

## Temple BEVS Holds Groundbreaking

June 2, 1991 will go down in the history of Temple Beth El V'Shalom as the date of the groundbreaking of their new temple at Shalom Park.

Over 500 congregants and guests enjoyed the afternoon in spite of the rain that forced the ceremony into Gorelick Hall.

Original founders of Temple Beth El who participated were A.L. (Sonny) Melasky and Judith Neiman. Also participating was Elizabeth Klein, the daughter of Arthur Goodman who also was a founder. Most of her entire family attended the groundbreaking. Other early members joining in the festivities were Stan Nabow, of the first confirmation class; Robert Schrader, the first Bar Mitzvah; Gladys Lavitan, Emanuel and Trudy Packard, and Anita and Herman Blumenthal.

Jeffrey Lyons, president, welcomed those assembled and Dr. Mark Perlin was master of ceremonies. Rabbi Robert Seigel gave the invocation and Nancy Fink, accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra, led the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah. Sarah and David Arnold, scouts, and Dr. Robert Yudell, representing the North Carolina JWV, presented the colors. Anne Yudell acted as music coordinator.

Rod Autry, chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, spoke about Shalom Park and what an asset it was to the community. Other city dignitaries present included Richard Vinroot and Al Rousso.

The keynote speaker, Lewis (Buddy) Simon reminisced about



Group assembled for groundbreaking.

what led to the original purchase of the land that is now Shalom Park.

Later, a time capsule was filled with memorabilia of Temple Beth El as well as current items including artwork, essays and photographs of the Sunday School children.

The new temple was the main topic of conversation during the covered dish hot dog supper that followed.

The building committee chairmen are Marc Silverman, Mi-

chael Gold and Alan Blumenthal. The groundbreaking committee included Ethel Gordon, chair; Sara Benfield, Shirley Fytelson, Paula Gentile, Jill Kofman, Jill Newman, Eva Nove, Debbie and Paul Paskoff, Diggie Pesakoff, Elise Ray, Faye Seigel, Judy Sutker and Joy Weinstein.

Construction of the new temple is expected to begin by this month with completion scheduled before Sept. 1, 1992.

— Ethel Gordon

## Construction Begins of New Temple Israel



Looking from site toward JCC.

The dream is becoming a reality as Temple Israel begins construction of its exciting new facility at Shalom Park! The contract for the award-winning building, designed by the architectural firm of Lee-Nichols, has been awarded to D.C. Turner Construction Company. While the land is being cleared and the site prepared great care is being taken to preserve as many trees as possible and to keep the environmental impact to a minimum.

The design of the facility reflects many of the ideas presented by the building advisory committees and the Board of Directors. The focal point of the sanctuary will be the unique stained glass windows depicting creation through the receiving of the Ten Commandments. The sanctuary, which contains a balcony, can be expanded for greater seating capacity with the use of movable walls. The complex will also include a chapel, seating approximately 150 per-

sons, suitable for smaller functions, a banquet hall, catering facilities, a mikvah, offices and other amenities.

All memorial plaques and many artifacts from the present temple will be incorporated in the new building.

Much thought and sensibility has gone into the planning of this exciting venture and sincere thanks are due the building committee who spent untold hours fund raising, planning and bringing to fruition the congregation's dream. None of this would be possible without the many generous contributions that have been received from the members of the congregation and the Charlotte community.

It will be exciting to see this magnificent edifice rise before our eyes on the ground adjacent to the JCC.

The construction company requests that all viewing be done at a safe distance from the temple property as there are many hazards during construction.

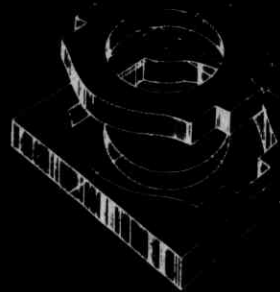
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Singles 21-35

Aug. 11 — Lake Party & Cookout at the Sinkoes' place on Lake Norman, 2 p.m.-until

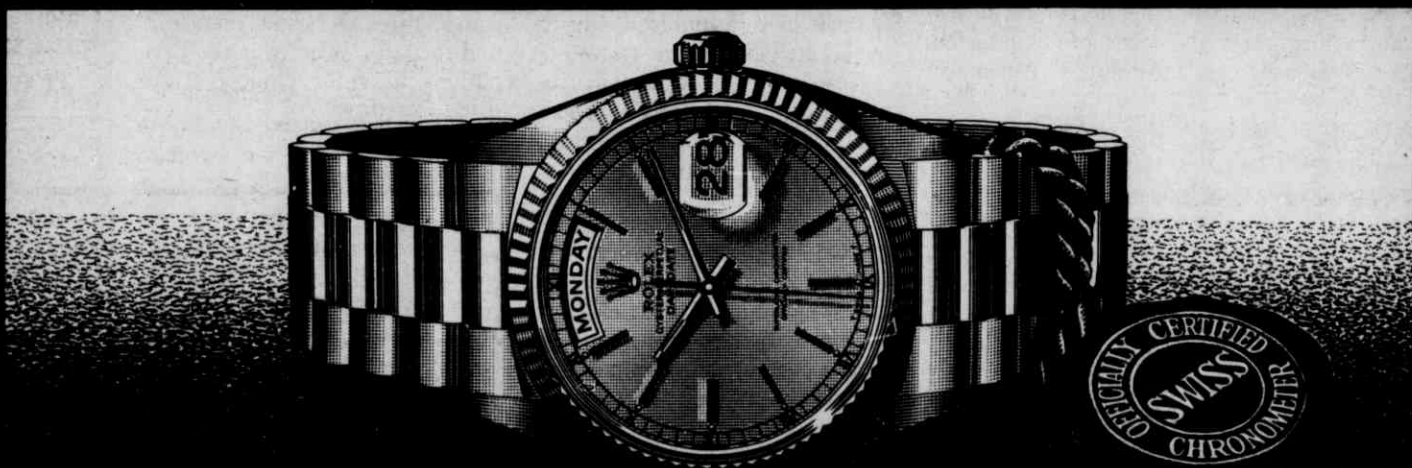
Aug. 25 — Bowling at Centennial Lanes, meet at 7 p.m.

For more information call Robert Gleiberman at 537-5625 or Darren Mond at 847-3959. If you are not currently on the mailing list call Darren or Robert. Watch for announcement next month for our annual Break-the-Fast.



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