

## Temple Happenings

### Beth El

- Nov. 2 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15 - Sisterhood Attic Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (thru 11/17)
- Nov. 22 - Sisterhood/Brotherhood Brunch, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 25 - NCCJ Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Sid Freeman, Keynote Speaker
- Dec. 7 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 - Joint Sisterhoods' Meeting
- Dec. 18 - Shabbat Family Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

### Israel

- Nov. 2 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 - TOT Shabbat, 10:30 a.m.-noon
- Nov. 11 - Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 13 - Family Night, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 18 - Nosh 'N Drosh with Rabbi White, noon.  
RSVP: 362-2796
- Nov. 24 - Business People's Lunch 'N Learn, Noon  
at First Union Center

## Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

### Temple Beth El

- Nov. 7 - Lisa McGinley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGinley
- Nov. 14 - Marnie Britton, daughter of Debby Britton & Don Britton
- Nov. 21 - Brett Elko, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Elko (Havdalah Services)
- Nov. 28 - Bryan Crossan, son of Adrienne Crossan & Howard Crossan

### Temple Israel

- Nov. 7 - Sarah Fisher, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Fisher
- Nov. 28 - Bradley Nathanson, son of Judge & Mrs. Saul Nathanson
- Oct. 31 - Eric Rolnick, son of Margie Rolnick and Iven Rolnick

By Linda Zucker

On Oct. 8 and 9, the children of the Charlotte Jewish Preschool made their annual trek to Temple Israel to decorate the Sukka. Now that the Temple is just a stroll up the hill, for the first time all the children, including the two-year-olds, got to participate in this event.

On Oct. 8, the Monday through Friday and Tuesday/Thursday twos set out on the big adventure. They got to sit in the front rows of the Temple's main sanctuary while Rabbi White talked about Sukkot. He showed them all a real lulav and etrog and then the children got to shake! shake! shake! their very own newspaper lulav up and down and side to side, making a sound like the wind rustling through ripe corn.



Millie Canterbury helps her class hang decorations at Temple Israel's Sukka.

Rabbi White took a Torah scroll from the Ark and unrolled it. Then he had the children come up to the Bimah and lifted each one so that they all could get a good look at the Torah.

After, it was out to the Sukka where the children hung the paper fruit and vegetables they made, with a little help from their teachers and parents. Temple Israel's Sisterhood provided a taste of Sukkot with snacks of mixed dried fruit and yummy carrot muffins.

Friday's event with the rest of the preschool was similar. The

Sukkot and Shabbat programs were combined. Blessings for the candles, bread and wine were said before snack and then the children hung their art work in the Sukka. The "big kids," three to five year olds, took great pride in their decorations and had definite opinions as to where and how they should be hung. We all said a big thank you and set off down the hill back to school.

There were several other events that took place in October: a visit from the Taraddiddle Players and an all time favorite "Bagels and Blocks."

## Parenting Tips Will Return Next Month

## Temple Beth El Greets New Year with Active Programs

By Lynne Cojac

The New Year, coupled with the move into our new facility, has resulted in great activity at Temple Beth El. There has been growth in both membership and programming. This is reflected in our Religious School where Temple youth education enrollment is at a high. The November calendar is full with a Bar or Bat Mitzvah every week-end.

Canned foods were collected in a joint effort with Temple Israel's Religious School to benefit Charlotteans in need. Holiday services were especially meaningful this year and the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, hosted by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, was very successful due to the efforts of Grace Levitt and her committee.



Some of Temple Beth El Sisterhood's board: Front Row (L to R) Lynne Cojac, Ana Resnik, Lisa Kaufman, Rhonda Nestle. Back Row (L to R) Delores Astern, Seena Binder, copresident; Brenda Lutz, Debbie Goldstein, Peggie Rovman, copresident; Iris Friedlander.

The gala dinner reception to celebrate the dedication of the Temple on Oct. 10 was a rousing success and was a total sell-out.

Barry Frucht is the Brotherhood's new president. Meetings

are scheduled Sunday mornings during Religious School. The Sisterhood had a very successful paid-up membership dinner with 112 in attendance. A fashion show by Reggie Summers of "You Too" was the highlight of the evening. The attic sale will take place Nov. 15-17 at the Temple. Donations of new or used clothing and household merchandise are appreciated. For more information call Ruth Lubin, 365-3442. The Pro-Choice, Pro-Life Forum, held in the Blumenthal Sanctuary, sponsored by the Jewish Women's organizations in Charlotte, was hosted by our Sisterhood.

Temple officers will attend the Mid-Atlantic UAHC Convention Nov. 20-22 in Williamsburg, Va.

The Social Club has many interesting events scheduled. The Interfaith Social Group, which was formed about a year ago to meet the needs of the many interfaith couples in our congregation, has formed Chavurot. If interested in joining any of the groups or for more information call the Temple, 366-1948.

For that special gift you can visit the Judaica shop at the Temple on Tuesdays to Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. and on Friday evenings after services.

## Post Confirmation Class Initiates a Community Relations Task Force

By Sue Brodsky

The Post Confirmation Class of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies has spearheaded a move-



ment to begin documentation of disturbing incidents regarding the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system's handling of Jewish holiday observances and other related incidents. The movement began last spring when Rev. George Battle, chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board held a dialogue with our post confirmation students. At that meeting the students relayed several incidents which had taken place at the schools, such as prayer in the schools, Young Life, testing on Jewish holidays, and anti-Semitism on the part of some students and teachers. Rev. Battle invited the students to put their concerns in the form of a letter to him. When no answer was received to the students' letter, the CHS Advisory Board, an adult board which oversees the CHS, wrote a letter as a follow-up. It requested that the teachers of Charlotte-Mecklenburg be reminded about correct coding of absences for religious holidays and to refrain from testing on those days.

While the CHS Advisory Board awaited an answer to its letter, the Post Confirmation class reconvened for the 1992-93 session. The students had a new crop of problems, concerning these same issues. A Community Relations Task Force was appointed made up of

members of the Post Confirmation class. The task force members were to begin documentation of the issues. Alan Kronovet, chair of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, and Daniel Lepow, director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, were contacted. They called and wrote letters to the proper authorities in the school system. As a result of the combined efforts of the Jewish Federation and the CHS Advisory Board and students, a communique to teachers went out just before Rosh Hashanah which addressed these issues.

On October 8, the Post Confirmation Class Community Relations Task Force met with Alan Kronovet, Daniel Lepow, and Rabbi Scott White to discuss the students' concerns and to begin planning long term strategy and to identify specific issues to pursue. Members of the community are asked to direct their suggestions, comments and ideas on these matters to the Community Relations Council through the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte office at Shalom Park. Students and parents should keep a log of incidents that are occurring in their schools. When the incidents are written down and passed on to this group, they can begin to look for patterns involving certain teachers and certain schools. The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation will pass your comments and ideas to the Post Confirmation Task Force, and together these groups will begin taking action on these issues.

## Basketball League

Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Bryan Adrian Winter Basketball League. Boys and girls ages 5-17 are eligible. The League will begin on December 6 and will be held on Sundays at East Mecklenburg High School and Thursdays at the JCC. For a brochure call 372-3236.

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