

Library Lines: Books on Wheels

By Amalia Warshenbrot

If we can have "meals on wheels" we can have "books on wheels." Books also have "Taam" (Yiddish and Hebrew for flavor). They also stay "hot" and give pleasure. With these thoughts in mind, libraries send books with special "flavor" from city to city and even from state to state. So, the Speizman Jewish Library receives books in Russian from the Public Library in Fayetteville, NC (which holds the foreign language collection) and the Speizman Jewish Library sends books to the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, NC. The home does get books from the Public Library, but we can offer parents and grandparents books with familiar "flavor" and with different Jewish issues which will give them special enjoyment.

We thank Alan Sussman for bringing to our attention the "empty shelves" at the BJH, and for delivering the books. His thoughtfulness on this "mitzvah" was all that was needed to make it work.

If you wish to help a homebound reader in Charlotte, we will be delighted to help in this mitzvah of "Bikkur Holeem" (visiting the sick) with a book of Jewish content. Julius Goldman delivers books to some of these homebound. Just imagine how grateful the confined person is whose pain is put aside, thanks to the "flavor" of the book. As it is said in the Talmud, "One who visits the sick takes away from him one-sixth of his pain."

Birthday Book Club

The library will soon be pur-

chasing additional books. The books will have a book plate honoring the birthday of: Aaron Weiner, 7, Rebecca Weiner, 5, Jordana Weiner, 3.

Thanks go to Janice and Ronald Weiner for their contributions. Every child in the Jewish community benefits from these additions to the children's book collection.

Warshenbrot Attends Convention

I was privileged to be among 130 attendees at the 26th Annual Association of Jewish Libraries Convention at the Miami Beach Fontainebleau Hilton.

I thank The Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, Charlotte Jewish Prechool, Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, Charlotte Jewish Federation, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom Religious School, which sponsored me.

Library Funds

If you wish to honor someone on a special occasion or extend a condolence, the following is the list of funds toward which you may contribute:

The Tulman Library Fund — purchases books and magazines published in Israel

The Speizman Library Fund — purchases books and materials for the library.

The Cheryl Katz Memorial Book Fund — purchases books for the library.

Checks should be made payable to The Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community. For additional information please call Amalia Warshenbrot or Jeanne Allran, 366-5007.

Book Reviews



Alliance for Murder: The Nazi-Ukrainian Nationalist Partnership in Genocide Edited by B.F. Sabrin. Serpedon Publishers. 166 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010. In association with Shapolsky Publishers, 136 W. 22nd St., New York, NY 10011. 304 pages, photos, documents. \$21.95.

Reviewed by Rita Mond

B.F. Sabrin is an American journalist and Holocaust survivor who heads a committee of survivors from the Western Ukraine. He has done an excellent job assembling and editing their memoirs, recollections and documentary evidence in this book.

This is a fascinating collection of eyewitness accounts and analyses documenting the active collaboration of the Nationalist movement in the Ukraine with the Nazis in World War II. The Ukrainian Nationalists shared with the Nazis the goal of

defeating the Soviet Union in battle, but more than that they collaborated in trying to liquidate the Jews of the Ukraine.

The book tells the stories through the survivors' eyes, the heinous acts perpetrated by the Nazis and the Nationalists. All the chilling details of the murdering of thousands of Jews, including entire communities, and the mass graves in which they were thrown, outside of the towns where their former neighbors still reside, are enfolded.

The motivations and composition of the Ukrainian Nationalists are examined and so, too, are the failings of the Jewish population in Poland and the USSR to react decisively to the impending Nazi occupation. It is difficult to comprehend how so much brutality and bestiality could have existed, but *Alliance for Murder: The Nazi-Ukrainian Nationalist Partnership in Genocide* brings out the vivid, authentic, sometimes angry and

plaintive eyewitness accounts of what really happened because of politically-driven human behavior. This should never be allowed to exist again! It must not exist again!

The Iron Curtain concealed secrets about the people and nationalities of Eastern Europe that have only recently been coming to light. This book is the result of research done in the USSR during the entire 1980s, interviews with surviving participants in Poland and the USSR and those survivors who live elsewhere around the globe. It contains previously unpublished photographs and archival documentary evidence of the collaboration of Nazi Germany with the Ukrainian Nationalists.

Without the willing assistance of many non-Germans, the Nazis could not have succeeded in annihilating millions of Jews in World War II. It is high time that the horrors of the fascist "actions" in the Ukraine are told.

Focus on Charlotte Jewish Historical Society

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, (CAJE), gathers, collects, records, documents and preserves the history of the Charlotte Jewish community. The Historical Society is housed at Shalom Park.

Materials presented to the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society are gratefully received. We hope you will consider depositing organizational, com-

munity, business records, personal papers, photographs, and any oral or video materials and records. What happens today will be history tomorrow.

In 1989, the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society began a videotape oral history project. To date, 50 oral histories of long-standing Jewish Charlotteans have been completed. Copies of the videotapes are housed in the CAJE Resource Center at Sha-

lom Park and are available to those doing legitimate historical research. A list of those whose stories are preserved may be obtained from the Society.

Richard A. Klein is chairman of the Historical Society; Sam Eneman is vice-chairman. The Historical Society meets on Sunday mornings. For further information, please contact Lenora Stein, Executive Director of CAJE, at 366-5007.

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