are a fostering of greater understanding between Jews and non-Jews, and social service projects to maintain Temple Israel's high profile in the community. He plans to concentrate on enhancing education programs for youth and adults and, in general, help maintain and improve appreciation for and living with our Jewish heritage and traditions.

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